

Girlfriend Necklace

Project and Sample
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A bit of a mix of knotting, chain and wire for this eminently wearable necklace!

Emily combines beads and a bit of chain, contrasting silk thread to practice your knotting, and some wire wrapping. Make a delightful gift for your best girlfriend, sister or mom. Add special charms, contrasting color bead charms or pearls to personalize. It's a perfect finishing touch for the office or going out.



Stringing the necklace:

Create the knotted portions separately, with bead tips or bullion at both ends. Glue the final knots and allow to dry over night before trimming and closing the clamshell if using. Attach clasp to each end of necklace.

Spindles are knotted with a 1/4 inch illusion knotting, it adds flexibility and letting the silk color add to the design.

Rondelles are pearl knotted between each bead.

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Cut a 2.5- 3 inch length of chain, and attach to the rondelle section on one side of the necklace, add the charms and attach the second side.

Adjust lengths by shortening or extending each section.

Making charms:

There are so many charms to work with and create! Almost any bead can be incorporated, with a few adaptations. Add all charms to larger soldered jump rings to ride over the chain.

Bigger beads like the queen shadow on the left can be wrapped as a briolette, use a leftover rondelle to tie in the colors.

The Green Girl 'heart in hand' charm is so cool! To attach it to this chain use several heavy jump rings to turn it so that it hangs correctly.

A left over spindle bead gets the wrap treatment, and dangles a Circle of Silver.

The Embellished Lapis Charm also needed a jump ring to attach it to the larger soldered jump ring that glides over the chain.