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# OctoHug Link (#10-2021)

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[Who's NOT yearning for lots more hugs nowadays? It may be a little too early to do lots of embracin', although I'm personally ready to octopus-hug complete strangers to get my fix! {LOL!} This versatile link can be repeated in its shortest twisty form or longer, longer, longer or longer huggy-twisted versions! As well, choose a single link to create a pendant or bracelet focal OR two links to make some cutie-pie hoop earrings OR ... you get the idea! In any case, let this fun element idea help get you through to a plethora of hugs just a-waiting for safer times!]



## Materials

- Aluminum Wire, 12 gauge
  - Orange [SKU 74720001-10]
  - Green [SKU 74720001-09]
  - Copper [SKU 7472000-02]
- Earth's Jewels Freshwater Pearls
  - 1 card: potato shape 410-12mm [SKU 27602242-05]
- Irish Waxed Linen [or similar], 4 ply.
  - Orange Crush
  - Dark Forest Green
  - Walnut Brown

## Tools

- John Bead Pro Line Pliers/Cutter Set [SKU 74527341]
  - Round nose [SKU 74527301]
  - Chain nose [SKU 74527300]
  - Side-cutter [SKU 74527320]
- Nylon Jaw Pliers [SKU 74527322]
- Metal Complex Hammer, nylon [SKU 74529456]
- Metal Complex Bench-block, 4" [SKU 74529401]
- Hoop mandrel
- Awl
- GS-Hypo Cement
- OctoHug pattern [Hand Tool version @ Bead Projects & PDF's from John Bead Facebook group] or [Jig version @ www.BrendaSchweder.Etsy.com]



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## Directions

### Create the OctoHug Links

1. Cut a length of 11", 13", 15", 17", or 19" 12-gauge wire in the color of your choice, depending on the chosen link setup.
2. Referencing the OctoHug pattern, form the wire to match the OctoHug setup using a 1.5" form to create the base shape. [Note: For smaller or larger links, adjust the form accordingly.]
3. Twist a tight half-twist or full twist to connect the ends.
4. Continue on referencing the pattern to the desired length forming a ¼" [inner dimension] plain loop to each tendril with a round nose pliers. [Optional: Bend a LollipopOnTop orientation to the loop.]
5. Trim at the cut marks with a cutter and deburr the ends with a wire rounder or needle file.
6. Twist the tendrils around the sides of the rings, ending each side with loops parallel to, perpendicular with, or flush to the ring itself.
7. Lightly hammer the whole to flatten and harden with a nylon hammer and bench-block.
8. True-up the ring by hammering it on a hoop mandrel.
9. Repeat to form as many links as preferred.

### Embellish the Links with Pearls & Waxed Linen

1. Cut a length of waxed linen to match the color of the link/s created, choosing between 11", 13", 15", 17", or 19" directly correlating to the length of the link chosen [i.e. 6" to 11", 7" to 13" and so on].
2. Tighten and close the loop ends flush to themselves. [Note: Match the angle of the end to the point it meets for a closer fit.]
3. Tie a double knot to one end of the waxed linen and thread it through a pearl. [Note: Twist the end of the waxed linen with your fingers for a better fit through the pearl holes—these are a tight fit, but do work.]
4. Seat the pearl to the loop on one side of the link while tightly winding and hiding the remaining linen around the twists. Work from one side, through the center, and all the way out the other end.
5. Thread the linen through a second pearl, taking up any slack and keeping the tension tight so the pearls stay seated.
6. Tie a double knot flush to the face of the pearl with an awl to anchor.
7. Dot the knots with beader's glue and trim after the glue is dry.

### Create the JumpRings

1. Wind a length of 12-gauge wire around a ½" form to create ½" inner-dimension jump rings. [Note: I used three rings each in all three colors.]
2. Cut each ring off the coil with flush ends to both sides.
3. File the ends to create a butted [flush] join.

