

# ★★★ *Rocker Chic* ★★★

*Rock and Roll ★ Chain and Pearls ★ Leather and Lace*

*These are the things Rocker Chics are made of.*

Show your true Rocker side with this amazing free project created by **The Bead Cache's** one and only Rocker, **Dawn Trospert**



This free project will show you how to mix chain with beads! Use this idea for necklaces, bracelets, and even earrings!!! Before beginning this project, be sure to check out the alternate ideas to see if there are any changes you would like to make. There are technique ideas, such as determining what type of dangle you would like to use, as well as some alternative design ideas.

## **Materials:**

- 2 Hammered rings (20mm)
- 14 Jump rings (16 gauge, 5mm)
- 10 Freshwater pearls (approx 8mm)
- 10 Headpins (22 or 24 gauge whatever will fit in the pearls you select)
- 1 Toggle Clasp

Assorted chain, in the following lengths. (Make adjustments for your desired finished length.)

Note: You must purchase chain in lengths of 12" or 18", so you will have some leftover. I used the leftover chain from strand Style Two for the 4" at the clasp.

- Style One 12"
- Style Two 17.5", (13.5" for strand, and Two 2" pieces for clasp)
- Style Three 15"
- Style Four 16.75"
- Style Five 18"

## **Tools:**

- Needle Nose Pliers
- Round Nose Pliers
- Side Cutter



Finished Length: 16" (Shortest Strand) to 24" (Longest strand)

**Directions:**

**Step One:** Attach each of the chains to the one of the hammered rings using the jump rings. Be careful not to jumble the chains as you attach them. Repeat with the opposite ends of the chain to the second hammered ring.

**Step Two:** Attach one end of the 2" length of chain to one of the hammered rings with a jumping. Repeat with the second 2" chain and hammered ring.

**Step Three:** Using a jumping, attach one end of the clasp to the open end of the 2" chain. Repeat using the other end of the clasp on the second 2" chain.

**Step Four:** Create the pearl "dangles". Place a pearl on a headpin and make a Wrapped Loop above it. Wrapped Loops are slightly more secure and more decorative loop, this loop is great for projects that may have more weight, or you want to be a little more secure. I know the girls at the store prefer this loop for the security and aesthetics.



Wrapped Loop Instructions: Grip the wire with the very tip of your needle nose pliers tight to the beads. With your thumb make a 90° angle above the pliers, this will leave a space for your wrap. Grip the angle at 45° with your round nose pliers. Wrap the tail of the wire up and over to form a loop. You will need to reposition your pliers to finish the loop with the remaining tail overlapping the angle. This will allow the tail to be wrapped down to the beads. Clip the remaining wire.

**Step Five:** Attach the pearl "dangles" to each different strand however you would like.

Ex: The sample piece has 1 centered pearl on the first strand, 1 off-center pearl on the second strand, 2 off center pearls on the third strand, 1 centered pearl on the fourth strand and 5 symmetrical pearls on the last strand.

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**Alternate ideas:**

1. Try mixing metals! Mix Copper, Silver, and/or Brass for a fun and funky look
2. If you are more of a beginner, try using the simple loop; this loop is one of the foundation techniques in wirework. It is perfect for simple, quick earrings, and other projects that don't get a lot of wear and tear.



Simple Loop instructions: Using your needle nose pliers make a 90° angle at the top of the beads, and then trim to about 3/8". Grip the very end of the wire with your round nose pliers and "roll" the wire (not pull) towards the beads ending the loop at the angle.

3. Try varying the lengths of the chains attached to the clasp to create an asymmetrical design.
4. Use extra chain, or maybe even purchase a little extra to make some matching earrings or a bracelet.

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**Materials Cost Breakdown: (If Purchased at the Bead Cache)**

Hammered rings \$3.60	Chains:
16 gauge 5mm jump rings \$2.25	Style One \$1.95
Freshwater pearls \$3.50	Style Two \$5.65
22 or 24 gauge headpins \$5.85	Style Three \$5.05
Clasp \$3.60	Style Four \$5.05
	Style Five \$5.65

**Total: \$42.15**