

Technique and Design notes for Kate's Born Yesterday "Empress" project.



Original Born Yesterday Project by Janice Parsons
Sample and tutorial by Kate Richbourg

Using a tape measure, determine the length of your finished necklace. The sample wraps twice around the neck to make a double-strand necklace.

Finished sample length is 40" to make a 20" doubled necklace. Length of centerpiece is not included. For this necklace I cut one 90" piece for the base for stringing and one 1 1/2 yard piece for the macramé. Add thread for the macramé sections as needed.

Materials Used

2 spools .5mm Chinese Knotting Cord

2 strands large hole serpentine beads

1 Vintage Finds centerpiece

2 large hole focal beads

Pagoda Bead or Button for clasp

Zap Glue

GS Hypo Cement

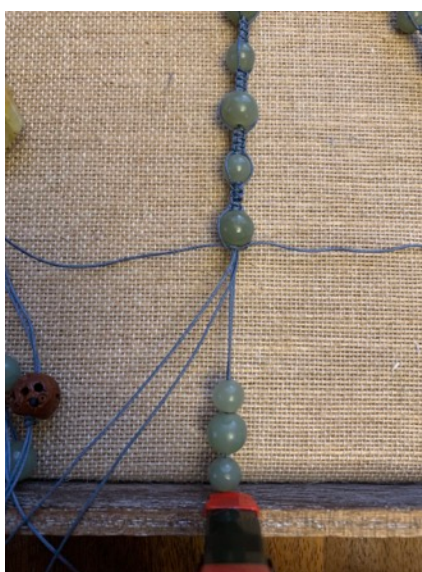
Thread Snips

Deep Dish Design Tray

Apply Zap Glue to all four ends of the Chinese Knotting Cord. Let dry and cut at an angle using thread snips.

Using both the 90" and 1 1/2 yard pieces of cord, string one strand over the Pagoda bead along the top ridge and one strand through the hole to the center point of the cord. Tie all cords together with an overhand knot.

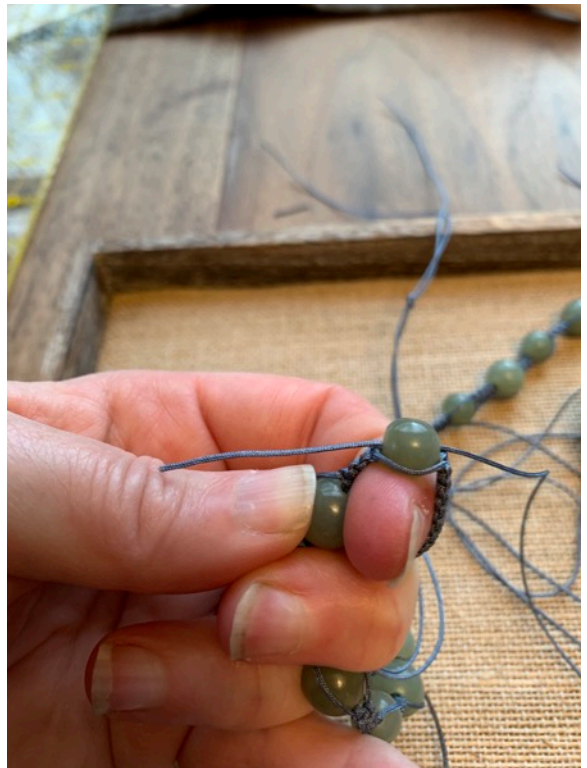
Secure to a deep dish bead tray. Using the short tails as the knot-tying strands, make 6-7 sets of macramé flat knots. String the beads on both long tails of cord in an alternating pattern of small and large. Tie 2-4 macramé knots in between each bead as desired. Continue stringing until desired length is reached.



After last bead is strung, macramé for 2 1/4" for loop. Clasp bead sizes may vary, so check the length needed to accommodate the bead closure.

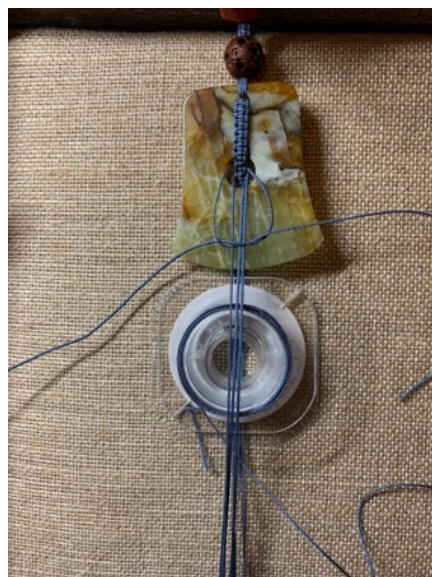
String tails of center threads through the last large hole bead and macramé over the previously knotted section below, adding GS Cement as needed to secure the knots. After the final series of knots are tied, glue and let set until glue as dried completely. Cut all four tails away.

This section is now complete.



To embellish the centerpiece, cut three pieces of Chinese Knotting Cord at 30" each. Find center of cords and use one strand to macramé a 2" knotted length over the other two strands. Fold macramé section in half and string through a large hole bead. Divide the strands with three strands on each side of the centerpiece. Cut a 24" piece of Chinese Knotting Cord and choosing a side, make a series of macramé knots the same length as the centerpiece.

Cut a second 24" strand for the opposite side and starting at the top of the centerpiece, macramé until the center hole is reached. Slip the previously knotted length through the hole. Divide the cord so there are two strands coming out of the hole around either side of the macramé. Bring the center strands together and continue to macrame until the bottom of the centerpiece is reached.



Tie a knot or silk wrap to secure the threads under the centerpiece. Pair the tails of cord together and string a bead on each of the pairs. Tie an overhand knot underneath the bead to secure. Stagger the lengths of the tassels or make them all the same depending on your preference. Measure about 1/4" from the knot and clip the tails away.