

How to Instructions For Blooming Heart Necklace

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STEP 1

Cut a triangle of patterned brass sheet $\frac{3}{4}$ inches tall by $\frac{1}{2}$ inch wide. File the edges as needed to remove any snags or rough metal.



STEP 2

Using your hands, gently curve the edges until you create a "pocket" that fits snugly into the ND Ornate Large Heart bezel pendant. Set aside.



STEP 3

Create your flowers, leaves and headpin embellishments. Slide a yellow bead onto a black headpin, add a drop of glue, slide on the acrylic flower cap. Add a dab of glue to the end of another headpin, slide on your green bead. Do the same for the polymer leaves, carefully bending the wire so the leaf stands up. Be careful, these leaves are fragile!!



NUNN DESIGN SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- 1 Ornate Large Heart Pendant - Ant Cop
- 9" Large Loop Cable Chain - Ant Cop
- 9" + 3 links Large Textured Chain - Ant Cop
- 1 Simple Toggle Bar - Ant Gold
- 1 Round Toggle - Ant Gold
- Crystal Clay - black

OTHER SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Patterned brass sheet
- 2 Faux pearl headpins
- 3 Black flat tipped headpins 3" in length
- 4 polymer clay leaves (Karen Lewis, www.klewexpressions.com)
- 22 gauge brass wire
- 1 round yellow bead
- 1 round green bead
- 1 acrylic Lalibert flower beadcap in frost
- 1 enamel tipped headpin

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TOOLS:

- Wire shears
- Wire snips
- Round nose pliers
- Needle nose pliers
- Flat file
- Your favorite epoxy or quick setting glue (I used Gorilla Glue)



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STEP 4

Make sure each leaf is glued securely to the headpin. Curve and bend the wires as you wish, trim with wire snips to fit into the brass sheet "pocket."

Mix Crystal Clay according to package directions, and place enough clay into the heart bezel to fill the brass "pocket," but not show from the front. Press the brass in place, remove any excess clay that may squeeze out. Insert your flowers, wires and leaves.

Let cure for at least 2 hours, ideally overnight. After curing, test the wires. If any feel loose, add a dab of glue to the base.



STEP 5

To assemble the necklace connect three links of copper ND Large Textured Cable Chain to the pendant using the links as jump rings, then connect the hoop of a gold Round Toggle ring to the end. Connect 9 inches of round chain (ND Large Loop Cable Chain) to the toggle hoop, then connect 9 inches of oval chain (ND Large Textured Cable Chain) to the round chain.



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STEP 6

Finish by connecting the toggle bar (ND Simple Toggle Bar) to the oval copper chain end.

Add two polymer clay leaf danglers by creating simple wire wraps using 22 gauge brass wire. Place them so that they will hover over the toggle, a few links above the pendant.



ARTIST TIPS

Feel free to mix metals. Half copper, half brass chain would be lovely here. Don't worry if you don't have polymer leaves, add gemstone danglers, charms, whatever fits the "garden" theme.

