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Letter from the Editors

Hey jewelry fans,

The earrings you dangle, the bangles you stack, and the rings you wear say a lot about your personality. Jewelry is a way to express yourself. It's a creative way to be your own person and stand out from the crowd. However, there's something about a beautiful beaded necklace that lets your personality shine more than any other piece of jewelry. A necklace can alter your entire look – you can rock an edgy spiked necklace Monday, a dainty pearl necklace Tuesday, and throw everyone for a loop by showing up Friday donning a ravishing red choker. Necklaces make a statement – but it's up to you what that statement will be. There's something for everyone in this varied collection of beaded necklaces. Bubbly candy-colored necklaces; earthy, naturalistic necklaces; glitzy floral necklaces, and rustic tribal necklaces are just some of the gorgeous tutorials you'll find within this eBook. Every beaded necklace in this collection is full of style and flare – just like you.

This eBook is a collection of beaded necklace patterns from our favorite bloggers and jewelry designers all together in one place for your crafting convenience.

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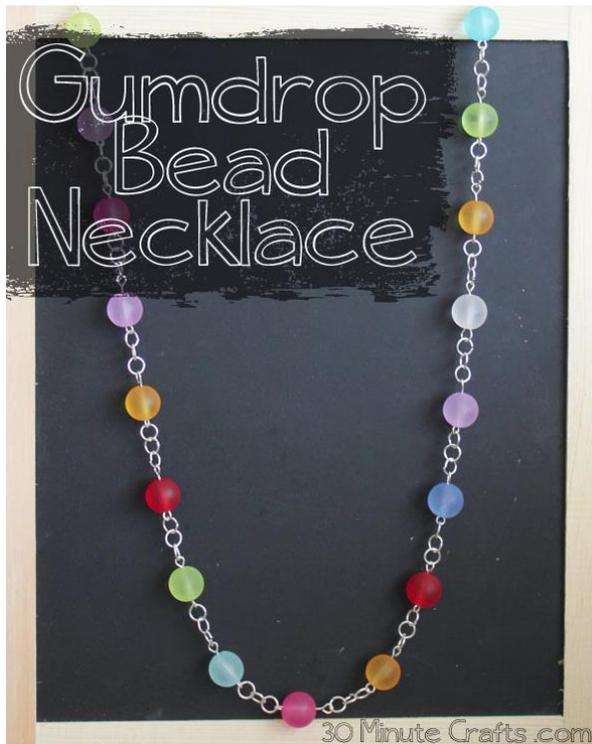
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Gumdrop Bead Necklace

By: [Carolina from 30 Minute Crafts](#)

This necklace is a sweet treat for the eyes! The brightly colored beads make it playful and give it lots of pop, so you're sure to feel cheerful whenever you wear it. The basic jewelry-making techniques learned with this tutorial can be used to create all kinds of beaded necklaces and even bracelets, so choose the beads that suit you best and have fun with it!



Materials:

- string of beads (about 30)
- small eye pins (same number as you have beads)
- two pairs of pliers
- one pair of round-nose pliers
- jump rings



Instructions:

1. Start by cutting the fishing line holding the beads together. String each one on an eye pin, trimming the eye pin to size. Then, using the round nosed pliers, create a loop on the other end.



Note: Using the loops in eye pins and making a single loop is not as effective as creating a loop that is wire-wrapped at the base. Creating this

kind of loop means that the assembly will take longer, but the necklace will be better suited to handle children pulling on it.



4.) Repeat with all the beads; then add a clasp on the end. You should be able to complete the entire project in around 30 minutes!



2.) Open up a jump ring. Add on the loop from one bead and an extra jump ring; then close the initial jump ring. This adds two jump rings to the end. Repeat this process with all the beads, adding two jump rings just to the one side.

3.) Once you've added two jump rings to the one side of each bead, string them together by attaching each loop to each double-jump-ring side with another jump ring.



