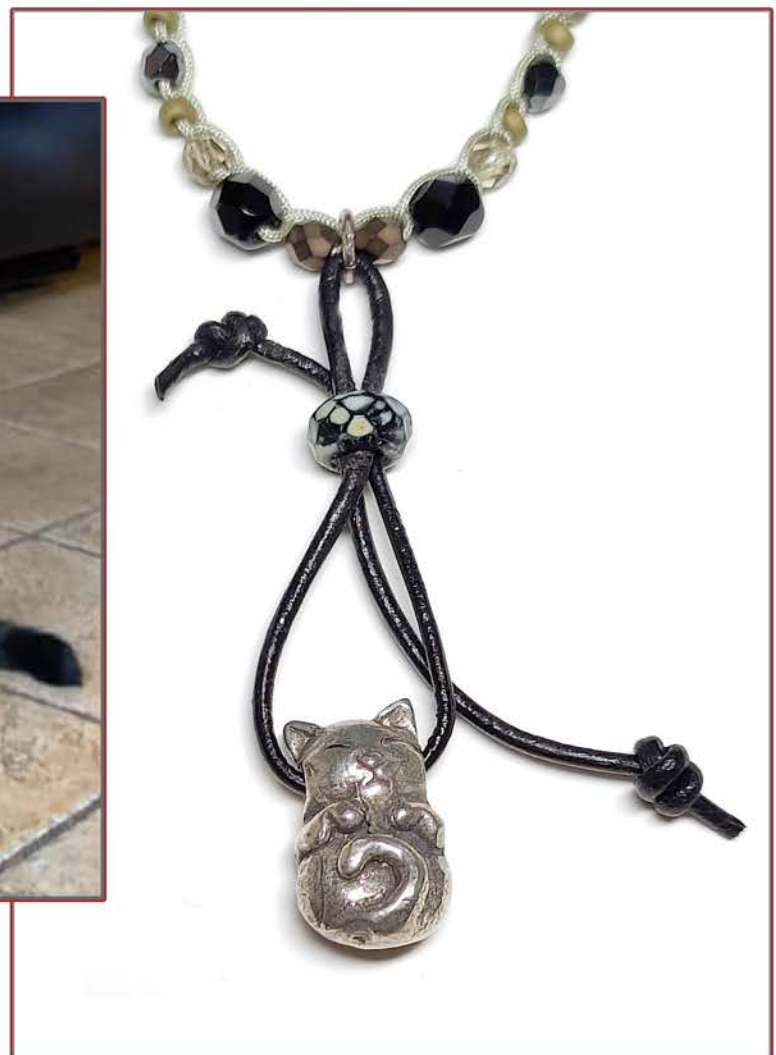


Special Bead Crochet Collection The Pickles Family - starring 'Oliver Q'

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Oliver Q

Ingredients:

- 1 Sleepy Cat Bead
- 1 Honeycomb Button - Silver
- 1 Spool 0.5mm Chinese Knotting Cord - Moss
- 1 Strand 4mm Fire Polish - Jet
- 1 Strand 4mm Fire Polish - Matte Iris Brown
- 1 Strand 4mm Fire Polish - Hematite
- 1 Strand 4mm Fire Polish - Matte Apollo Gold
- 1 Strand 6mm Fire Polish - Jet
- 1 Tube 8-2033 Matte Opaque Lt. Olive Luster
- 1 Black Picasso Roller
- 1.5mm Leather - Black
- 1 Pkg 5.4mm/16g Jump Rings - Antique Silver
- 1 Pkg Collapsible Eye Needles
- 1 Tube GS Hypo Cement
- 1 Tube Zap Glue

Additional Learning:

- Bits & Pieces Live Broadcast on 05/24/2017
- Bits & Pieces Project
- How to Macramé



The instructions for this necklace assume a basic knowledge of the slip knot, chain stitch, and macramé. Refer to the **Additional Learning** on the previous page if you need a refresher.

This piece measures approximately 18 - 19 inches from button to loop not including pendant. The length of the finished piece will depend on your tension while chaining.

Note: If you want to create your own color pattern, or adjust the length, you will need to do this before stringing. It's helpful to make a small test strip of 3 - 4 inches and take it apart to see how much thread is used. Always err on the side of too much thread vs. too little.

