

# Sun Chaser Necklace

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Sun Chaser is the result of a bead mix that I created using modern and vintage African Beads. The design honors the drama and beauty of these special beads and creates a museum-quality piece.

The finished necklace is 22-24", just enough to slide over your head. This piece does not have a clasp, but uses the curved brass bead to nestle at the back of the neck.

The necklace is made up of 7 individual strands.

Divide the nest of waxed linen into 8 equal lengths and cut into individual strands. The strands should measure approximately 36" each or more. Two strands of the necklace will use two linen strands for knotted and beaded sections and two strands use a single thread divided into 4 plies.

Divide one strand of waxed linen into single plies. Untwist the thread at one end to separate the plies and pull threads apart, untwisting as you go. String one half of the small brass beads onto one of the plies of waxed linen using a wire needle. Use a second single ply strand and knot the beads into sections of 3-5 beads each, repeat with the other half of beads and single ply threads. Set aside.

Using two strands of waxed linen make two additional knotted strands using the white hearts and a combination of white hearts, red currents, and red chevrons.

Use the remaining beads to string three more single strands. All beaded sections of the strands should measure between 16-17"

On one side, measure 1.5" from where the beads end and gather the strands together and make a short silk wrap. Repeat on opposite side.

String the ends of the threads from opposite ends through the curved brass bead. Cut the 1 yd of leather cord into two pieces and make a silk wrap on each side, between the end of the brass bead and the first linen wrap. Trim away any excess waxed linen strands from below the leather silk wrap.

As a design option, you can use the tails from the leather wrap and embellish with beads to dangle at the back.