Glam Daisy Chain Necklace

By: [Kirsten from Studs & Pearls](#)

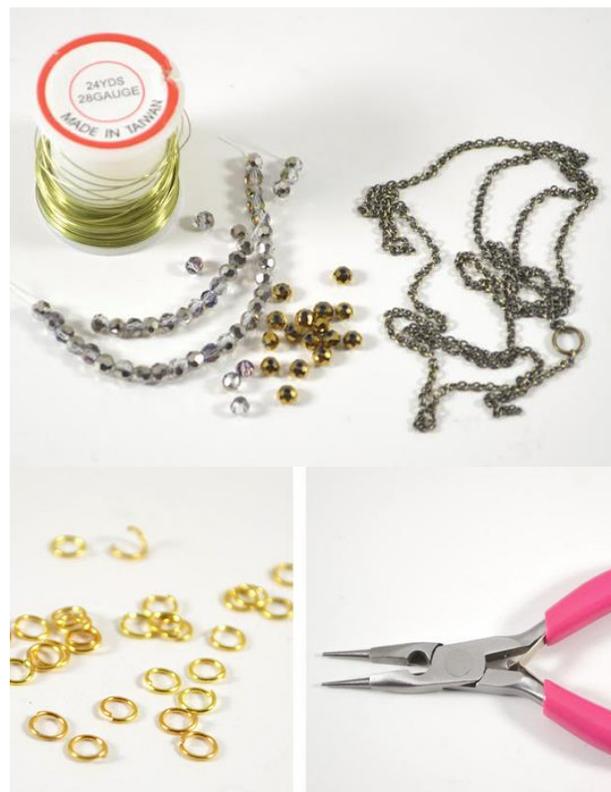
This necklace design isn't like the pony bead key chains you made as a kid... It's the daisy chain all grown up! Bring back the classic beadwork technique and glam it up to create this chic DIY necklace. It's the perfect hip yet effortless piece to pair over a billowy blouse.



Materials:

- 28 gauge wire
- small beads*(I used faceted gold and silver beads purchased from Jo-Ann Etc. & Michaels, respectively)
- strand of chain (length is up to you, I made mine fairly long)
- 4mm jump rings
- 3-in-1 jewelry pliers
- clear nail polish (Not shown and optional, but recommended)

**Number of beads will depend on the number of daisies you'd like to make. Each daisy calls for six "petal" beads and one "center" bead—in my case, six silver and one gold. I made as many daisies as I could with the beads I had on hand.*



Instructions:

1. Cut a strand of wire measuring about 4-5 inches. This will be more than enough to work with, but I prefer to cut a bigger amount than needed. The length of wire for each flower will also depend on the size of beads you are using. String on 2 beads, and position in the center of the wire. Take the other end of the wire and take it around and in through the 2 beads (second photo).



2.) Pull both ends of wire, so that the beads look a little something like the first photo. Next, string on 3 beads – petal bead, center bead, petal bead – onto the wire.



3.) Take the opposite wire strand and string it through the 3 beads. For example, in the first photo above: I took the wire on the right side and strung it through the 3 beads – STARTING with the LAST silver bead I had just added. The tip of the right side wire is now on the left. Tighten by pulling both ends of the wire. You can see the daisy start to emerge.



4.) String on the last 2 petal beads. Take the opposite wire, and insert it through the 2 beads. Pull both ends to tighten.



5.) At the bottom of the daisy, twist the wire to keep the beads in place.



6.) Trim the excess wire and fold up to secure. This is where the clear nail polish will come in handy – a dot at the tip can keep the wire from unraveling, while a light layer on the twisted wire with polish can prevent untwisting.

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7.) Repeat until you have a handful of daisies ☺



8.) Connect each daisy with jump rings (This may be a little tricky to do, depending on the type of beads you have and the gaps created with the wire. The 4mm jump rings are useful for getting in there!).

