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*Layering Necklaces
Part 2 Stringing*

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Materials

John Bead Czech Glass Seed Beads in Size 6/0
Crystal Gold SKU 10627186

John Bead Czech Glass Seed Beads in Size 8/0
Metallic Silver SKU 10549084

John Bead Czech Glass Seed Beads in Size 11/0
Metallic Silver SKU 10627221

Creations Hammered Bridge Component SKU 10629653

Gray Marble Glass Round Pearl Beads SKU 10594117

Faceted Glass Rondelles, Light Pink AB SKU 10633494

White River Shell Chip Beads, 5mm SKU 10550323

Multicolor Glass Cube Bead Strings, 3mm SKU 10547848

Mother of Pearl Light Grey 4mm, SKU 10550341

Chain Nose Pliers SKU 10121794

Bent Nose Pliers SKU 10121795

Round Nose Pliers SKU 10121796

Flush Cutters SKU 10121797

Basic Crimper SKU 10332396

Knotting Tweezers SKU 10443470

Beading Mat SKU 10348546

Materials Continued

19 Strand Bead Stringing Wire, Silver Color, .018", SKU 10121913

2 x 2 (#2) Crimp SKU 10162864

Findings Variety Pack SKU 10186866

Supplemax Monofilament Illusion Cord .012", SKU 10186866

Bead Tip Clamshell Covers SKU 10443028

Collapsible Eye Needle SKU 10427048

G.S. Hypo Cement SKU 10332390

Skill Level - Beginner

Time to Complete - 1 Hour

This class is Part 2 of a series to complete a layered necklace collection. In this class we will cover the use of seed beads on stringing wire to act as spacers for larger beads and we will create a seed beaded chain using monofilament thread.

Tip: If you missed Part 1, or would prefer to use a pre-made focal, something like the following set, available at Michaels, will work in place of the focal pieces we created in Part 1. This set includes a choice of complimenting connectors and a pendant. See SKU 10628782



Step 1 Finishing with Beading Wire

Cut a 12" [30 cm] length of 19-strand beading wire. String a #2 crimp. Bring the strand about 1.5" [4 cm] through the hoop of the connector focal we created in Part 1. Bring the beading wire back through the crimp. Using the basic crimper tool, depress using the back section of the tool first. Use the front section of the tool to fold closed the crimp.



Step 2

String between 8 and 9" [22 cm] of beads. In the sample design, a pattern of (8/0, 11/0, 8/0) seed beads was used to space between interest beads, which ranged in size from 3mm to 6mm.

When stringing is complete, slide another crimp bead onto the wire. Bring the wire back through the crimp in the opposite direction, leaving a loop. Crimp as described above in Step 1. Trim tail. Create a second chain like this for the second side of the connector. Set this necklace aside for now.



Step 3 Create a Long Strand for the Pendant

This stringing method is a very cost effective alternative to using beading wire. If you are making lots of strung, seed-beaded necklaces to sell, it might make sense to look into Monofilament as a potential stringing medium. Also available in bulk are clamshell findings, which make finishing a snap.

Begin by opening a jump ring and attaching it to the top of the pendant focal. Set aside. Cut a length of monofilament that is double the length you desire your necklace to be, plus 8" [20 cm]. In this design, the long necklace is 21" [53 cm] in length, so I cut a strand that was 50"[127 cm].

Run a collapsible eye needle onto one side. Bring the tails together and let the needle fall down the strand to the midpoint. Tie an overhand knot with both tails. Pull each strand individually to tighten up the knot. Place a dot of glue onto the knot. Bring the needle through the open side of the clamshell. Settle the knot inside.

Begin to string in the pattern of your choosing. The sample pattern starts with 9 size 8/0 beads, then a 6/0 bead. Then a repeat of [18 size 8/0 beads and a 6/0 bead] seven times will bring you to the centerpoint.



The focal pendant is strung at this point, and then the same pattern is repeated in reverse up the other side.

Step 4

String a clamshell finding in the opposite direction. Tie an overhand knot, using tweezers to help guide the knot down tightly into the clamshell and tighten.



Apply a generous amount of glue to the knot. Set aside to let dry. Trim tails.



Step 5

Use round nose pliers to form the loop using each of the clamshell ends.

Step 6 Assembly

Using jump rings from the findings pack, connect each side of each necklace to the bridge connectors. Place your longest strand on the outside, the second longest strand on the next in from that.



Step 7 (optional)

Use beading wire to string a third necklace using size 11/0 seed beads, mixing in any other beads as desired. Make that necklace the shortest length of the three. Connect it using jump rings to the innermost hole on the bridge connectors.

Step 8

Create a chain with jump rings from the the findings pack. Attach a lobster claw to the other bridge connector.

Enjoy your necklace!



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