



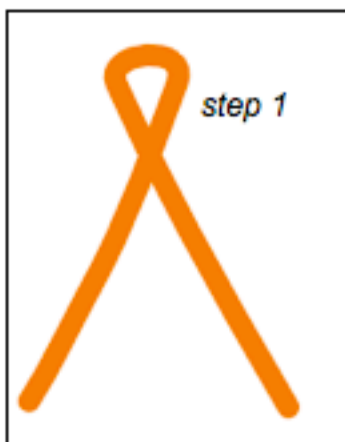
Copper Teardrop Necklace

Copper and turquoise has been paired in jewelry for centuries. Here it creates a striking necklace with a bright and bold pendant wrapped in just enough wire to make an uncommon statement. Tiny copper lined seed beads separate the turquoise cubes, carrying the copper motif through the necklace. This project can be completed in nine uncomplicated steps. It's as easy to make as it is beautiful.

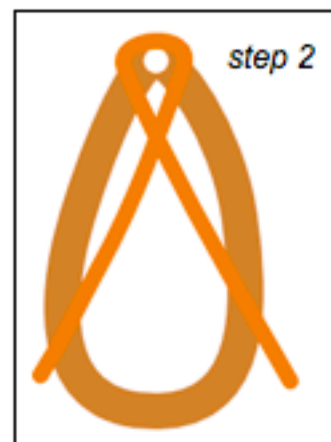
necklace measures 16" long

pendant measures 1.50" long

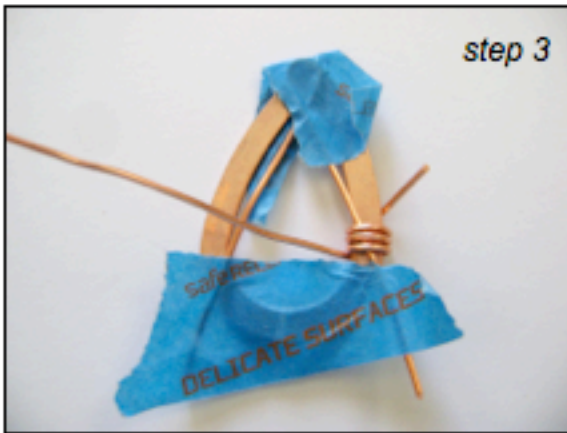
DIRECTIONS



Wrap a 4" piece of wire around a mandrel or round nose pliers, crossing the wires over each other. This will be the decorative wire.



Tape the wire onto the copper teardrop to hold it temporarily. The loop in the wire should be aligned with the hole in the teardrop.



Cut a piece of wire to measure 6" long. Starting from the backside of the teardrop wrap it around to the right side three times.

Step 4 - Add a seed bead, a 10mm square turquoise bead and another seed bead to the wire.



Wrap the wire around the left side of the teardrop three times, bringing the wire from the back to the front. Cut the excess 6" wire and smooth the back ends flat to the teardrop.



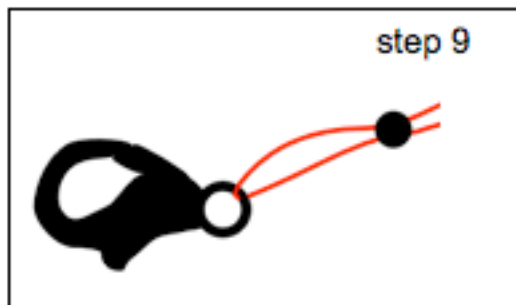
Cut the 4" wire ends to identical lengths. Curl the ends toward the center of the teardrop with round nose pliers.



Attach two copper jump rings to the teardrop and loop of the decorative wire.



String 30 cube beads onto the beading wire separating each with a seed bead. Put the wire through the two copper jump rings. Add a seed bead and 30 more cube beads separated by seed beads.



Finish the necklace ends by adding a crimp bead to the wire followed by the clasp. Put the thread back through the crimp bead and pull it snug. Secure it with a crimping tool. See [Jewelry Tools and Techniques](#) if you are unsure of how to do this.

NOTE: I have had the square turquoise beads for a couple of years and was unable to find them on Amazon now. You might look at JoAnn's, Michaels, Hobby Lobby, eBay, or search for Square Turquoise beads and Turquoise Howlite beads online. A different size or shape turquoise bead could be substituted for the square bead I used.



What You'll Need/Where To Get It

At Amazon

- 60 cube beads .25", 4mm
- one square 10mm turquoise bead
- copper lined 11/0 seed beads
- 18 gauge copper wire
- 1.50" long copper teardrop and jump rings
- jewelry pliers and cutters
- crimp tool
- copper crimp beads
- beading wire 0.38, 19 strand
- copper lobster clasp
- masking tape

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