Side Note: I decided to use silver jump rings at the last minute, even though I photographed gold jump rings as part of the supplies. The finish is up to you – don't be afraid to mix and match metals!



9.) Connect the strand of daisies to a metal chain of your choice.

Now you have a chain of daisies to last the entire summer. Shorter versions would be cute, as well – just use less metal chain and a jewelry clasp. Alternatively, if you prefer something on the simpler side, you can make just one daisy and use it as a charm.

I love projects like these because you can use up leftover beads in an interesting way. You can even use the beaded daisies as embellishments for greeting cards, scrap booking, altered art, etc.



Valencia Necklace

By: [Allison from The Quiet Lion](#)

The Valencia Necklace is a bright and happy statement necklace that will give your outfit a pop of color. This hip, V-shaped necklace can be dressed up with a sheath dress for dinner parties, or dressed down with a tee and jeans for day of shopping. It is quite versatile and can be made with any color(s).



Materials:

- Scissors
- Fishing Line
- 6mm light green pearls
- 8mm fuchsia pearls
- 10mm or 12mm pearls
- 1 clasp
- 2 crimps
- 2 looped headpins
- End cones or bead caps to finish

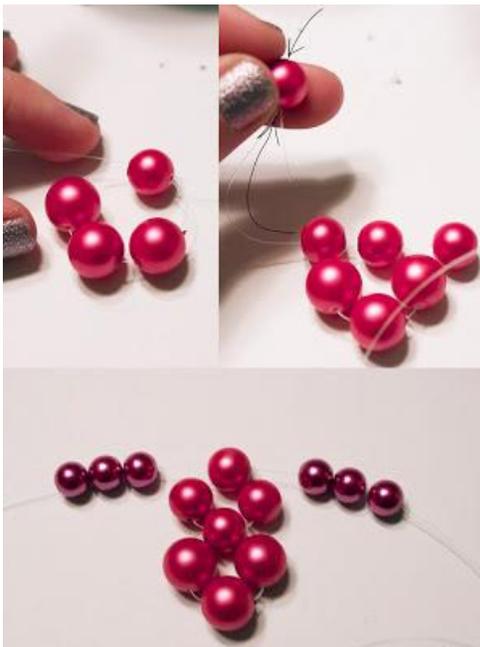


Instructions:

- 1.) Gather materials. I emptied out all the pearls into a glass for easy stringing.



2.) Cut about 5' of your fishing line. Add on four pearls (the large 10mm ones). Thread the string in your right hand back through the fourth bead, in the opposite direction, to create a cluster. Now, add one bead on your right string and add two beads on your left string. Thread the string on your right side back through the second bead on your left string. You will now have two clusters on top of each other. String three pearls (the 8mm ones) on each right and left string.



3.) Take each of your strings, loop them back through the outside head of the second cluster, and then through the top bead in this cluster (if you need help you can follow the arrows which show the pattern of the string). Add on three more beads on each right and left string. Now, string back through the top bead in the last cluster you made.



4.) Add on one green pearl (the 6mm one) and thread through the outermost beads in each cluster.



5.) Thread on three beads on each of your right and left string. Thread the string back through the bead right above the green pearl. Now, string through the topmost bead in the cluster.



6.) Add on three beads and thread back through the outermost bead in the last cluster. Then, thread back through the first bead you added in this step.



7.) Now, add three green pearls. Thread back through the outermost bead in the last cluster and through the first green bead you added in this step.



8.) Thread on three green beads, thread through the topmost bead from the last cluster, and back through the first green bead you added in this step.



9.) Thread on green pearls until the necklace is as long as you want!



10.) To make the last green cluster, simply cut about a foot of fishing line. Find the bead about two clusters away from your topmost light pink one (view picture), and tie a knot at one end of the line. Thread through this bead. Add on two green beads, and pass through the bead below that green bead added in step 4 (view picture). Weave through as the picture shows (3 beads) until you are at the top; add a green bead.



