another angle
with Angela Thompson

Sari Silk Beads
and Blends Necklace
and Earrings

on behalf of tiny pandora.com
You will need the following supplies:

* Prepared beads using the Beads and Blends kit from tinypandora.com

* Two to three yards of sari silk in colors of your choice to match your beads

* Two 3/4 inch ribbon crimps
* Two 1/4 inch ribbon crimps

* Thread and needle
* Findings to complete necklace and earring assembly
I wanted a rainbow of colors for my beads so I prepared 6 custom color shades to use for my beads.

I choose to pre-mix my colors and because I wanted a more pronounced color shift between my shades, I used a very controlled blend with minimal color merges.

I cut strips from all of my colors that were about an inch wide and three inches long. I then placed these strips side by side in a rainbow order and lightly pressed them together, running a finger along the seams to help the pieces attach to each other. Then I ran it through my pasta machine a couple times, going down in thickness each pass until I had a solid sheet as shown. I then used the template triangles and cut my beads.

You can also prepare your beads using a graduated shift similar to a Skinner blend, by using silkscreens, paints, micas, etc. The options are pretty endless!

Teresa Salgado has a great video on how she makes her color blends at https://youtu.be/oZSuht46E1Y.
Prepare your desired lengths of sari silk ribbon. You will need three to four strands of your chosen colors.

I used two colors to make four (2 each color) 18 inch lengths for the necklace and eight 3 inch lengths for the earrings.

Step One:
Make a stack of your ribbon lengths, alternating the colors and condensing it to the width of your ribbon crimp. Insert a couple of stitches to hold the ribbons in place.

Step Two:
Apply your ribbon crimp, squeezing the outsides first and then the middle. This will keep the ribbon from shifting.

Stack and stitch the other end of your lengths but do not apply the ribbon crimp yet.
Step Three:

Lay your beads out alongside your ribbon and then start sliding your beads onto the ribbon, using a pokey tool to assist. Start with the beads closest to the crimped end first.

Step Four:

After all beads are on apply the second ribbon crimp. Add necklace findings.
Step Five:

To make the earrings, use the short lengths, alternate colors and then secure with a couple stitches. Compress to make the width of your smaller crimps. Do not apply the crimp yet.

Step Six:

Slide the bead up the length of ribbon and then apply the crimp. Attach findings and then pull the crimp down into the bead to hide.
I hope that you've enjoyed this unique project and I'd love to see yours!

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