Dear Diary

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Michelle created a unique focal piece by suspending three different keys from a large jump ring.
1: Cut the chain into two 3½" pieces, two 1¼" pieces, and two 1" pieces.
2: Attach one 6mm jump ring to the green key. Attach the 15mm jump ring to one end of one 1" chain, the bow of the shibuichi key, the bow of the copper key, the jump ring attached to the green key, and one end of another 1" chain. Set the focal piece aside.
3: Use 2" of wire to form a wrapped loop. String 1 dark bronze round, 1 lampworked rectangle, and 1 dark bronze round; form a wrapped loop. Repeat entire step for a second A link. Set aside.
4: Use 2" of wire to form a wrapped loop. String 1 antique copper round, 1 Lucite round, and 1 antique copper round; form a wrapped loop. Repeat entire step for a second B link. Set aside.
5: Use 2" of wire to form a wrapped loop. String 1 seed bead, 1 dark bronze round, 1 lampworked rectangle, 1 dark bronze round, and 1 seed bead; form a wrapped loop. Repeat entire step for a second C link. Set aside.
6: Use 2" of wire to form a wrapped loop. String 1 dark bronze round, 1 Lucite round, and 1 dark bronze round; form a wrapped loop. Repeat entire step to form a second D link. Set aside.
7: Use 2" of wire to form a wrapped loop. String 1 antique copper round, 1 lampworked rectangle, and 1 antique copper round; form a wrapped loop. Repeat entire step to form a second E link.
8: Use one 6mm jump ring to attach the free end of one of the 1" chains used in Step 2 to one end of one E link. Use one 8mm jump ring to attach the other end of the link to one end of one D link. Use one 8mm jump ring to attach the other end of the link to one end of one 1½" chain. Use one 8mm jump ring to attach the other end of the chain to one end of one C link. Use one 6mm jump ring to attach the other end of the link to one end of one B link. Use one 8mm jump ring to attach the other end of the link to one end of one 3½" chain. Use one 6mm jump ring to attach the other end of the chain to the ring half of the clasp.
9: Repeat Step 8 using the free end of the other 1" chain and attaching the last piece of chain to the bar half of the clasp.

Resources: Check your local bead shop or contact:
- Seed beads: Jane’s Fiber & Beads, (888) 497-2665.
- Antique copper rounds: Bead Cache, (970) 224-4322.
- Dark bronze rounds and gunmetal Artistic Wire: FusionBeads.com, (888) 781-3559.