11.) Weave through the green bead added in step 4. Weave through the bead left of this green bead (picture), tie off with a small knot, and then cut flush. It helps to add a dab of superglue to adhere. Repeat with the other side of this necklace; the steps will be the same, but directions reversed. If you get confused you can flip the necklace over so the directions will be the same; however, the green bead is woven to sit "on top" of the others. If you flip the necklace over, make sure to weave the bead so it sits just like the side you have done before. To finish, add a crimp then a looped headpin, and crimp shut. Take that headpin and weave through the bead cap; loop and finish off with a clasp. Repeat with the other side.



This pattern is great in all colors, or one color if you want it to be super simple. Try it with crystals for a super shiny look!

Sand and Surf Necklace

By: [Vicki O'Dell from The Creative Goddess](#)

Create an earthy, yet elegant piece of jewelry with the Sand and Surf Necklace! This beautiful beaded necklace has a soothing, nature-inspired color palette of warm browns and cool blues. The Sand and Surf Necklace makes a unique statement necklace for nature-lovers everywhere.



Materials:

- Beadalon Beading Wire 19 Strand .018in x 30ft in Satin Silver
- 4mm x 36in Turquoise Shell Beads
- Brown 12 inch Shell Discs
- End Cones – Plain Silver Plated ½ inch
- 18mm lobster clasp
- 12x15x2mm jump ring in antique silver
- Bead stoppers
- Set of 3 precision pliers
- Micro crimp tool
- Silver crimp beads
- Double jump rings (2 each)
- Head pins
- Silver spacer beads

Instructions:

- 1.) Cut 5 lengths of Beadalon wire to 32 inches.
- 2.) Bead as shown. Each strand has 28 brown disc beads separated by a turquoise bead, and the end of each strand has 20 turquoise beads. Make sure to use bead stops to keep your beads from falling off.



- 3.) Add two small silver beads and a crimp bead to the end of each strand. Thread the wire through a double jump ring and back through the crimp bead and two silver beads.
- 4.) Crimp the ends.

Note: Work all the strands on one end of the necklace – either right or left – at once before moving on to the second side.



5.) Attach the eye pin to the double jump ring and put the silver end cone over it, followed by another silver bead.



6.) Attach the antique jump ring to one side of the necklace by using the end of the head pin to make a wrapped loop.

7.) Attach the lobster clasp to the second side of the necklace by using the end of the head pin to make a wrapped loop.



8.) You can either wear the necklace with the strands all lying nice and flat, or give the necklace a bit of a twist before putting it around your neck (as shown in the next photo).



[Bright Beaded Color Block Necklace](#)

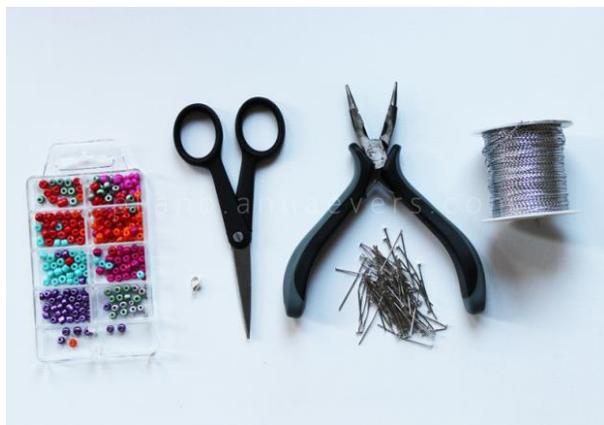
By: [Anna Evers from Plan B](#)

Display the color blocking trend at its best! The Bright Beaded Color Block Necklace is a beautiful way to wear this fun fashion style and an easy way to add color to your wardrobe. The contrasting combination of hues and the mix of metallic, transparent, and opaque beads give this piece tons of pop.



