

**BEGINNER
PROJECT**

No longer just
turquoise — it's
newfangled fuchsia

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Update a classic

Turquoise is now available in brilliantly dyed colors. String this timeless design in a new hue for modern flare, or stay true to tradition and choose blue turquoise.

Either way, flaunt your style with supersized nuggets.



DESIGN GUIDELINE

For a dynamic variation, alternate traditional blue and color-enhanced turquoise nuggets.

SupplyList

- 16-in. (41cm) strand 20 x 30mm turquoise nuggets (purple turquoise from Rupa B. Designs, rupab.com)
- 11–13 5mm spacers
- 4 4mm round spacers
- 24–28 10mm bead caps
- flexible beading wire, .018 or .019
- 2 crimp beads
- toggle clasp
- chainnose or crimping pliers
- diagonal wire cutters



1 Determine the finished length of your necklace. (Mine is 18 in./46cm.) Add 6 in. (15cm) and cut a piece of beading wire to that length.

On one end, string a round spacer, a crimp bead, a round spacer, and half of the clasp. Go back through the beads just strung and tighten the wire.



2 String a bead cap, a nugget, a bead cap, and a 5mm spacer. Repeat until the strand is within 2 in. (5cm) of the desired length. End with a bead cap.

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3 String a round spacer, a crimp bead, a round spacer, and half of the clasp. Go back through the beads just strung and tighten the wire. Check the fit, and add or remove beads if necessary. Crimp the crimp beads (Basics, p. 108), and trim the excess wire. ♣