

Angel's Wings Bridal Choker

Project N1007

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An elegant swath of Swarovski Pearls and Crystals wrap around your neck and close with a gorgeous Angel's Wings focal clasp. The perfect accent for your wedding day ensemble!

What You'll Need

Rhodium Plated 1-Strand Box Clasp - 'Angel's Wings' - 30x26mm (1)

SKU: FCL-4916

Project uses 1 piece



Swarovski Crystal, 5328 Bicone Beads 2.5mm, 20 Pieces, Crystal

SKU: SWBB-1000

Project uses 199 pieces



Swarovski Crystal, 5810 Round Faux Pearl Beads 4mm, 50 Pieces, White

SKU: SWP-4001

Project uses 308 pieces



Crystal Fireline Braided Beading Thread .006 In. 15 Yards

SKU: XCR-1280

Project uses 6 feet



Recommended Tools:

[XTL-3006] BeadSmith English Beading Needles Size 12 (4 Needles), [XTL-5700] Fiskars 5 Precision Tip Scissors - Super Sharp, [XTL-0106] BeadSmith Cordless Thread Zap II Thread Burner Tool



Instructions

The finished length of this choker, including the clasp is about 13 1/2". Be sure to measure your neck and decide how long you want your finished piece to be before you begin. The clasp adds about 1 1/4" to the length. If you are going to add more than about an inch to the finished length, you may need to purchase additional beads. This is an intermediate skill level bead weaving project. If you are new to bead weaving, you may want to begin with a more simple project to familiarize yourself with bead weaving techniques.

1. Watch the video: How to do an Ornate Right Angle Weave in Bead Weaving. This video will demonstrate the stitch that is used to weave this project.
2. Thread a size 12 beading needle with .006" crystal Fireline beading thread. Use as long of a piece at a time as you are comfortable working with. I like to use about 6 feet at a time, but find the length you are comfortable with. Watch the video: How to Tie Off and Add New Thread in Bead Weaving. You'll need to do this several times in this project.
3. Using the ornate right angle weave stitch demonstrated in the first video, weave together 4mm white Swarovski Pearls and 2.5mm crystal Swarovski bicone beads in rows of three groups of beads. Begin with a row of two groups of pearls with crystals and a plain group of pearls in the middle. This width is the same as the example in the video.
4. Continue to weave your pearls and crystals together until your work is about 11 3/4" long, making sure to end with a row that has two groups of pearls with crystals.
5. Tie off your threads and weave in all of the loose ends.
6. With a new length of thread in your needle, go through a few beads along one corner of the weaving, coming out one of the end pearls in a pearl and crystal group, with the thread toward the middle.
7. With your needle, pick up one crystal bead, one pearl bead, and another crystal bead. Pull your needle through the loop on one half of a rhodium plated Angel's Wings box clasp and then back through the last crystal bead, going back the way you came through it. Pick up one pearl bead and then one crystal bead, and then bring your needle through the pearl bead on the end of the other pearl and crystal group.
8. Thread your needle back through the work in a loop, to go back around and through your last beads and the clasp again to reinforce it. Then continue around to bring your needle out next to where your thread tail comes out. Tie a secure square knot and weave in your ends.
9. Repeat this process to attach the other half of the clasp to the other end of your necklace.