Crazy Lace Necklace

Project N185
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This incredible showpiece is featured in our latest ezlo, Skill level: Advanced.

What You'll Need

- 1 (1 package) - Pink Crazy Lace Agate (D) Large Marquise Pendant Bead (GPAG-83)
- 2 (1 package) - Turquoise Blue Crazy Lace Agate (D) Puff Rectangle Beads 13x18mm (GPAG-100)
- 2 (1 package) - Pink Crazy Lace Agate (D) Flat Oval Beads 15x20mm (GPAG-8)
- 98 (1 package) - Jet Black Glass Simulated Onyx 4mm Round Beads (SPDX-04)
- 14 (1 package) - Czech Fire Polish Glass Beads 4mm Round Jet Hybrid (BCP-3688)
- 65 (2 packages) - Czech Fire Polish Glass Beads 4mm Round Jet Black (BCP-3490)
- 1 (1 package) - Jet Black Glass Simulated Onyx 4 x 6mm Beads (SPDX-06)
- 1 (1 package) - Black Onyx Gemstone Faceted Chunky Rondelle Beads 12-21mm (SPDX-30)
- 4 (1 package) - Turquoise Blue Crazy Jade 6mm Round Beads (SPJD-116)
- 4 (1 package) - Bright Fuchsia Candy Jade 6mm Round Beads (SPJD-36)
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- 19 (1 package) - Bright Fuchsia Candy Jade 4mm Round Beads (SPJD-36)
- 2 (1 package) - Tohu Round Seed Beads 11/0 #1870DF Transparent Rainbow Frosted Teal 8 Gram Tube (SBR-1870)
- 4' (1 package) - Czech Seed Beads 11/0 Mix Lot Dive's Food Red Ruby Gum (BCS-1480)
- 1 (1 package) - Czech Seed Beads 11/0 Jet Black Opaque (BCS-1240)
- 1 (1 package) - Jet Black Glass Bugle Beads 90 Jet Black Opaque (BCE-6240)
- 1 (1 package) - Czech Charlotte Seed Beads 13/0 Opaque Jet Black (BCS-2240)
- 1 (1 package) - Wildfire Thermal Bonded Beading Thread .006 Inch Black 50 Yd (WCR-8839)
- 1 (1 package) - Beacon Craft Stiff Beading Foundation for Cabochons 11 X 8.5 Inch (WCR-4211)
- 1 (1 package) - Ultra Suede For Beading Foundation And Cabochon Work Black 8.5 Inches (WCR-4205)
- 1 (1 package) - 0/6000 Industrial Strength Glue Adhesive (0.18 fl oz) (RTL-1356)
- 1 (1 package) - Crafter's Pick The Ultimate Permanent Glue Cement Adhesive 0 OZ (RTL-1027)
- 1 (1 package) - Beading Needles For Soft Touch .010 16 Needles Size 10 (RTL-3010)

Instructions:

1. To begin, lay out your five crazy lace agate stones on the Lacy's Stiff Stuff Beading Foundation. Place the two flat oval beads in the center, the two rectangle beads close around each stone, being careful not to get any beads on the stones themselves. Move the stones temporarily, and use the marker to thicken each bead line to about half an inch wide. Remove the beads, and cut the foundation on the line. Place the large oval the white shows through the beadwork. It is recommended, but not required.

2. Spread a small amount of E6000 on the back of each crazy lace agate bead and glue them in place onto the appropriate spots on the foundation. Allow to dry overnight. Note: Do not use E6000 only takes about ten minutes to set, but allow roughly twenty four hours for it to fully cure.)
3. Using a sharp pair of scissors, cut out each of the glued on stones, making sure you leave a small and a bit wider border around each bead. Begin with the largest pendant stone first.
4. Single-thread a needle with two yards of black Wildfire thread.
5. Bring the needle up through the beading foundation directly next to the pendant, leaving an unknotted tail about one inches long to be used later to tie off the thread when finishing.
6. Add four 6/0 jet black opaque Czech seed beads (BCS-6240) and bring your needle back down through the beading material next to the pendant, leaving enough room for the four beads to sit comfortably.
7. Bring the needle up through the backing behind where your stitching started, leaving enough room to add to beads. Add the two beads and then thread your needle through the first four beads.
8. Add four more beads, stitch down and back six beads. Thread through those six beads and bring the needle back down through the beading foundation. Pull the needle and thread all the way around the pendant.
9. Once you come back to the beginning, make several passes with the thread through all of the beads, and pull tight to form a tight circle.
10. Bring the needle back down through the backing fabric very close to where you started, and tie a square knot using the remaining thread on the needle and the beginning tail. Trim excess thread.

