

HOW TO MAKE AND FINISH

YOUR NECKLACE



KITS INCLUDE: velvet jewelry bag, bead bag, hardware bag (careful! contains small pieces)

TOOLS: chain-nose pliers or crimping tool, bead stoppers, wire cutters, beading mat, bead tray

HOUSEHOLD ALTERNATIVES: pliers, tape, nail clippers, tea towel, muffin tin

1. Place your beads on a beading mat or tea towel to prevent them from rolling away as you work.
2. There are no rules here! You can design first by laying the beads on your mat or design as you go. Have fun with it!
3. Place a bead stopper (or piece of tape) on one end of the stringing wire to prevent beads from falling off as you work, or if you want to work from the center outward, skip the tape but watch your ends so nothing falls off.
4. Once you finish stringing your necklace, place one of the smaller beads at each end of your design to prevent the larger beads "eating," or moving over, the crimp tube.
5. Add a crimp tube to each end of your necklace and follow the diagram. String one side of your wire through the clasp and then back through the crimp tube to create a loop. Use your crimping tool or pliers to flatten the crimp beads. (Squeeze tightly!) Trim any excess wire with clippers. Then repeat this step on the other side, making sure you pull the beading wire tightly before crimping, so there is no extra wire showing.

You've made your incredible design--now it's time to wear it! BEad unique!



HOW TO MAKE AND FINISH

YOUR ELASTIC BRACELET



KITS INCLUDE: velvet jewelry bag, bead bag, stringing elastic

TOOLS: beading mat, bead stoppers, round nose pliers, wire cutters

HOUSEHOLD ALTERNATIVES: tea towel, tape, your fingers, scissors

1. Place your beads on a beading mat or tea towel to prevent them from rolling away as you work.
2. Holding on to each end of the elastic tightly, pull and stretch the cord a few times before you begin. This keeps it from stretching out too much later!
3. Design your pattern before you begin: either beading from one end to the other (use a bead stopper or tape to prevent the beads from sliding off the other end) or from the center out. Free form is okay, too--as long as you are having fun!
4. Measure your wrist carefully to determine the length of your bracelet. **Do not cut the elastic until you have completed Step 7.**
5. When you finish beading, pull both ends up to meet, letting your beads slide to the middle.
6. **Tie an overhand knot** (see diagram) and pull the knot as close to the beads as you can by pulling each end of the elastic. (Close your bracelet like a pro with the "HOW TO CLOSE AN ELASTIC BRACELET WITH SASKIA" video on our site.)
7. Repeat the overhand knot with a second knot just under the first one. For extra security pull both ends of the elastic tightly.

Put on your one-of-a-kind creation and have fun! BEad a trendsetter!