If you are following this exact pattern, cut 3 yards (108") of 0.5mm CKC. Create a bead stop at one end. For this example, a piece of Scotch tape was used. String on 1 - 6mm Jet fire polish. Then, add 25 - 4mm fire polish (in random colors) alternating with the 8/0s. End the sequence with 1 - 6mm Jet fire polish and 1 - 4mm fire polish. You have created one side of the necklace and are now at the center. Mirror the stringing sequence for the 2nd side.



1) The bead pattern is mirrored from the center point.



2) Your pre-strung beads should look like this.



3) Leaving an approximate tail of 6 - 8 inches, make a slip knot and insert hook.



4) Slip the first bead down toward the hook. Make a chain stitch capturing the bead.



5) Then, slip another bead down and make a chain stitch capturing the bead. Remember to keep the tension even. Repeat the sequence until all beads are used.



6) Remove the bead stopper. The completed chain should look like this.



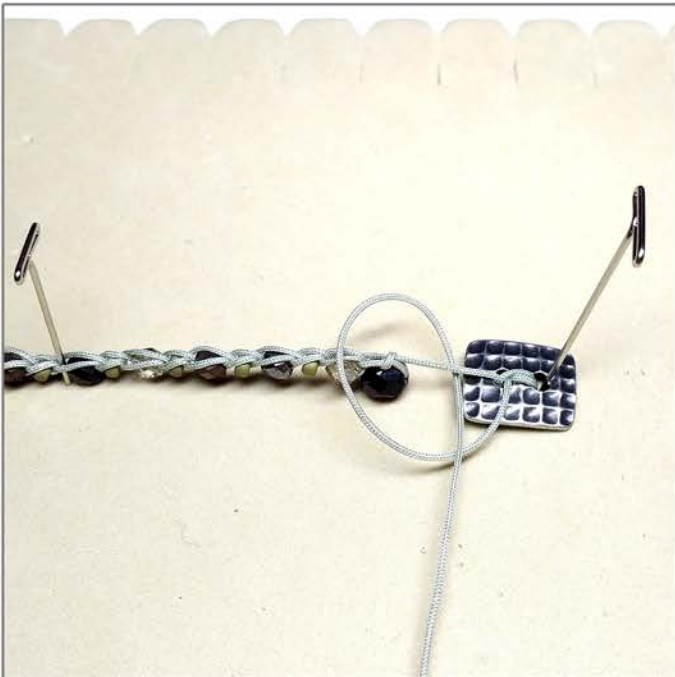
7) Remove the hook and leave the loop open. Take the tail end of the CKC and thread back through the open loop. Pull up the tail snugly to secure the end of the chain.



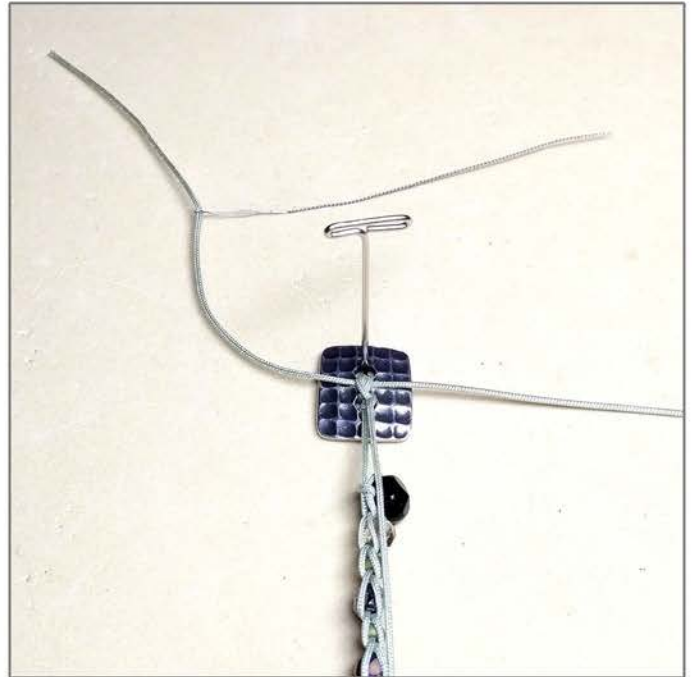
8) The necklace chain is now complete. Next, you will add the button half of the closure.