11. To create the first bezel row, single-thread another two yards of Wildfire and pierce the beadwork from the backside through the backing fabric and bring your needle up through the first bead.
12. Once again use the 4-6 backbead to add a row of 11/0 dark's food red ruby Gum Czech seed beads (BCS-1480) between the base row and the pendant. Finish this row the same way you finished the first.
13. Single-thread another two yards of Wildfire and once again bring the needle up through the backing, this time directly between two beads in the bezel row.
14. Thread the needle through one of those two beads, starting from the inside going out. Only your needed thread three 11/0 jet black opaque Czech seed beads (BCS-1240).
15. Thread the needle through the other red mix bead in the aforementioned two beads, this time going from the outside. in.
16. Pierce your needle through the backing material directly next to the beads, and bring your needle back down through the last stitch between two beads again. Add three black 11/0 seed beads and repeat this entire stitch all the way around the pendant.
17. Once you have completed the backing, bring your needle back up through the first group of three 11/0 black seed beads, coming out through the middle (top) bead.
18. Add a 4mm 6mm simulated onyx bead (SPDX-05) to your thread and stitch through the middle bead in the next grouping of three beads. Repeat this step in this manner, adding an SPDX-05 between each three-bead grouping, making several passes with the thread through the row.
19. When you have completed this, stitch down into the backing near where you began and tie a square knot using your remaining thread and the tail from the beginning. Trim excess thread.
20. Once again, single-thread your needle with two yards of Wildfire. Pierce your needle upward through the backing material directly on the outside of the original bezel row of black 6/0 seed beads, leaving a small row inches long. Add a single 4mm turquoise blue candy jade round bead, stitch down into the backing and up through the bead again. Add another 4mm turquoise candy jade bead, stitch down into the backing and up through the bead again. Add a third 4mm turquoise candy jade bead, stitch down into the backing and up through the bead again. Add a fourth 4mm turquoise candy jade bead, stitch down into the backing material, and tie a square knot using the remaining thread and the beginning tail. Trim off excess thread.
21. Carefully trim off the excess backing material, being sure not to cut too close to the outside row, as you might accidentally cut a thread. Set the pendant aside.
22. To create the four beaded embellished crazy lace agate pieces (two pink and two turquoise), individually stitch a base row of 4mm round simulated onyx beads around each of the crazy lace agate beads. Add a bezel row to each, just as you did with the pendant, using the pink 11/0 seed beads (BCS-1480) on the pink crazy lace agate beads, and the blue-green 11/0 seed bead mix (LDR-0191) on the pink crazy lace agate beads. When you have completed all four pieces, carefully trim off excess backing material, making sure not to cut too close to the outside row, as you might accidentally cut a thread.
23. Evenly spread a thin layer of Crafter's Pick glue to the back of each of the five bead-embellished crazy lace agate pieces, and press them into place on the pendant, being careful not to get any glue on the beads. Place a small weight on each piece, and allow to dry. Add a few drops of Crafter's Pick glue to the edges of the pieces, and trim with scissors or glue tickler, and allow to dry, and then trim the other edges so that it is exactly the same size as the Lacy's Stiff Stuff backing material.
24. Once the glue is dry and the pieces have been trimmed, you must now stitch the basic beaded edge around each of the stones. For this stitch, you will be using 6/0 jet black seed beads (BCS-6240). Begin with the pendant piece. Single-thread your needle with two yards of black Wildfire. Bring your needle down through the backing material and the ultra-suede, about one millimeter away from the edge, between two beads.
25. Bring the needle back up through the same bead and pull outward from the side of the piece to tighten the thread. Leave a tail of about three inches.
26. Add another bead and repeat the process. Continue in this manner until you make it all the way around the outside perimeter of the pendant. When you come back to the beginning, tie together the two ends using the initial tail and the remainder of the thread. Weave the excess thread into the beads and trim off excess thread. Use this same method to create a basic beaded edge around each of the bead-embellished crazy lace agates.
