

GRADUATED BEAD NECKLACE

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Materials

- Beads
 - Green Unakite Round Beads, 4mm
 - Green Unakite Round Beads, 6mm
 - Green Unakite Round Beads, 8mm
 - Resin Pendant
- Supplies:
 - 19 Strand Bright Bead Stringing Wire, 0.18", 30 ft.
 - Silver Crimp Tubes
 - Findings Variety Pack
 - Wire Guardian™
 - Crimp Covers
 - 20 Gauge Tarnish Resistant Brass Artistic Wire
 - Bead Board

Instructions:

STEP 1

Pull about 24 inches out from the spool, and use the spool clip to hold it in place. Do not cut the wire from the spool.

STEP 2

Snip the very end of the beading wire if it's a new spool. Lay out your design on the Bead Board so that you have an even number of 4mm, 6mm, and 8mm on either side of the pendant - until your necklace is 15 inches, or 1 inch less than the length you'd like it to be. This design uses 12x 4mm, 12x 6mm, 12x 8mm, 1x pendant, 12x 8mm, 12x 6mm, 12x 4mm. String up your design.

STEP 3

Thread on one crimp tube, one wire guardian (up one side and back down the other), and the tag. Position the tag around the corner of the wire guardian, and sting the wire back down through the crimp tube. Gently squeeze the ends of the wire guardian together above the crimp tube. Tighten everything up so no wire is showing above the wire guardian, and use the crimping pliers to crimp the crimp tube in place. Trim the end of the wire about an inch and thread it back through the beads to hide it.

STEP 4

Slide the beads down to the crimped part of the necklace. Leave an extra 3 inches of wire and snip it from the spool.

STEP 5

String on a crimp tube, a wire guardian (up one side and back down the other), and a lobster clasp. Position the lobster clasp in the curve of the wire guardian. Thread your wire back down through the crimp tube, then back through a couple of the beads. Gently squeeze the ends of the wire guardian together at the top of the crimp tube. Connect the clasp to the tag. Pull down on the wire to cinch up all of the extra space between the beads.

STEP 6

Make sure that you have not pulled too tight, and the beads still have room to "breathe". Crimp the crimp tube and snip the end of the wire.

STEP 7

Slide a crimp cover over each crimp tube and use the chain nose pliers to gently bring the edges together.