

2 skill level

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beaded multi-strand necklace

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SUPPLIES & TOOLS:

- Blue Moon Art Glass Beads: clear disc with black, square black and white
- 1 pkg Amethyst cat's eye fancy chips
- 1 pkg Czech glass beads, 6/0
- 2.5mm Silver crimp beads
- 4mm Silver jump rings
- 2" Bright silver headpins
- 1½" Bright silver eye pins
- 1 Set nickel toggle clasp and ring
- 30-ft Tiger tail
- 18" Sterling silver link chain
- 1 yd 24gg Silver wire
- Crimp beads
- Crimp tool
- Wire cutters
- Bent-nose pliers
- Round-nose pliers
- Bead board

DIRECTIONS:

1. Cut two tiger tail pieces with wire cutters. One piece should be 18"; the other, 23". Set both aside.
2. Cut silver link chain 17". Set aside.
3. String a crimp bead followed by one jump ring onto one end of 18" tiger tail. Pass tiger tail back through the crimp bead, leaving a short tail. Use the back notch of the crimp tool to press the length of the tube down between wires, enclosing them in the separate chambers of the crescent shape. Rotate the tube 90 degrees and use the front notch of the tool to fold the two chambers onto themselves, forming a clean cylinder. Trim the excess wire.
4. Repeat step 3 with 23" tiger tail.
5. Open one 4mm jump ring, by twisting ring apart using round-nose pliers and bent-nose pliers. Holding one half of jump ring with round-nose pliers, use the bent-nose pliers to twist open the other half. It is important to twist open. Do not let the tiger tail strands come off.
6. Attach one end of 16½" sterling silver link chain to the open jump ring.
7. Attach toggle clasp to open jump ring.
8. Close jump ring by twisting. You should now have three strands attached to the jump ring and the jump ring should be attached to the toggle clasp.
9. String one crimp bead onto the 18" tiger tail strand. Close crimp bead with crimp tool approximately 1" from jump ring end.
10. String one Czech glass bead followed by one crimp bead. Use crimp tool to close crimp bead.
11. String another crimp bead onto same wire and close crimp bead with crimp tool approximately 1¼" away from last crimp bead. String one cat's eye chip then one crimp bead. Use crimp tool to close crimp bead.
12. Repeat step 11 alternating Czech glass beads and cat's eye chips. Stop approximately 2" from other end.

DIRECTIONS (continued):

13. Follow steps 11 and 12 for 23" tiger tail strand.
14. To apply beads to chain, cut chain approximately 1/4" from jump ring using wire cutters. Set extra chain aside.
15. Next, take eye pin and twist loop end open. Twist loop end open just as you would with a jump ring using round-nose pliers to hold onto one half of the loop and bent-nose pliers to twist open the other half.
16. Once loop on eye pin is open, attach open loop to the 1/4" piece of chain. Close eye pin loop.
17. String 3 beads onto eye pin (2 Czech beads and one cat's eye chip).
18. Create a loop at other end of eye pin. Use round-nose pliers to grasp the pin near the last bead on eye pin. Use bent-nose pliers to grasp the end of eye pin and make a simple loop around the round-nose pliers. Cut excess wire.
19. Attach the loop end just completed to remaining chain that was set aside in step 14. Open the simple loop just as you would a jump ring.
20. Close simple loop once it is attached to the chain.
21. Cut chain 1 3/4" away from last loop. Set aside remaining chain.
22. Using an eye pin, twist loop open and attach to end of 1 3/4" chain. Close loop.
23. String three beads onto eye pin. Close loop and attach to remaining chain just as you did in steps 17-20. You may alternate small beads as you would like on eye pins.
24. Cut chain 1 1/2" from last loop. Set remaining chain aside.
25. Using eye pin, twist loop open as done previously and attach to end of 1 1/2" chain. Close loop.
26. Repeat steps 17-20.
27. To form a bead dangle, take a head pin and string one small Czech bead onto head pin.
28. String head pin through one chain link approximately 3/4" from last loop.
29. Make a wrapped loop at top of head pin. Begin with a 90-degree bend above bead. To do this, place the tips of round-nose pliers on top of bead and using your fingers, bend wire down 90 degrees. Use round-nose pliers to grasp the wire after the bend. Next, use bent-nose pliers or fingers to wrap the end of the pin around the round-nose pliers to form a simple loop with a tail overlapping the bend. Wrap the tail tightly down the neck of the wire to create a couple of coils. Trim the excess wire.
30. Next, make a wrapped loop bail. To begin, take a 4" piece of 24gg wire and string through center of clear disc glass bead. Center bead on 4" wire. Bend both ends of the wire up the sides and across the top of bead. Bend one end straight up at center of the bead then, wrap the other wire around it to form a couple of coils. String straight up wire through one chain link approximately 3/4" from last bead/headpin. Form a wrapped loop with the straight-up wire, wrapping it back down over the already formed coils. Trim the excess wire.

DIRECTIONS (continued):

31. To form next bead dangle, repeat steps 27-29. Attach bead dangle approximately 3/4" from clear disc glass bead.
32. Attach next wrapped loop bail 3/4" away from last bead dangle. Use the square black/white line glass bead.
33. Create another bead dangle and attach to chain 3/4" away from square glass bead.
34. Attach one more wrapped loop bail 3/4" away from bead dangle using the clear disc glass bead.
35. Attach last bead dangle 3/4" away from clear disc bead.
36. Cut wire 3/4" from last bead dangle. Set remaining chain aside.
37. Attach eye pin to end of 3/4" piece of chain by twisting loop open. Close loop. String 3 beads onto eye pin and make a simple loop at other end.
38. Open simple loop and attach to remaining piece of chain that's been set aside.
39. Cut chain 1 1/2" away from last simple loop. Set remaining chain aside.
40. Attach another eye pin to 1 1/2" piece of chain by opening and closing loop.
41. String three beads onto eye pin. Make a simple loop at end and attach to remaining piece of chain.
42. Cut chain 1 3/4" away from last loop. Set remaining chain aside.
43. Attach last eye pin to end of 1 3/4" piece of chain. String 3 beads onto eye pin and make a simple loop at end.
44. Last piece of chain should only be 1/4" long. If needed, cut a piece of chain this length. Attach 1/4" piece of chain to last eye pin by opening simple loop of eye pin. Close simple loop.
45. Attach all three strands to one 4mm jump ring. Your shortest tiger tail should be the top strand of your necklace, followed by the chain and the longer tiger tail strand.
46. To connect tiger tail strands, use crimp bead and crimp bead tool as described in step 3.
47. Attach the jump ring to the toggle ring.

Skill Level 2: Jewelry-making experience needed

Approximate Crafting Time: 3 1/4 hours

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