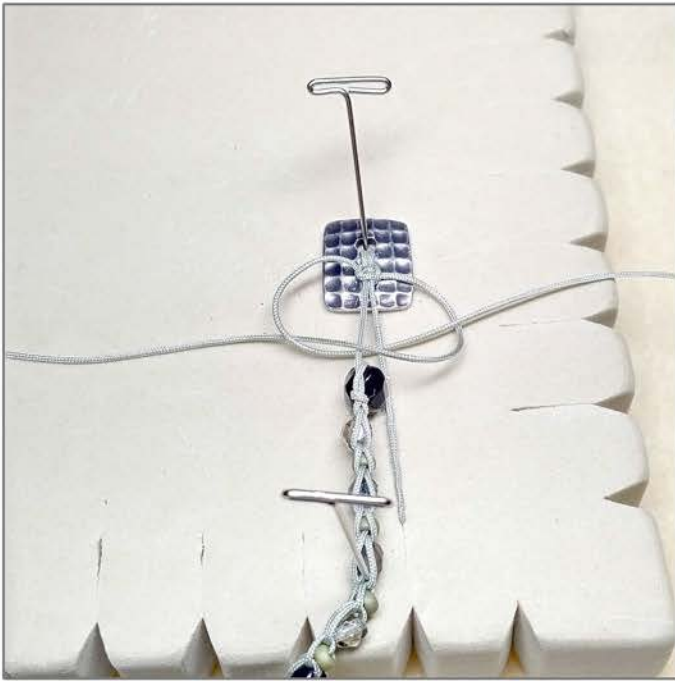
9) Thread one of the tails through the button holes and go back through a 2nd time.



10) With the tail end, make a half hitch in the space between the chain and the button. Pull the tail up next to the button holes to secure.



11) Secure the tail so that it is parallel to the chain. Cut a new 20" piece of CKC. Using a collapsible eye needle, thread this piece under the loop between the button holes. Fold in half making sure both lengths are even.



12) Macramé pairs of flat knots in the space between the the button and the chain.



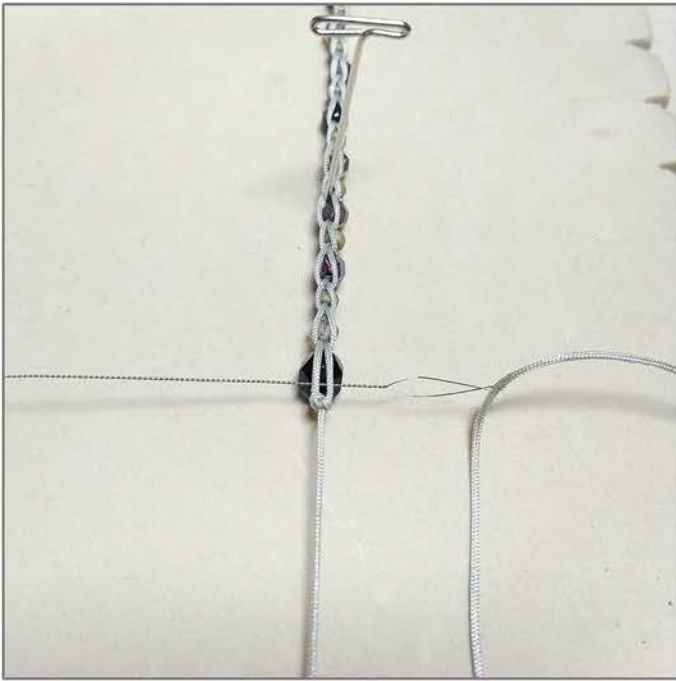
13) Add a drop of Hypo Cement under the last knot before cinching it up.



14) Gather all three (3) tails and make a half hitch just above the 6mm bead. Using the collapsible eye needle, thread the strands under the chain stitch so they are all pointing in the same direction.



