

## DESIGN NOTES

### TIPS AND TRICKS

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1. You can lay your materials out and pre-plan, design as you place beads on the stringing wire, or start from the center working out while trying out different patterns on each side to see what you prefer!
2. The focal bead is a large bead that is the star of your design. You can place your focal bead(s) in the center of your design or off-center to one side of your necklace--whatever inspires you!
3. Unsure how much of the wire needs beads? Place the wire around your neck to your desired length and measure it with a ruler so you know how far to bead! Or just place a bead stopper at that point as a marker.
4. **Never cut your stringing wire with scissors!** It will fray the 49 tiny stainless steel wires inside the plastic coating! Use wire cutters or nail clippers.
5. Symmetrical designs use beads in the same color pattern on both sides. Asymmetrical designs use beads in a variety of colors and/or shapes without the two sides matching--try experimenting with both styles.
6. Every kit comes with more beads than the project will require. Why? Because I want you to have everything you could need for your design!

**For more tips and tricks from inside the studio, watch our beading tutorial videos at [shopsaskia.com/how-to](https://shopsaskia.com/how-to).**

When you're finished, I'd love to see your work! With permission from a grownup, post a photo of your finished design to Instagram and tag us @madebysaskia with the hashtag #Made-WithSaskia!

The glassine bags in this kit are reusable, compostable, biodegradable, and 100% recyclable. The velvet drawstring bag is perfect for keeping your jewelry safely stored when not in use.

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