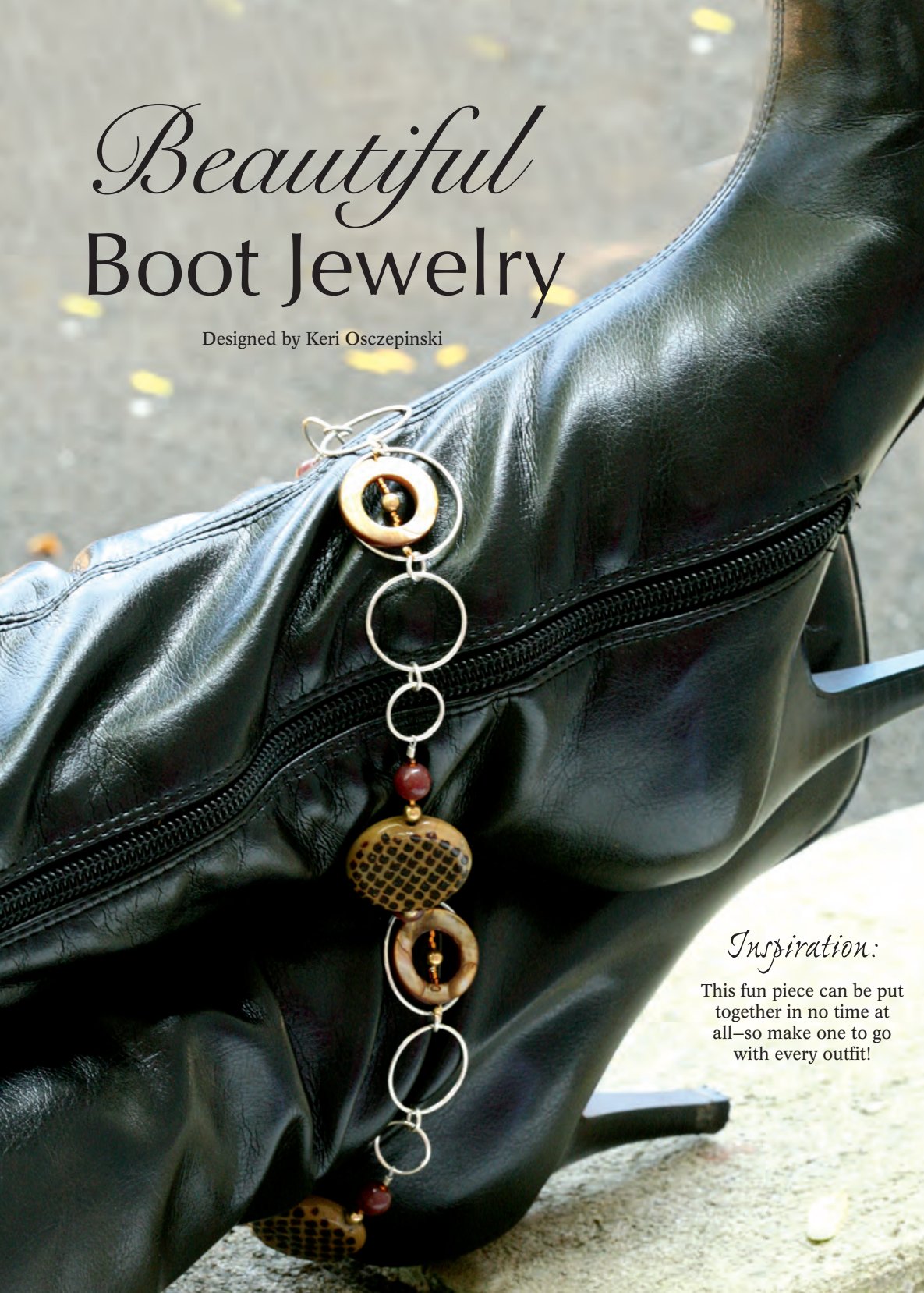


Beautiful Boot Jewelry

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Inspiration:

This fun piece can be put together in no time at all—so make one to go with every outfit!

Econo-tip:

Gather up some large chain links and use up any old “odds and ends” beads to create a fun and unique boot accessory.

Materials (for one boot anklet):

- Large, circular chain links (enough to cover about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the length of your boot anklet)
- 6mm Jump rings (enough to connect all the chain links together)

- Assorted large and small ceramic and stone beads
- Assorted metal and seed beads (for accents)
- Beading wire
- Crimp tubes
- Lobster claw clasp

Additional Supplies:

- Basic beading supplies, chain nose pliers (2 pairs), crimping pliers, wire cutters

Dimensions: vary
Beginning project

Instructions:

1. Connect a few large and small chain links together with jump rings; repeat to create two equal chains. Set aside.
2. Cut a 4-in. length of beading wire. String on one crimp tube and pass the wire end through an end link of one chain; pass back through the crimp tube, snug up

the wire, and *crimp*. String on a few smaller beads, a large ceramic bead, and another few smaller beads. String on one crimp tube and pass the wire end through the end link of the second chain; pass back through the crimp tube, snug up the wire, and *crimp*. Trim excess wire.

3. Repeat Step 2 to add a second beaded strand, attaching one end of the beading wire to the free end of one chain and the other end to the lobster clasp.

4. To further embellish the anklet, try adding a strand of beads between two jump rings so it will sit in the center of a large chain link: Cut a small length of

beading wire and use a crimp tube to attach it to the jump ring on one side of a large chain link. String on enough beads to reach the other side of the chain link, and then attach the wire end to the jump ring on the other side of the chain link with a crimp tube. Trim excess wire. Repeat for as many chain links as desired.

If you have questions concerning this project, contact the editors of *Bead Unique Magazine*.

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Keri has been designing jewelry for her sister Tammy's company, T-Beads, for five years. The two sisters are the perfect pairing: Tammy makes the beads and Keri designs the jewelry. Keri started working with jewelry by wire wrapping a pair of earrings, and then she was hooked. She loves art and fashion, and designing jewelry with artist beads allows her to combine her two passions. Keri believes that an outfit is only as good as what you accessorize it with.