### Assemble the Necklace

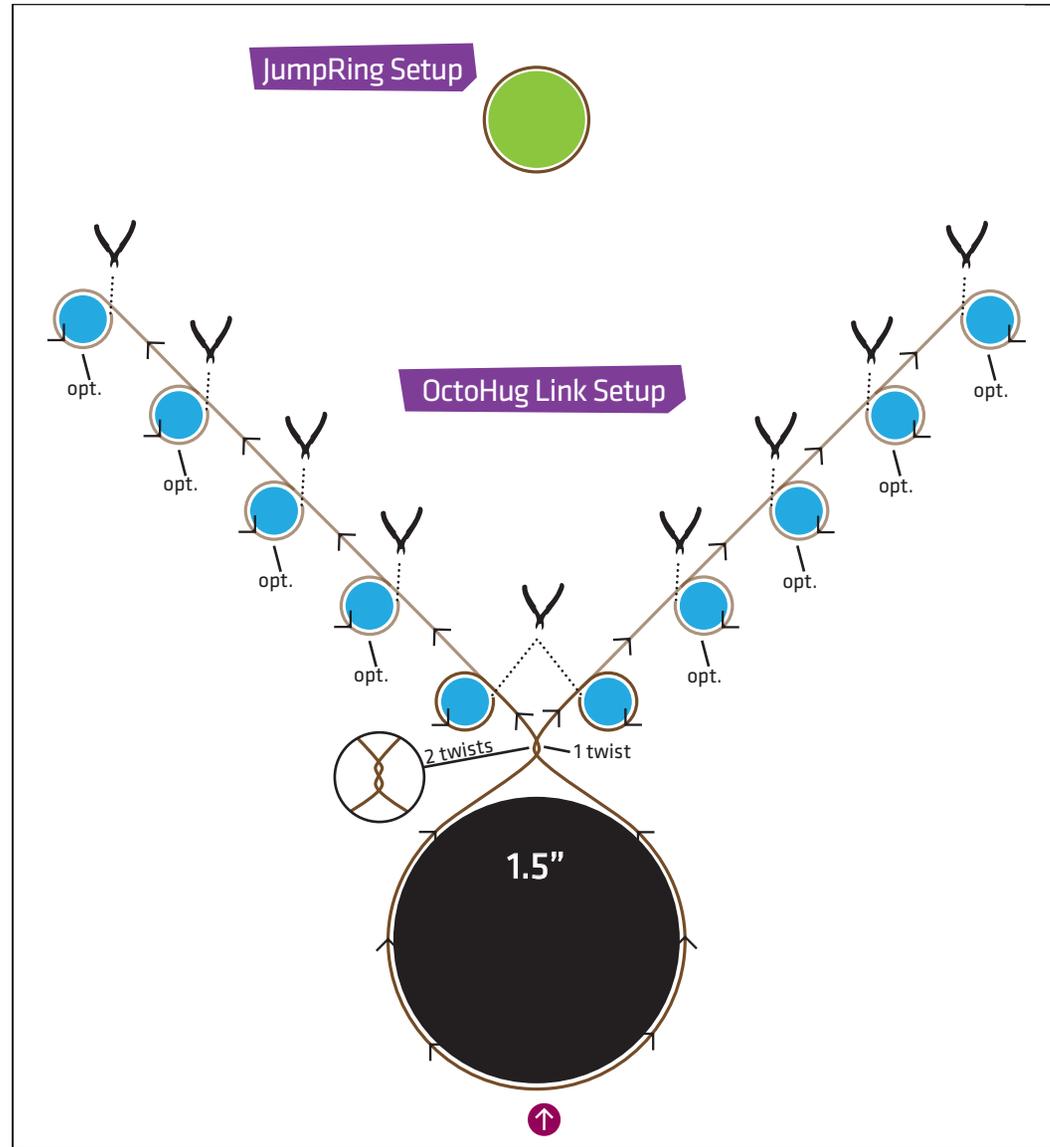
[For a clasplless necklace, join enough links so that the necklace can be placed over your head; for a shorter necklace, add a clasp of matching 12-gauge wire.]

1. Arrange all the links to make a necklace.
2. Open and close each jump ring/s around the links to be joined. [Notes: For this design, I used three; one in each chosen color.]



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Measurement Legend	
●	1/32"
●	1/16"
●	1/8"
●	3/8"
●	5/8"
●	7/8"
●	3/16"
●	1/4"
●	1/2"
●	3/4"
●	1"

● OctoHug Link Setup  
 FocalWire  
 (11"/13"/15"/17"/19") lengths,  
 center wire  
 14-18g steel  
 12-16g other  
 BindingWire  
 (6"/7"/8"/9"/10") lengths  
 14-18g steel  
 12-16g other

● JumpRing Setup  
 FocalWire  
 (8+)" length,  
 14-18g steel  
 12-16g other

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