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DOUBLE S CHAIN BRACELET WITH HEART EXTENSION CHAIN

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This fun chain is a great addition to any project where you need a little extra length or all on it's own as the feature. With just a couple of tools you can create your own chain and customize it with beads or charms.



Materials:

- Beadalon® 18 Gauge German Style Wire #D521808S
- Beadalon® 6mm Jump Rings #395369537997389825
- Beadalon® Ball Head Pins #395368921399263249
- Gold Lobster Clasp #10421797
- Preciosa 6mm Bacon, Rose #10719442
- Beadalon® Small Bail Making Pliers #D696222S
- Beadalon® Large Bail Making Pliers #D696223S
- Beadalon® Cutter #10770403
- Beadalon® Flat Nose Pliers #10770400
- Beadalon® Chain Nose Pliers-#10770397
- Beadalon® Bent Chain Nose Pliers #D696220S
- Beadalon® Round Nose Pliers #10770399
- Beadalon® Chasing Hammer #D521880S
- Artistic Wire Steel Bench Block #D521877S

Instructions:

Step 1:

• Using wire from the spool, create a loop on the end of the wire, using the smallest mandrel of the large bail making pliers.

Step 2:

 Using the smallest mandrel of the small bail making pliers, create a loop directly next to the loop from step 1, going in the opposite direction.

Step 3:

 Over bend the loop slightly, so that the wires intersect between the loops. Using the cutter tool, trim the wire at the intersection.

Step 4:

 Repeat this process an additional 23 times, creating a total of 24 S shaped wire links.

Step 5:

 Place the S shaped links onto the block to work harden and slightly flatten the surface of the wire with the chasing hammer.

Step 6

 Using chain nose pliers, open a jump ring and thread on the small loop side of one of the S links and a large loop side of another S link. Close the jump ring.

Step 7:

 Using chain nose pliers, open a jump ring and thread the opposite ends of both S links onto the jump ring. Before closing the jump ring, thread on the small loop side of another S link and the large loop side of another S link. Close the jump ring.

Step 8:

 Repeat this process until you have linked together a total of 12 double S's to create the length of the bracelet.

Step 9:

 When attaching the final jump ring, thread the lobster clasp onto the jump ring before closing.

Step 10:

• Cut 3, 1 inch (2.54cm) pieces of 18 gauge wire.

Step 11:

 Using flat nose pliers, bend one of the wires into an almost 90 degree angle at the center, creating a V shape.

Step 12:

 Using the smallest mandrel of the small bail making pliers, grasp one end of the wire at the tip and roll inwards, towards the center, to create the curve of one side of a heart.

Step 13:

 Repeat this on the opposite side, bringing the two wires together to close the heart.

Step 14:

 Place the newly formed heart onto the block to work harden and slightly flatten the surface of the wire with the chasing hammer.

Step 15:

• Repeat Steps 11-14 to create an additional 2 heart links.

Step 16:

• Using chain nose pliers, attach the three newly formed hearts together with single jump rings in between.

Step 17:

 Open the last jump ring of your bracelet and attach the heart extension chain to the end with chain nose pliers.

Step 18:

 To create a bead dangle at the end of the extension chain, thread a bicone onto a head pin. Create a wrapped loop with round nose pliers. Before creating the wraps, thread the wire onto the last heart of the extension chain and then create three wraps to secure. Trim the excess with the cutter tool.