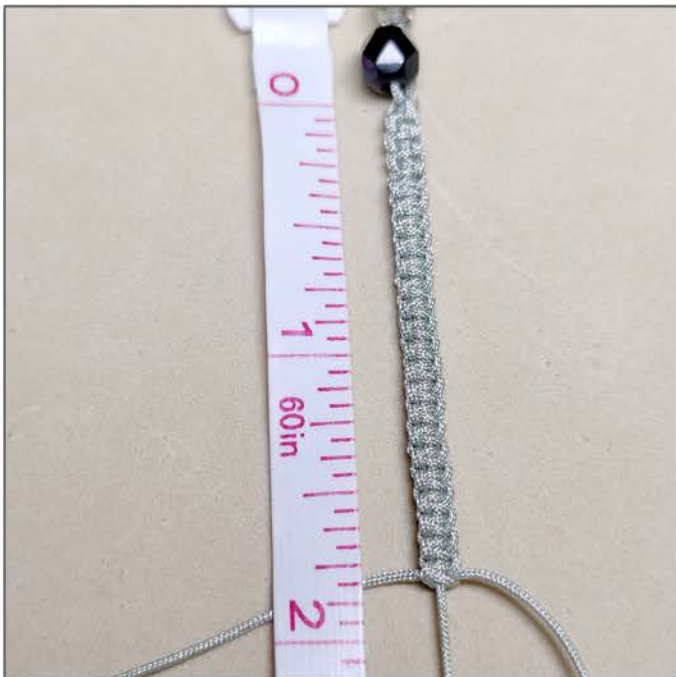
15) Embellish the fringe and knot the ends. Add a drop of glue to each knot and let dry thoroughly. The button end is now complete.



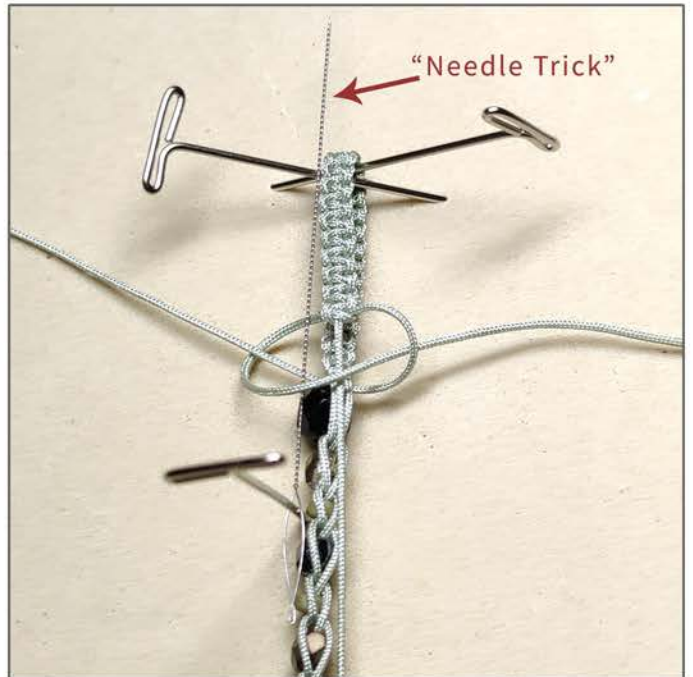
16) Pin the remaining end of the chain face down to the board and secure the tail in a slot. Cut a new 30" piece of CKC. Using a collapsible eye needle, thread this piece under the chain stitch of the 6mm bead. Fold in half making sure both lengths are even.



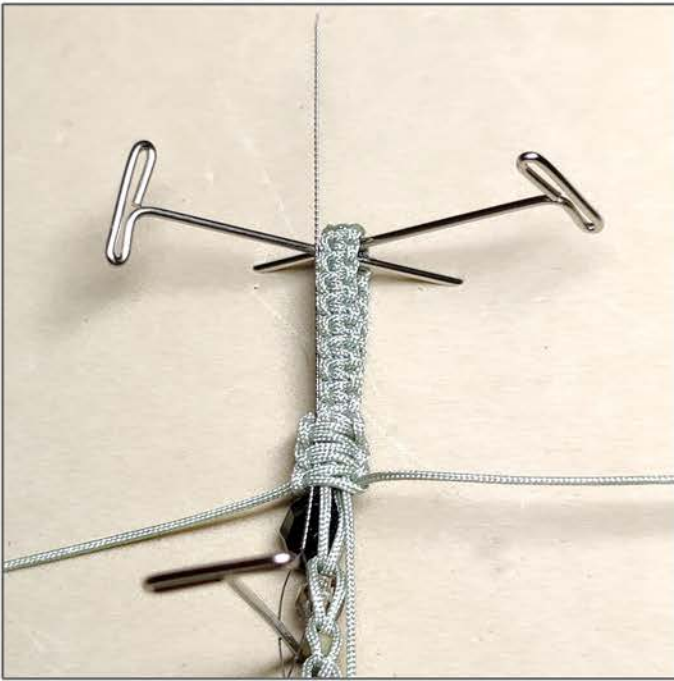
17) Flip the chain over and pin to the board. Begin adding pairs of macramé flat knots to complete the button loop.



