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JEWELRY MAKING 110: MAKING A KNOTTED MALA NECKLACE



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The significance of a "Mala" Necklace

How to knot in between beads using the Beadalon Knotter Tool

SUPPLIES:

- Signature Color Shop Gray Agate Hoop Pendant by Bead Landing™ (Item #10592604)
- Bead Gallery[®] Bamboo Coral Round Beads, 6mm (Item #10100871)
- Bead Gallery® Gold Agate Round Beads, 10mm (Item #10464750)
- Czech Glass Seed Beads, 8/0 (Item # 10549083)
- Beadalon[®] Silk Thread, Size 6 (Item # 10390143)
- Beadalon G-S Hypo Cement[®] (Item # 10332390)

TOOLS:

- Beadalon[®] Knotter Tool (Item # 10443518)
- Beadalon[®] Big Eye Beading Needles (Item # M10332392)
- Scissors

STEP 1

Pre-stretch your silk cord and tie an overhand knot in the end opposite the needle about 4 inches from the end.

STEP 2

String on your beads following this pattern: (1) seed bead (1) marker bead (1) seed bead, (5) 6mm Beads, (1) seed bead (1) marker bead (1) seed bead, (13) 6mm beads, (1) seed bead (1) marker bead (1) seed bead, (32) 6mm beads, (1) seed bead (1) marker bead (1) seed bead.

STEP 3

Double check your counts and take a deep breath.

STEP 4

String the rest of the necklace reversing the pattern: (1) seed bead (1) marker bead (1) seed bead, (32) 6mm beads, (1) seed bead (1) marker bead (1) seed bead, (13) 6mm beads, (1) seed bead (1) marker bead (1) seed bead, (5) 6mm beads, (1) seed bead (1) marker bead (1) seed bead.

STEP 5

Double check that both sides are even and your bead counts are correct.

STEP 6

Follow the instructions included with the Beadalon Knotter Tool to knot between all of the beads on your necklace. Treat the (1) seed bead (1) marker bead (1) seed bead as one unit. Make sure you don't miss any beads or tie any double knots!

STEP 7

When you are done knotting all of the beads, thread one more seed bead, then the pendant onto the silk cord. Use a big eye needle to thread a seed bead onto the short side of the silk.

STEP 8

Use an overhand knot to tie the two ends of the silk cord together under the pendant. Use a tiny dab of glue to seal the knot. Allow to dry and trim the ends.

TIP: Hold the tube of glue in your hand and allow the head in your hand to start the glue flow – don't squeeze!

