

Easy Retro Charm Bracelet

Using our Cardstock Collage Sheet Images

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A great charm bracelet made with found objects. You can find metal bases for your charms, in ovals, rectangles, rounds, in the stamp and scrapbook section of your local craft store. It doesn't matter if it has words or images on the metal, because we will cover it with our cardstock images. . We used 12 brass metal pieces and attached it to a copper charm bracelet. We also did both sides with different images to make our charm bracelet reversible. We found a punch that was a smaller than the metal base, this made it simple to cut the shapes.

Step 1 Cut out your images from our Cardstock Collage Sheets slightly smaller to fit your metal charm. We found a punch in the scrapbook section of our craft store. Lightly sand the metal to take the shine off and give it more "tooth", so the glue would adhere better.

Supplies

Charm Bracelet Kit. Copper or Silver.

Includes charm bracelet, 12 brass discs, and jump rings. (www.blackberrydesigns.com)

Cardstock Collage Sheets - Jewelry size

Scissors and/or punch

Gloss Water Based Varnish (Delta), or 3D Crystal Lacquer, Judkins Diamond Glaze, or Glossy Accents; found in most craft stores in the stamping section

Wax Paper

Soft Brush for applying Glue

Modge Podge, Elmer's Glue

Jewelry Pliers

Charms, beads, & other embellishments

Metal Punch @ www.beadeucation.com

Step 2 Put glue on your metal charm and stick your cutout images to the metal. Put a book or something heavy on the front to weight it down. Make sure not to get glue on the front of the image. Let dry. Turn metal shape over and glue a different image on the back, this makes your bracelet reversible. Again, weigh it down with a book or something heavy and let dry.

Step 3 Put between 4-7 coats of a clear gloss water based varnish on your image, or one coat of Triple-Thick, or another

sealer, like Glossy Accents or Judkins Diamond Glaze. Let dry. Turn metal charm over and varnish the back side. Let dry. Punch hole in charm piece.

Step 4 Attach your charms to your bracelet with jump rings. Make sure to twist your jump rings, not pull apart. Two jewelers chain nose pliers are the perfect tool for this. You can get these at most local craft stores. Our kits come with the holes already punched in the metal discs. You can use a large needle prior to varnishing to open the hole in the paper.

Metal punches, we prefer the screw down kind, on the right, it does two different sizes is easy to use and will do up to a 14 gauge metal with a clean cut.