

Vintage Lace Bridal Choker

Project N1018

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Delicate seed beads and Swarovski Elements crystal beads are woven together in this feminine bridal choker. The perfect addition to your big day!

What You'll Need

Miyuki Delica Seed Beads 11/0 'Galvanized Silver' Metallic DB035 7.2 GR

SKU: DB-035

Project uses 1 tube



Miyuki Delica Seed Beads 11/0 Transparent Crystal DB141 7.2 Grams

SKU: DB-141

Project uses 1 tube



Miyuki Delica Seed Beads 11/0 Matte Transparent Pink Mist AB DB868 7.2 GR

SKU: DB-868

Project uses 1 tube



Swarovski Crystal, 5328 Bicone Beads 4mm, 24 Pieces, Crystal

SKU: SWBI-1400

Project uses 55 pieces



Rhodium Plated Box Clasp - Bow Design With 3 SWAROVSKI ELEMENTS 17x8mm (1)

SKU: FCL-4821

Project uses 1 piece



Silver Plated Open Jump Rings 3mm (x100)

SKU: FJR-5130

Project uses 2 pieces



Wildfire Thermal Bonded Beading Thread .006 Inch - White- 50 Yd

SKU: XCR-8933

Project uses 1 package



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, [XTL-5511] BeadSmith Jeweller's Micro Pliers Chain Nose Flat Nose



Instructions

Measure the point on your neck where you want your necklace to sit. You will want your finished necklace to be just a bit larger than this to be comfortable. I made mine 13" long, plus the 3/4" that the clasp added.

1. Thread a size 12 beading needle with as long of a length of white Wildfire beading thread as you are comfortable working with at a time. I like to use about 6 feet. You will need to tie off and add more thread multiple times in this project. Watch this video to learn how.
2. Using size 11/0 transparent crystal Miyuki Delica seed beads, use right angle weave to create the top band of your necklace. Do your weaving with two groups of four beads across the width and continue until the piece measures about 13", or however long you need it to be. Do not tie off and weave in the thread at the very beginning of your work until later.
3. Bring your thread through the weaving to come out of one of the beads at the end of the woven piece, pointing down toward the long edge. Then go through the first bead on the long edge.
4. Now you will work in horizontal netting stitch for most of the rest of the necklace. String two 11/0 Delicas in matte transparent pink mist AB and one in galvanized silver, then two more in pink mist.
5. Skip the next transparent crystal bead and go through the second. In this manner, continue to weave 5 bead horizontal netting stitch, using the silver beads as your link beads. Don't make your tension too tight or else your netting stitch will not open up, giving it that pretty lattice look.
6. When you get to the end of your right angle weave stitching, if the number of beads does not work out to fit with your netting stitch, you may need to pull out one row of the right angle weave, which is why you did not tie off the thread at the beginning yet.
7. At the end of each row, instead of doing a turning chain, go back through the last two pink beads and the last silver link bead, then begin your next row. This will result in a pretty, rounded edge instead of a hard corner.
8. Complete six rows of netting stitch.
9. Tie off and weave in your threads.
10. Thread your needle with a new length of thread. Bring it through the beads on the edge of your work and through the link bead at the corner of the opening between the 5th and 6th rows.
11. Thread a 4mm Swarovski Elements crystal bicone bead onto your needle and then go through the next link bead between the 5th and 6th rows. Continue in this way, adding a bicone bead to each opening in the last row until you come out through the last link bead between the 5th and 6th rows.
12. Be sure to pull the thread with the bicone beads tight enough to bring your netting stitch into a nice lattice shape, but not so tight that your necklace loses its shape.
13. Tie off and weave in your threads.
14. Thread your needle with a new length of thread and weave it through the right angle weave at one end of your necklace. Bring it through one of the two beads at the edge, then through a 3mm silver plated jump ring, then through the other end bead. Loop around through the beadwork to go through a second time, then tie off and weave in your threads. Repeat on the other end of the weaving.
15. Use the jump rings to attach the two sides of a rhodium plated bow design box clasp to the two ends of your necklace.