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*Summer Memories
Pendant Necklace*

John Bead
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Materials

John Bead Czech Glass Seed Beads Size 10/0
Iris Brown, SKU 10479044

John Bead Czech SuperDuo 2-Hole Beads
Matte Turquoise Apollo Gold, SKU10549068

Metal Patina Circle, SKU 10593841

Patina Cowrie Shell, SKU 10633496

Clamshell Crimp Bead Covers, SKU 10443278

Lobster Clasp and Crimps, SKU 10185342

6mm Jump Rings, SKU 10185327

Wildfire Beading Thread .006, SKU 10470337

Size #12 Hard Beading Needle, SKU 10348545

Precision Scissors, SKU 10591717

Chain Nose Pliers, SKU 10121794

Round Nose Pliers, SKU 10121796

Beading Mat, SKU 10348546

GS Hypo Cement Glue, SKU 10332390

Optional

Glass Multicolor Beads, SKU 10594116

Create an echo of Summer to carry with you into Fall with this warm and beautiful Cowrie shell necklace. In class we will introduce some unique techniques using John Bead Czech Seed beads to create the pendant and a ladder stitch chain with John Bead Czech 2-Hole SuperDuo beads. The instructor will also share variations to add beads along the chain as well as share an anklet version.

Abbreviations used in this text:

Duo - These are John Bead Czech 2-Hole SuperDuo Beads

S10 - These are Size 10/0 John Bead Czech Seed Beads

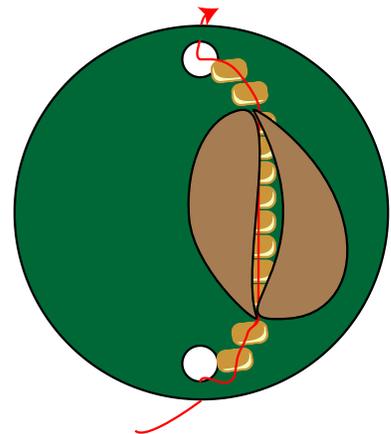
Clamshell - Clamshell Crimp Bead Covers

Cowrie - Cowrie Shell Bead

Disc - Metal Patina Circle

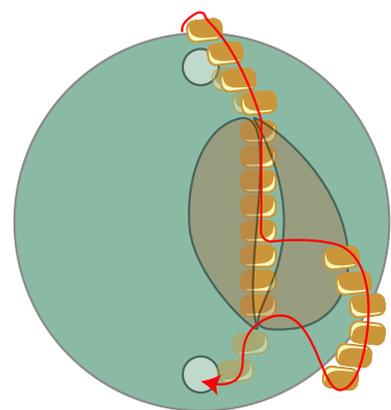
Step 1

Cut 35 inches of beading thread and thread a size 12 beading needle. Working so the Cowrie sits on the front side, come up through the bottom hole of the disc, then string (2) S10, go through the bottom hole of the Cowrie and string (8) S10. These will sit inside the Cowrie. Go through the top hole of the Cowrie, then string (2) more S10. Go through the top hole of the disc.



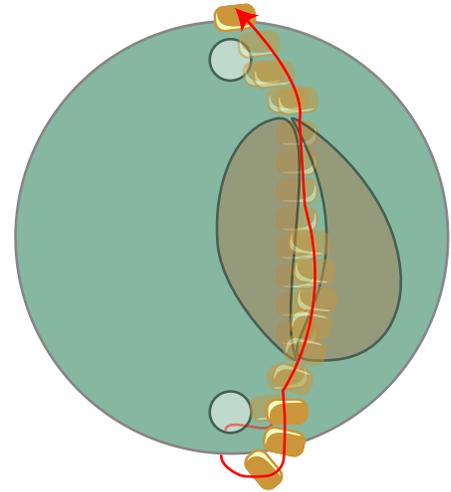
Step 2

String (4) S10. Go through the top hole of the Cowrie. Continue through the next (5) S10 inside the Cowrie. String (6 or 7) S10 and laying them atop and over the bottom of the Cowrie, go through the first S10 below the Cowrie. Continue through the next S10 and go through the disc.



Step 3

String (3) S10 and go through the second S10 above the disc. Now travel through all the beads, exiting from the fourth S10 above the Cowrie. Loop around the disc and come up through the hole, going through the (2) S10 that sit below the top (4) S10. This loop is our pendant's bail. Weave in and trim thread.



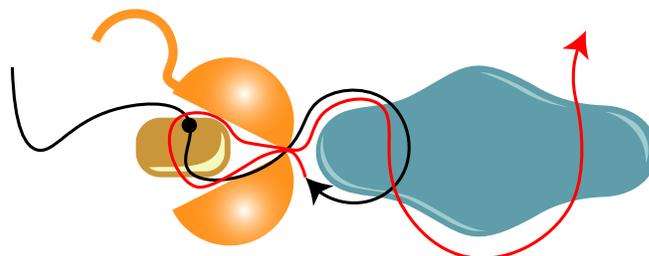
Step 4

Start a new strand of beading thread approximately 75 inches in length and thread a size 12 beading needle. Bring the needle down the strand to create a comfortable working length. Go through a crimp bead and tie a double knot around it with the end of the strand.

