

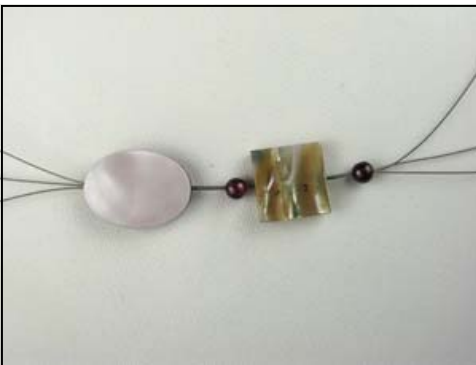
Bead Over - embellish a simple stringing project



Tools: Chain nose pliers (for crimping; you can also use crimping pliers or a magic crimper) and Wire cutter

Materials to make a 17" necklace:

- Enough 10mm or larger beads to build the 17" base necklace. Quantity of the beads is subject to the size of beads chosen. Please note that using beads with flat surface will work best for the decorative beads to "sit" on.
- An assortment of 3 - 4mm beads. Try to vary the selection in shapes and colors to accommodate the color tone of your base necklace. Be sure to include some tip-drilled and drop beads. They work really well for this project.
- 3 x 2 ft of beading wire, C-Flex or Soft Flex (0.012 mm)
- 2 x crimp tube (2 x 2 tube)
- 1 set of clasp



1. Start by stringing the section of the necklace without decorative effect using all 3 beading wires.



2. When it comes to the place you want to add decoration (with a flat bead on the base necklace), separate the 3 wires. String the flat bead for the base necklace into the middle beading wire. String small decorative beads randomly onto the other two beading wires. String enough small beads to cover the surface of the flat bead.



3. Pull all 3 beading wires tight. Repeat Step 2 for all the places you want to add decoration. At the places you want to skip the decoration, string all 3 beading wires into one bead for the base necklace.



4. To finish the necklace, string all 3 beading wires into one 2x2 crimp tube, string one side of the clasp, loop all 3 beading wires back through the crimp bead, pull the crimp bead close to the clasp. Repeat for the other side of the necklace. Check the length, then, crimp the crimp beads and cut off the beading wire tails.

Tips:

Choose contract colors for the small beads from the base necklace for a showy piece.

String the base necklace in subtle tone and create focal points with the bead-over decoration.