Materials:

- Small or medium-sized beads in your favorite colors
- Scissors
- Jewelry pins (wires with a head)
- Closure
- Pliers
- Silver thread or thin string (I found silver string that looks like a chain)



Instructions:

- 1.) Thread 6 beads onto the wire. Take the pliers and crimp the extra wire into a loop.



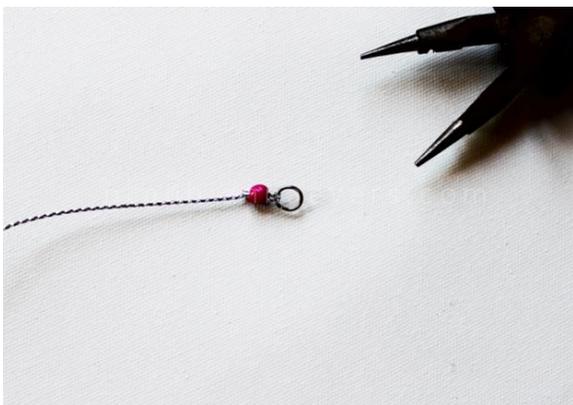
- 2.) Make the color scheme you want with the amount of beads you like.



3.) Thread the pins on a string or chain with a bead in between each one.



4.) Decide the length of your necklace and fix the closures on the ends.



5.) Voila!



Chunky Statement Necklace

By: [Rebecca from My Girlish Whims](#)

Need a show-stopping piece of jewelry that doesn't break the bank? The Chunky Statement Necklace is the perfect piece of jewelry that will turn heads and get people talking. This beautiful beaded necklace is easy to dress up or down, so it's perfect for a variety of occasions.



Materials:

- 15pc Acrylic Facet Oval – Jewelry Basics Acrylic from Pima Bead
- 18in Double Oval Chain in Gold – Jewelry Basics Chain from Pima Bead
- Spacer beads
- Beading wire
- Crimp beads
- Jump rings
- A clasp
- Needle nose pliers
- Wire cutters



Instructions:

1.) Cut a piece of beading wire with wire cutters to string the beaded part of the necklace on.



2.) Next, attach a jump ring to the end of the chain (if you use a chain that only has one link on the end, you can skip this step. However, my chain has two links on it, so I used a jump ring so I could crimp my wire onto a stable surface!).



3.) Next, use a crimp bead to attach the beading wire to the jump ring.



4.) String on the beads! I alternated small and big beads and put a metal spacer in between.



7.) Use jump rings to attach a toggle clasp. Make sure your metals match better than mine do. But hey, the clasp is in the back, so no one will ever see it! 😊



5.) Add a jump ring onto the other side and crimp the other side of the beading wire to it. Use your wire cutters to trim excess wire.



8.) Complete! Look at these pretty beads!



6.) Now all that is left to add is the clasp. Find the center of the other side of the necklace and cut a link using wire cutters.



Lady in Red Necklace

By: [Rebecca from My Girlish Whims](#)

Dazzle and delight in the Lady in Red Necklace. This elegant, mysterious necklace is perfect for a glitzy cocktail party or a night on the town. Turn heads and make jaws drop in this beautiful, deep red statement necklace.



Materials:

- Oval beads
- Chain
- Head pins
- Eye pins
- Clasp
- Jump rings
- Needle nose pliers
- Round nose pliers
- Wire cutters

Instructions:

1.) The first step is to make a simple loop with a head pin for the bottom of each of the strands that you will connect to the necklace. I had seven individual strands.



2.) The next step is to connect the loop of the bottom bead onto an eye pin using needle nose pliers. Squeeze the loop shut and then make another simple loop on the other side of the bead.



3.) Repeat for each of your strands like so.



6.) It should look like this when all hooked together:



4.) Attach the top loop of each strand onto a piece of chain equidistance apart.



7.) This is what the completed bib should look like. Enjoy!



5.) Next, use a jump ring to attach a clasp to your chain.