Tip: Only a small tail is needed here. It will be trimmed above the knot. Do not crimp the bead, that would damage the thread. We're just using it as a knot. You can use a seed bead in place of the crimp.

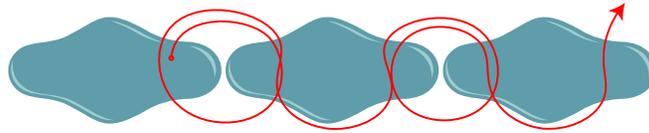
Go through the open side of a clamshell. Go through a Duo bead then go back through the clamshell and through the crimp bead. Go back through the clamshell and this time through the Duo in the opposite direction of the exiting thread. Make a turn and go through the bottom hole of the Duo.

Apply a small amount of glue to the knot around the crimp inside the clamshell. Leave alone for now to allow to dry. Later, we will trim the tail and close the clamshell around the crimp.



Step 5

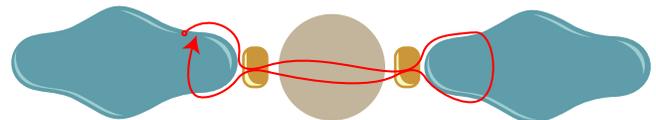
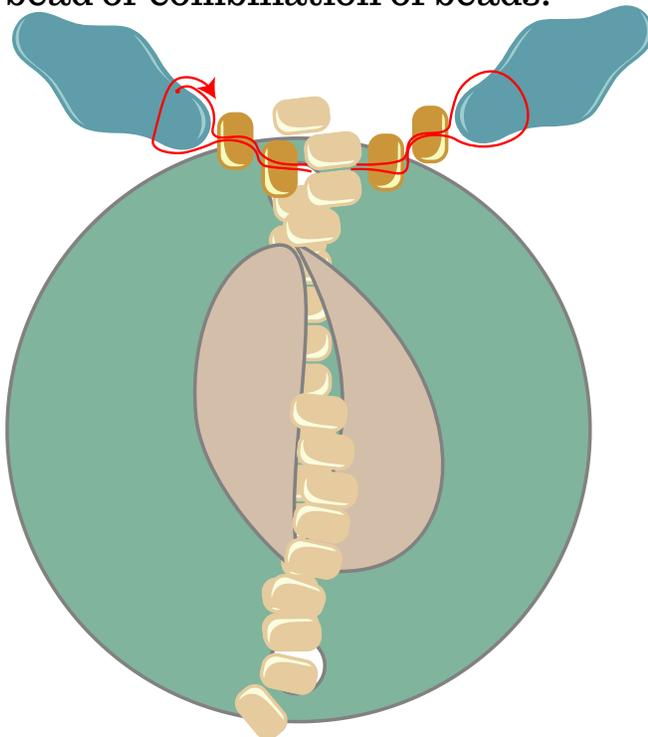
Using Ladder stitch, follow the illustrated threadpath through the Duo beads to form a chain. Maintain tight tension. As you work the beads will align in the orientation shown.



Step 6

Continue Step 5 until you have created half of your desired necklace length. Exiting from your last Duo, string (2) S10, go through the bail created in Step 2, then string (2) more S10 and (1) Duo. Go back through all (4) S10 and the bail in between, then loop through the Duo on the other side, making sure to go through it in the direction opposite your exiting thread. Go back through all the beads again to exit from the last Duo. Continue Step 5 to mirror the length of the first half of your necklace.

Variations to add beads along the chain are accomplished the same way. Those beads can be anything from seed beads to a larger, glass bead or combination of beads.



Step 7

Finishing this chain is easy. Simply go through a new clamshell from the closed side, go through a crimp bead then back through the clamshell and the Duo in the opposite direction as the exiting thread. Repeat this path once more to reinforce. Weave in the thread by weaving through the Duo beads following the existing thread path, then trim you remaining thread.

Go back to the first side. Trim the tail of thread we left in Step 1, inside the clamshell. Close both clamshells using chain nose pliers.

Use round nose pliers to roll the loop of the clamshells closed. Open a 6mm Jump ring and attach a lobster claw to one side. Create a chain with 6mm jump rings and attach to the clamshell loop on the other side. If desired, you can add a charm to the chain.



Create Duo chain for other jewelry designs, such as this anklet. In this design, the Cowrie is attached as shown in Step 6, then the thread is looped around the front and back of the Cowrie, picking up a few seed beads on the way through a second pass in a figure 8 path. The rest of the chain is created as normal.

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