

## Garnet Kisses Necklace



Garnet Kisses  
Garnets on Beadalon with  
sterling silver.

Skill Level: Beginner-Intermediate  
Project time: 2-3 hours

Spice up your life with our Garnet Kisses necklace. Made popular in Victorian times, the dark red garnet shares the spotlight with other symbols of romance such as pomegranate seeds and red wine. Did you know that when you wear garnets in different types of light (fluorescent and incandescent) their colors will shift slightly between red, purple and green? This means you will look equally stunning shopping at the supermarket as well as dining by candle light!

This is a fun and easy project that we think you will return to time and again. After you've mastered the techniques, try different gemstones or crystals in your favorite colors! All of the designs are constructed using the finest materials, available at [www.beadshop.com](http://www.beadshop.com). We hope you find learning with us fun and valuable.

## GARNET KISSES RECIPE

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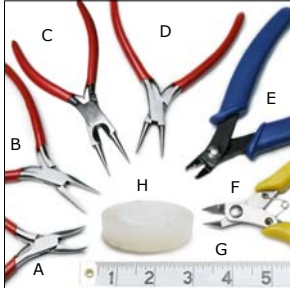
I will be your guide throughout this project. If you are a beginning beader, you will want to refer to our Technique Review: Wire-Wrapped Earrings Using a Head Pin. This technique is used to finish the necklace at the clasp. Now gather your materials and pucker-up for some luscious kisses!

Don't hesitate contacting me with your questions and comments. I can be reached by email: [info@beadshop.com](mailto:info@beadshop.com).

Good luck and happy beading!



### Ingredients for a Garnet Kisses Necklace



#### TOOLS NEEDED

- A. Bent-nose chain pliers
- B. Needle-nose chain pliers
- C. Rosary or
- D. Round-nose pliers
- E. Crimping pliers
- F. Wire cutters
- G. Tape measure
- H. Scotch tape

#### STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

##### Part 1—Technique Review

- Wire-Wrapped Earrings Using a Head Pin

##### Part 2

- 26 Easy steps to making a Garnet Kisses Necklace



- 1 30 Ft. Spool bright Beadalon wire size .010



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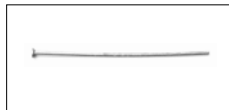
- 3 10" Strands of 5-7mm garnet drops or
- 1½ 16" Strands of 5-7mm garnet drops  
(you will need approximately 160 gems total)



- 3 6mm Swarovski garnet round crystals



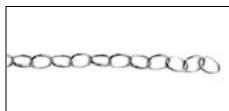
- 2 Sterling silver tube beads



- 1 1" Sterling silver head pin



- 8 Sterling silver, extra small crimp beads



- 2-3" Sterling silver chain (any size loop that the clasp can fit into)



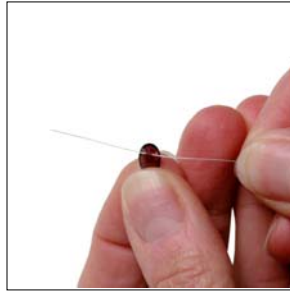
- 1 Sterling silver classic lobster claw



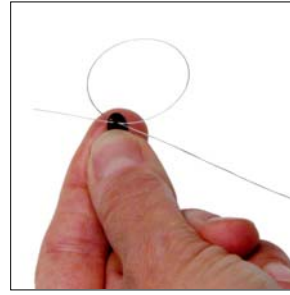
This finished Garnet Kisses Necklace measures 15" in length. The chain at one end allows up to three more adjustable inches.



**Step 1**  
Using the wire cutters, cut 8 pieces of Beadalon, at 28" each.



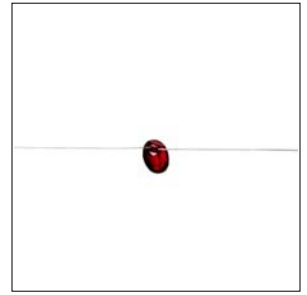
**Step 2**  
Take one piece of Beadalon and slide on a gemstone.



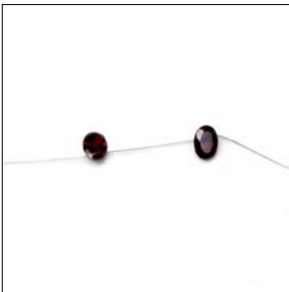
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While holding the gemstone 4" from the end, loop the Beadalon through a second time.



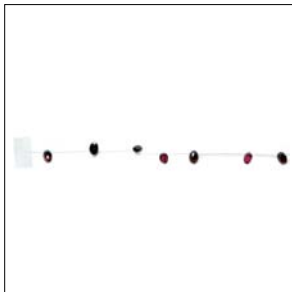
**Helpful Hint**  
If stringing through the second time is tight, use the needle-nose chain pliers to grab the end and pull it through.



