

# Shining Heart

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This simple, shimmering necklace flatters the collarbone with its delicate glitter. The back of the pewter heart reads, "Within the Heart Shines a Light."



## MATERIALS

2 white opal star shine 4mm  
Swarovski crystal bicones  
8 garnet 5mm faceted rounds  
6 andalusite 6mm briolettes  
1 pewter 15mm heart  
1 sterling silver 8x12mm heart  
lobster clasp  
6 sterling silver 3" head pins  
32" of sterling silver 24-gauge wire  
18½" of sterling silver chain

## TOOLS

Wire cutters  
Chain-nose pliers  
Round-nose pliers  
Chasing hammer  
Bench block

FINISHED SIZE: 21½"

**Step 1:** Use 2" of wire to form a wrapped loop that attaches to one end of a 9¼" piece of chain. String 1 garnet and form a wrapped loop that attaches to one loop of the pewter heart. Use 2" of wire to form a wrapped loop that attaches to the other end of the piece of chain. String 1 bicone and form a wrapped loop that attaches to the clasp. Repeat entire step for the other half of the necklace, making sure that the final wrapped loop is large enough for the clasp to attach to.

**Step 2:** Use the chasing hammer and bench block to flatten one end of a 2" piece of wire to form a paddle. Repeat for a total of 6 paddles.

**Step 3:** Use 1 paddle to form a simple loop that attaches to the fourth link from the pendant on one of the pieces of chain. Repeat to attach paddles to the eleventh and fourteenth links on this side of the chain. Repeat, attaching paddles to the second, twelfth, and thirteenth links of the other piece of chain.

**Step 4:** Use 2" of wire and 1 briolette to form a wrapped loop bail. Repeat for a total of 6 bails. Use 1 bail with ½" of bare wire to form a wrapped loop that attaches to the third link of the first piece of chain used in Step 3. Repeat to attach bails with ⅛" of bare wire to the eighth and twelfth links.

Repeat, attaching a bail with ½" of bare wire to the first link, a bail with ¼" bare wire to the sixth link, and a bail with ⅛" of bare wire to the fifteenth link of the other piece of chain.

**Step 5:** Use a head pin to string 1 garnet. Leave ¾" of bare wire and form a wrapped loop that attaches to the second link of the first piece of chain used in Step 3. Repeat, attaching a head pin with ½" of bare wire to the seventh link of chain and a head pin with ⅝" of bare wire to the tenth link of chain. Repeat on the other piece of chain, attaching a head pin with ⅝" of bare wire to the fourth link of chain, a head pin with ¾" of bare wire to the eighth link of chain, and a head pin with ⅞" of wire to the tenth link of chain. ◊

**RESOURCES:** Check your local bead shop or contact: Crystals: Fusionbeads.com. Pendant and clasp: Green Girl Studios, [www.greengirlstudios.com](http://www.greengirlstudios.com). Garnets and andalusite briolettes: Talisman Associates, [www.talismanbeads.com](http://www.talismanbeads.com).

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