

bead beat

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Stylin' in Suede

Need instant gratification? Use a jump ring to attach your favorite pendant to one of Absolute Crystal Components' lightweight Ultrasuede necklaces, and you're ready to go! Available in seven very wearable colors—black, dark brown, light brown, light pink, olive, turquoise, and white—these 1/8" wide finished necklaces cost only \$1 each, which begs the question, "Why not get one in every color?" Buy them at www.absolutecrystalcomponents.com.



Lasting Impressions

Miriam Shuros' inspiration to create stoneware pendants came unexpectedly while at an art camp in northern Wisconsin. A longtime potter, Miriam explains, "As I was walking in the woods, a daisy caught my eye. I knelt down to look at it closely. The design and details were so beautiful. I took it back to my table, pressed it into a little piece of clay, and added a hole at the top. I was smitten!" Embellish your own designs with the fruits of Miriam's aha moment—nature-inspired, imprinted stoneware pendants (\$14 to \$32)—by visiting www.miriamshuros.com.

Au Naturel

We're crazy about the new line of porcelain pendants featuring bird, flower, and tree decals from ceramist Marsha Neal! To make them, Marsha applies a clear glaze to untextured, uncolored porcelain-pendant shapes, fires them, applies her own signature decals, then fires them again to allow the decal's ink to penetrate the glaze for permanency. Available in numerous sizes and shapes for about \$5 to \$30, these beads can be purchased at Marsha Neal Studio, www.marshanealstudio.etsy.com.



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Vogue Versatility

JP Designs' Interchangeables go with Swarovski crystals like peanut butter goes with jelly. Just insert the appropriate style and size of crystal (or in some cases, gemstones, lampworked beads, and more) into the sterling silver earring, pendant, or bail finding it was meant for, and voilà, instant earrings or focal piece! The best part is you can switch out one style or color of crystal for another to match your outfit. Buy these versatile findings at www.coolinterchangeables.com for \$13 to \$33.99.