**Step 4**  
a) Make sure the loop rests across the back of the stone.  
b) Pull the loop tight.



**Step 5**  
a) From the other end of Beadalon wire, slip on the next gemstone.  
b) Space it 1-2" from the first stone.  
c) Loop the Beadalon through the second gemstone.



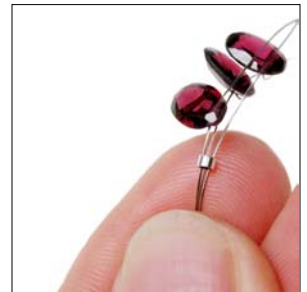
**Step 6**  
a) Add more gems and stagger their distance.  
b) Your finished strand should be around 13" of beads.  
c) Stretch and tape it down to a flat surface such as a table.



**Step 7**  
a) Tape down a second strand of wire next to the first.  
b) Repeat steps 2-6a to complete your second strand.  
c) Continue with the rest of your strands, taping as you go.



**Step 8**  
a) Check the lengths. The more stones you use, the shorter the Beadalon will become. Aim for 13" of beads. The tube bead, clasp and chain add length.  
b) Remove all the tape from your wires.



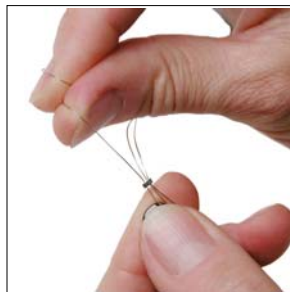
**Step 9**  
a) Slide an extra small crimp bead onto three strands of Beadalon.  
b) Bring the crimp bead within 3/8" of last gemstone.



**Step 10**  
Use the needle-nose chain pliers to flat crimp one of the small crimp beads.



**Step 11**  
Double check that all three strands of wires have been "caught" in the crimp.



**Step 12**  
Tug each strand individually to make sure it is secure.



**Step 13**  
Use the wire cutters to trim off excess Beadalon close to the crimp bead.



**Step 14**  
a) Repeat steps 8-13 with the next three strands of wire.  
b) Repeat steps 8-13 with the last two remaining strands.



**Step 15**

- a) Cut a 6" piece of Beadalon.
- b) Loop it through your strands just below the crimp beads.



**Step 16**

Slide the sterling silver tube and round crystal bead onto the doubled Beadalon stringing wire.



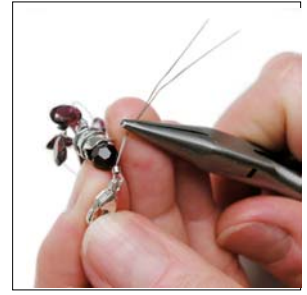
**Step 17**

String on the extra small crimp bead.



**Step 18**

- a) Loop both ends of the wire through the lobster clasp.
- b) Then loop them back through the crimp bead.



**Step 19**

- a) When you pull the loop tight, be sure to leave some wiggle room for the clasp.
- b) Double check that the round crystal bead is resting in the silver tube before you crimp.



**Step 20**

- a) Place the crimp bead into the inner jaw (lip-shaped hole) of the crimping pliers.
- b) Gently squeeze the crimp bead until it forms a hammock.



**Step 21**

To fold the hammock in half, place it into the outer jaw (oval-shaped hole) of the crimping pliers.

**Helpful Hint**

Go easy! If you squeeze the crimp too hard it can break.



**Step 22**

Use the needle-nose chain pliers to gently close the crimp fold completely.

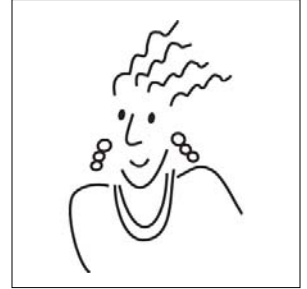


**Step 23**

Trim the Beadalon stringing wire close to the crimp.

**Helpful Hint**

Don't try to cut both ends at once. Cut each one individually as close as you can to the crimp bead. This will help prevent cutting the wrong wires!



**Step 24**

Before you begin to crimp the opposite end, check the length. Remember you want approximately 13" of garnets per strand. The tube bead, clasp and extension add length.



**Step 25**

- a) Repeat steps 7-17 on the other end of the strands.
- b) Add the extension chain instead of the lobster claw.
- c) Repeat 18-23 to crimp.



**Step 26**

Using the head pin, wire wrap the remaining 6mm round faceted garnet to the end of the chain. And now you're done!

We hope you enjoyed this project. I certainly enjoyed teaching you how to make it!

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