

# Charms and Jewelry

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This project came about by accident. I was in the middle of making some Christmas decorations when I got a wild idea to send some pieces through the laminator. Brilliant! Add a little glitz and voila—jewelry components that I could customize. You could use any art accent in the center of each charm—letters, words, stickers, ephemera, etc. Be creative and have fun!!

## Supplies:

- Supplies for Bracelet
- Purple Cows Freestyle
- Purple Cows 13" Hot Laminator
- Purple Cows 6" x 6" Hot Pockets
- Silver Paper (I used leftover wrapping paper)
- Printed Paper in a coordinating color
- Small photos (1"x1")
- Glue Stick
- Wood burner with a fine pointed tip (optional)
- Hole punch
- 16 Silver eyelets
- 40+ flat back crystals
- Super Glue
- 15 Large (1/2") chain links (I took apart a chain for these)
- 2 Jump Rings
- Toggle clasp
- Jewelry Pliers



1. Cut four 1.25" squares from the silver paper using the straight blade.
2. Cut four 1" squares from the patterned paper using the scalloped blade. Trim photos with straight or scallop blade to 1"x1".
3. Center and glue photos to patterned squares, then center and glue patterned squares to the silver squares.
4. Open laminating pouch and position squares on one side leaving at least 1/4" in between each square.
5. Carefully close the pouch and send through the laminator.
6. Cut out each square. If using a blade or scissors, leave an 1/8th" border of laminate around each square. I like to use my wood burner to cut these out. You can "burn" through the laminate quite close to the square's edge because the burner will fuse the two layers of laminate as it "cuts." (Practice a bit with this technique to get the hang of it before using it on your laminated charms.)
7. Punch holes and set eyelets in each corner. Using jewelry pliers, attach charms to each other with chain links at each corner. (See photo for detail on placement.)
8. On each end attach links of two to each eyelet. On one end add a chain link joining the two 2-link chains.
9. Attach a jump ring to each side of the toggle clasp.
10. Join the bar side of the toggle to the single link end of the bracelet.
11. Join the frame side of the toggle to the two 2-link chains on the other end of the bracelet.
12. Using super glue, carefully adhere flat back crystals to each link as desired.