

bead beat

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Rustic Brass

Star pendants, bamboo bezels, keyhole charms, and flower drops—Vintaj Natural Brass Company's new findings come in a variety of shapes and sizes to fit all your jewelry-making needs. Many of the components are from the company's "Rustic" line, created to look weathered and aged to give your pieces a vintage feel. Visit www.vintaj.com to locate a retailer near you.

Rosy Wire

With so many beads and findings popping up in rose-gold vermeil, beaders are faced with a tough question: Silver or gold wire? Now there's no need to choose, thanks to Beadalon's new metallic wire in SilveRose. The warm, shimmering color was created by twisting together soft rose-gold- and silver-colored wires. This multitasker also looks great with silver or gold components. The nylon-coated 7-strand beading wire is available in size .018 and retails for \$6.99 for a 30-foot spool. Find a retailer at www.beadalon.com.



Tiny Treasures

One of our favorite silver artists has created a new line of teensy beads that has us gushing. Pam Springall's sweet silver hearts, stars, bottles, and daisies will dress up your daintiest stringing projects. And Springall, who's been casting beads for more than thirty-five years, says there's more to come. "I'm adding new things all the time. It's a line that keeps growing every day." To purchase Springall's beads, visit www.cathydailey.com.



Batik Beauties

If you flipped for Kristal Wick's Sassy Silkies fabric beads when they debuted in 2004, you'll love her new Batik Beauties. The slightly smaller wrapped beads are handcrafted from authentic batik fabrics and foiled for a bit of sparkle. And both lines are now easier to find, since Wick recently partnered with button company JHB to increase production and distribution. But not to worry: "Each bead is still handcrafted by a human, just not me!" says Wick, who now focuses exclusively on design. Visit www.kristalwick.com for retail orders or www.buttons.com to place wholesale orders (\$100 minimum purchase required).