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Seed Beaded Garland



John Bead
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Materials

John Bead Czech Glass Seed Beads
in Size 6/0

Copper SKUs 1072020

or

Topaz SKU 1062020

Waxed Linen Cord, Black

SKU 10268124

DMC Pearl Cotton

Burgundy / Dark Garnet SKU 10326567

Topaz SKU 10022546

Key Charms

SKU 10630848

Tools

Heavy Collapsible Eye Needle

SKU 10427049

Knotting Tweezers

SKU 10443470

Precision Scissors

SKU 10591717

Chain Nose and Bent Nose Pliers

SKUs 10121794 and 10121795

Beading Mat

SKU 10348546

It's easy to create a beautiful, beaded garland with John Bead Czech Glass Seed Beads! This step-by-step will introduce two ideas for stringing your garland including tips on customizing your design.

The class samples are made with waxed linen cord, but you can try other cord types if you like, such as hemp and cotton.

The burgundy sample is a two cord design and the golden topaz is a four cord design. Both designs follow the same steps, worked with either two or four strands. Each design will use all or most of a full tube of size 6/0 seed beads.

The samples are finished with handmade, pearl cotton tassels, but you could use charms or finish with just a few beads on the cord tails.

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Step 1 - Determine length

This is a knotted design, with a knot made in between each beaded segment and pulled tightly to make the beads cinch up into a round shape. Adding knots will consume length as you go. You can calculate how much cord to cut by considering the following:

Including the knots, four beaded segments = 3" [8cm].

A 3" [8cm] segment like the one shown will consume 5" [13cm] of cord.

Cut 5" [13cm] of thread for every 3"[8cm] of desired length + 14 inches (for tying the tassels).



Step 2

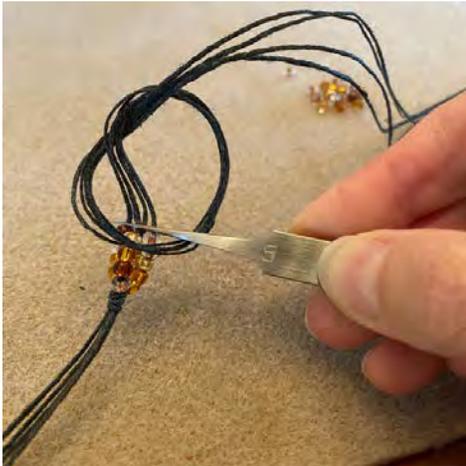
Using the calculation above, cut four strands the desired length. For the two strand design, cut only two strands.

Leaving a 7" [18cm] tail, tie an overhand knot with all strands and tighten by separating the strands and pulling them apart from each other. Thread each of the long ends of the strands with a collapsible eye needle.



Step 3

String four beads onto each strand.



Step 4

Tie an overhand knot with all strands above the beads. Use tweezers inserted into the belly of the knot to hold the position just above the beads and tighten down the knot.

Pull the strands apart to tighten the knot against the beads. In the four strand version, it can also help to pull each strand individually.

The beads will form a round shape.





Step 5

Repeat Steps 3 and 4 to desired length, leaving 7" [18cm] of cord after the last knot.

Step 6

Remove the paper wraps from the pearl cotton skein. If your skein is coiled, uncoil it and find the top center.

Cut the top center to break the skein into two halves.



Step 7

Open the cord strands and place the middle of one of the skein halves in between them. Then tie an overhand knot with all strands over the middle of the skein, using the knotting tweezers to get the knot close to the skein.



Step 8

Fold the skein over at the middle, covering the knot. Using the tails of your cord, wrap around the top of the skein in opposite directions from each other. Note that in the four strand design two strands are being treated as one. Tie an overhand knot with all the cords after wrapping around a few times.

Using scissors, trim the ends of the cotton tassel to desired length.



Step 9

If you'd like to add a charm, place the charm onto one side of the cord tails and tie another overhand knot with all the strands. Trim cord tails to be just a bit shorter than your tassel length.



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