DIY Beaded Fringe Necklace

By: [Stefanie from A Common Thread](#)

Looking for a trendy beaded necklace with a bit of metallic flare? This chic, tribal-inspired gem is a great way to add a bit of understated elegance to your outfit. The DIY Beaded Fringe Necklace is a fashion-forward accessory you'll love saying you made.



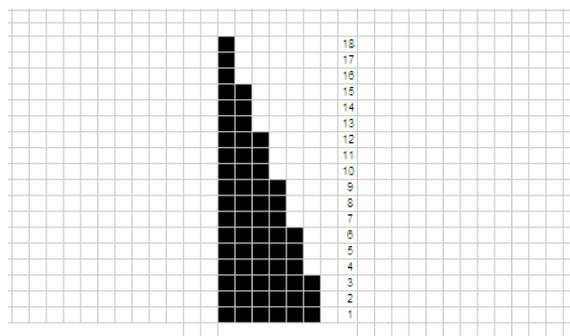
Materials:

- Round nose pliers
- Wire cutters
- Chain – cut to 28" long (or your preferred length)
- Beads – probably 2 colors. Or a lot. Go Crazy!
- Head pins
- Eye pins



Instructions:

1.) Sketch out your design based on how many beads you can fit onto each head pin. Here's one I did with a simple geometric color block triangle design. 18 beads fit on each headpin with a total of 7 pins.



2.) Next, start adding beads to your head pins.



3.) After your beads are on, take your round nose pliers and bend the top of the headpin to a 90 degree angle (beads aren't in the photo here, but they would be in your project).



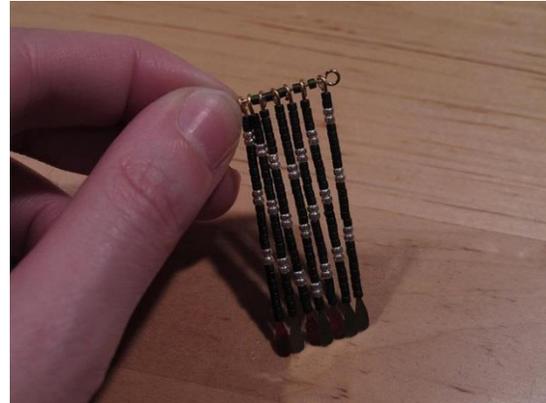
4.) Next, take your round nose pliers, grab the tip of the end of the head pin and rotate in the opposite direction of the bend to form a loop.



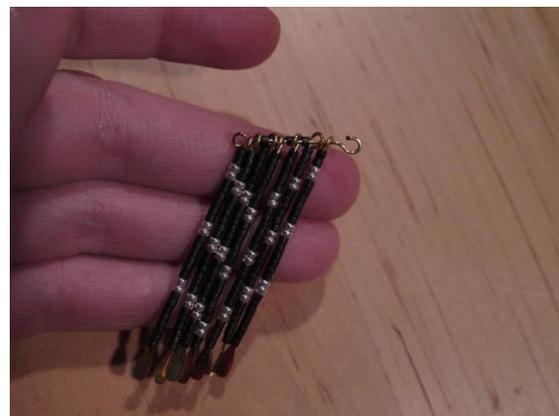
5.) Then close the loop all the way so it fits snugly against the base. You don't want it slipping off your necklace!



6.) Once you finish adding all of your beads, you'll have a bunch of beaded sticks. Now, take an eye pin (the one with a loop on one end already) and start threading them through (horizontally) each of your beaded sticks (vertical ones). Make sure to put a bead on the eye pin in between each beaded stick that you have so that they are spaced appropriately apart.



7.) Now, make a loop at the end of your eye pin - just like you did for the head pins - so that you have a loop at each end of the horizontal pin. Now, thread your chain onto each of those loops at either end of the horizontal pin. Close the loops tightly so that the chain doesn't come off.



8.) That's it! Layer it on with other necklaces or wear it all by itself.



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