

DESIGN WORKSHOP

WANDERLUST NECKLACE

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Materials

Necklace – 16-18"

- 0.006" Diameter WildFire Frost Beading Thread #161U-008
- 22 Silver Beadalon Eye Pins #310B-113
- Silver Beadalon Extension Chain #324B-010
- 14 Amethyst 14mm Ceramic Bead Gallery Rounds
- 8 Bronzite 14mm Semiprecious Bead Gallery Rounds
- 6 Hematite 6mm Metal Bead Gallery Spacers Mixed Brown, Purple, Silver Cylindrical Seed Beads

Tools:

- Round-Nose Pliers #201A-104
- Chain-Nose Pliers #201A-101
- Wire Cutters #202A-105
- #10 Beading Needle #
- Bead Stringing Glue #

Tip: You can use the seed bead embellishment technique to "net" different kinds of beads for a handmade look. Just make sure the holes in the beads are large enough for several passes of beading thread. Ceramic, wooden and lamp worked beads work typically have larger holes.

Necklace Instructions

1. See instructions below to make three netted beads.
2. Pass an eye pin through a hematite spacer, netted bead, hematite spacer and make a basic loop; repeat for each netted bead.
3. Pass an eye pin through each of the remaining 14mm beads and make a basic loop on each.
4. Link these beads together for the center of the necklace: netted, ceramic, netted, ceramic, netted.
5. Connect half of the beads in an alternating pattern on each side of the necklace.
6. Attach a clasp to one end and an extension chain to the other end.

Making Netted Beads

1. Cut an 18" length of WildFire and thread it onto a needle. Pass the needle through 10 seeds and tie a knot to make a beaded circle, leaving a 1" tail.

2. Hold the beaded circle over one end of a 14mm ceramic bead and pass the needle through enough seeds to reach the other end (the sample uses 13).

3. Holding the beaded thread in your fingers to mark your place, pass through 10 seeds. Pass the needle through the first seed to make a circle.

4. Make another pass across the surface of the bead adding 13 seeds. Continue "netting" the bead by skipping a bead on each end of the circle and adding passes across the surface of the bead.

5. Once you've made your way around the circle, the bead should have ten beaded threads across its surface. Tie the thread ends together and add a drop of bead stringing glue to the knot; let it dry.

