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PROJECT OF THE MONTH!

Tsarina Verkuylen's Button Brooch



Ingredients

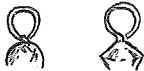
- 1 medium/large shank button
- selection of small feature beads, charms and spacers
- 3 or 5 hole spacer
- 6mm/8mm jumpring or split ring
- 25cm chain
- small brooch back
- headpins and 3mm jumprings

Recipe

- Using your small feature beads and spacers, create a small bead set on one of your headpins.
An eye or pyramid shape works well.



- Cut 1cm above your bead set and make a lollipop loop using your round nose pliers.



- Using a 3mm jumpring attach your bead set to one end of the chain. This will be your main dangle. Cut chain to desired length, remembering that approx 1cm of chain will be covered by the button.
- Attach chain to the end hole of the spacer bar using a 3mm jumpring.

- Continue making chain drops and attaching them to the spacer bar until you are happy with the design. See below for design ideas. **Leave the middle hole in the spacer bar empty as it will be connected to the button shank.**

Design Ideas

- Make loops with the chain and dangle charms and beads off them.



- Chain link beads as an alternative to plain chain.



- Use multiple bead sets on one length of chain to form a cluster.



- Use several lengths of chain connected to the same jumpring for a chunkier look.



- Using your 6mm/8mm jumpring or splitting attach the spacer bar to the shank of the button (using the middle hole of your spacer bar.)
- Glue brooch back in place. If your spacer bar is moving around you can glue it to the button shank to hold it in place too.