More than just a Pendant Chain by Christiane Ross

I love all of the various Pendant Chains offered by Jewel School! They come is several Lengths \& several different Links! They are the perfect compliment to all of your beautiful pre-made pendants and every focal piece you make as well.

In addition to using them as they come, you can create completely new pieces quickly \& easily. Here are a few examples:

## Multi Strand Bracelet

The first (and sometimes the hardest) step is to choose the chains you want to use. I wanted a little variety so each of the chains I chose was different from the each of the others.


You can group the ends of the chain together on one large jump ring if you like, but I chose a multi strand slide clasp to keep each chain separate.

Each of the chains I chose had 1 jump ring holding on the clasp and a $2^{\text {nd }}$ jump ring at the end of the chain for the clasp to hold on to. I removed those jump rings and
 used them to connect the chains to the clasp.

From the clasp, measure the length you need for the bracelet \& either cut the chain or open the link.


Use the second jump ring to attach the chain to the opposite end of the clasp.

*Make sure you align the chain to the correct clasp loop on each side.

Repeat for each of the other chains.


## Adding Beads to your Chain

Adding beads to your chain is a great way to add color and texture to your designs.
These oval mosaic beads spoke to me because they were large \& flat-ish, perfect for a necklace. I'm using 22g Artistic wire. Roll over the end with round nose pliers, slide on a bead, bend the wire into a right angle at the other side of the bead. Next trim the wire aproximately half an inch from the bend and roll that side into a loop. Connect several beads together by opening the loop of one bead, adding a looped bead then closing the first loop.


Add these beaded segments to your chain by opening the link of the chain where you want to insert your beads, opening your beaded loop end and closing it around the end of the chain.



You can combine a few beaded chains into a multi strand necklace just as we did with the multi strand bracelet. Create your beaded chains then attach them to your multi strand clasp with jump rings. Make sure the length of each strand is a little longer than each one before it.


## Bonus: Really Long Chain



If you have 2 matching chains, remove the jump ring and clasp from one chain and the end jump ring for the other. If there is a pattern to your chains, open the link of one and close it on the the other chain where the patterns line up. You may have to remove a few links to make the pattern line up. Now you have a chain that is exactly as long as you like.