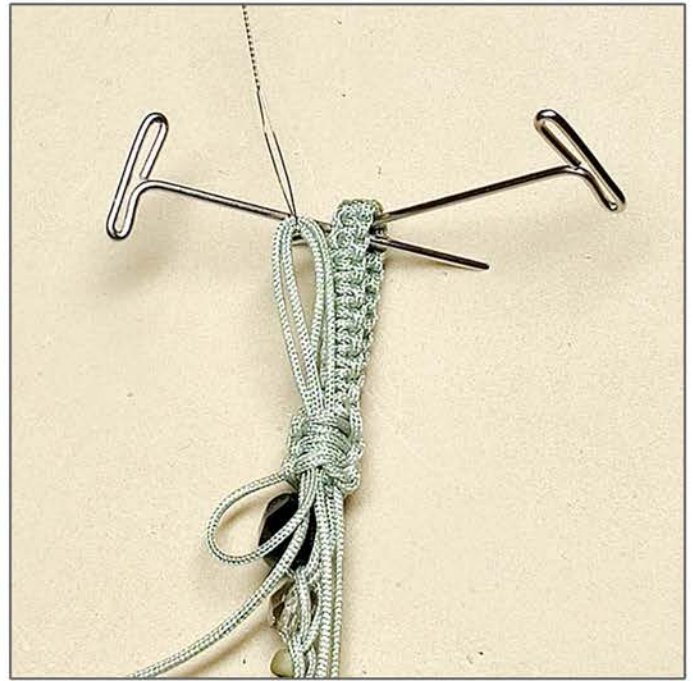
18) For this piece, the length is approximately 1 3/4". Note: Check the size if using a different button.



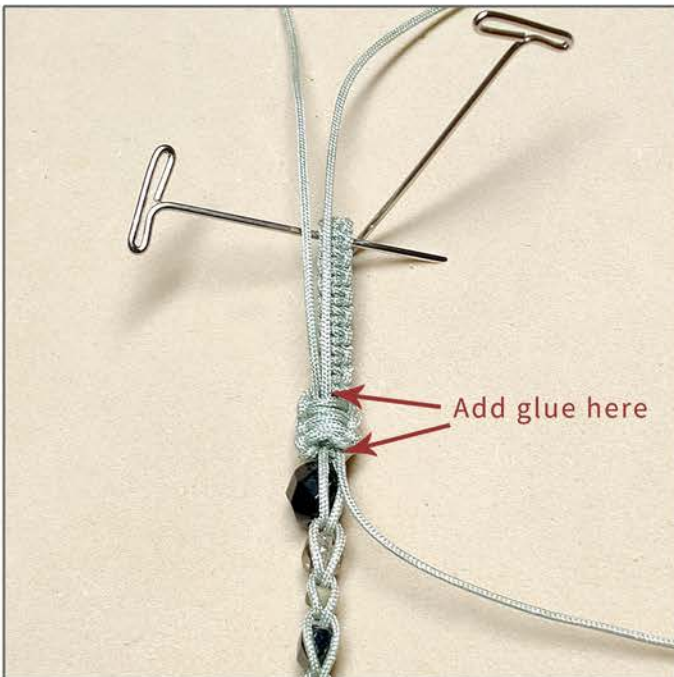
19) Re-pin the piece on the board and fold the loop back on itself. Continue the macramé to close. Finish by using the "Needle Trick" or by knotting, gluing, and using a thread burner.



20) The “needle” is used much like a silk wrap loop. Once the macramé is complete, the tails are threaded through the eye and the needle is pulled using chain nose pliers. Caution: If you macramé too tightly, you will not be able to get the tails through completely. Keep it slightly loose.



21) Once the tails are partially through, use the pliers to gently pull each strand all the way through.



22) Add glue, especially under the threads, and let dry thoroughly. Trim the ends using a flush cutter.



23) The button loop end is complete.



24) Create a pendant using the focal, roller bead, and leather. Three strands of leather will fit through the roller but you may have to angle cut one end.



25) Pin the pendant securely to the board (with plastic in between). Carefully slide the roller bead down. With a toothpick, liberally apply Zap glue. Quickly slide the roller back into place and clean off excess glue.



26) Make a double overhand knot on each end of the leather. Add a drop of Zap glue and angle cut the ends of the leather. Let the glue dry thoroughly.



27) Using a jump ring, attach the pendant to the chain at the center point.