27. After you have completed the basic beaded edge around all five of the stones, you can now start joining them with the dragonfly beaded strands. To do this, lay out the pieces and the three dragonfly strands in the order you want them to appear. Make sure the two pink stones on either side of them. The following directions will be to complete the left side of the necklace; simply complete the other side as a mirror image of the left.
28. First, single-thread your needle with two yards of Wildfire. Locate the center bead at the top of the basic beaded edge on the pendant. Count four beads to the left of the center bead, not counting the central bead itself.
29. From the back, insert your needle into the fourth-from-center bead, and pull it outward, leaving a one-inch tail.
30. Add the following:
    - ten 11/0 jet black seed beads (BCS-1240)
    - a 4mm round jet black fire polish bead (BCP-3490)
    - a 130 jet black charlotte seed beads (BCS-2240)
    - a 4mm round fuchsia candy jade bead (SPJD-36)
    - a 130 jet black charlotte seed beads (BCS-2240)
    - a 4mm round jet black fire polish bead (BCP-3490)
    - ten 11/0 jet black seed beads (BCS-1240)
31. Stand four: Beginning with an 11/0 jet black seed bead (BCS-1240), and ending with a 130 jet black charlotte seed bead (BCS-2240), string one quarter of an inch these two beads, alternating between them. Then add:
    - a 4mm round jet black fire polish bead (BCP-3490)
    - a 4mm round jet black fire polish bead (BCP-3490)
    - a 130 jet black charlotte seed beads (BCS-2240)
    - a 4mm round jet black fire polish bead (BCP-3490)
    - and an 11/0 jet black seed bead (BCS-1240)
32. Stand five: string half an inch of alternating 11/0 jet black seed beads (BCS-1240) and 130 jet black charlotte seed beads (BCS-2240). Then string:
    - a 4mm round jet black fire polish bead (BCP-3490)
    - a 130 jet black charlotte seed beads (BCS-2240)
    - a 4mm round fuchsia candy jade bead (SPJD-36)
    - a 130 jet black charlotte seed beads (BCS-2240)
    - a 4mm round jet black fire polish bead (BCP-3490)
    - and an 11/0 jet black seed beads (BCS-1240)
33. Stand six: string an inch of alternating 11/0 jet black seed beads (BCS-1240) and 130 jet black charlotte seed beads (BCS-2240), then string:
    - a 4mm jet black glass bugle bead (BCE-6240)
    - a 4mm round jet black fire polish bead (BCP-3490)
    - a 130 jet black charlotte seed beads (BCS-2240)
    - a 4mm round jet black fire polish bead (BCP-3490)
    - and an 11/0 jet black seed bead (BCS-1240)
34. Stand seven: string an inch and an eighth of alternating 11/0 jet black seed beads (BCS-1240) and 130 jet black charlotte seed beads (BCS-2240), then string:
    - a 4mm round jet black fire polish bead (BCP-3490)
    - a 4mm round jet black fire polish bead (BCP-3490)
    - a 4mm round fuchsia candy jade bead (SPJD-36)
    - a 130 jet black charlotte seed beads (BCS-2240)
    - a 4mm round jet black fire polish bead (BCP-3490)
    - and an 11/0 jet black seed bead (BCS-1240)
35. Stand eight: string an inch and a quarter of alternating 11/0 jet black seed beads (BCS-1240) and 130 jet black charlotte seed beads (BCS-2240), then string:
    - a 4mm round jet black fire polish bead (BCP-3490)
    - a 4mm round jet black fire polish bead (BCP-3490)
    - a 130 jet black charlotte seed beads (BCS-2240)
    - a 4mm round jet black fire polish bead (BCP-3490)
    - and a quarter inch of alternating 11/0 jet black seed beads (BCS-1240) and 130 jet black charlotte seed beads (BCS-2240).
36. Once you have created all eight strands, weave your thread back up through the edge beads until you get to the tail. Tie a square knot using the tail and the remainder of your thread. Trim off excess thread.
37. Single-thread your needle again with two yards of Wildfire. Locate the bead in the basic beaded edge around the oval that is directly across from the central strand of the dragonfly between the oval and rectangle beads. Pierce your needle up through the backing material and up through the bead directly next to the central beaded bead. Leave a tail about nine inches long.
38. Strong about five eighths of an inch of alternating 11/0 jet black seed beads (BCS-1240) and 130 jet black charlotte seed beads (BCS-2240), and then the following, for the top dragonfly strand part of the necklace:
    - a 4mm round jet black fire polish bead (BCP-3490)
    - a 4mm round jet black fire polish bead (BCP-3490)
    - a 4mm round jet black fire polish bead (BCP-3490)
    - a 4mm round turquoise candy jade bead (SPJD-116)
    - a 4mm round jet black fire polish bead (BCP-3490)
    - a 4mm round jet black fire polish bead (BCP-3490)
    - an 8/0 jet black opaque Czech seed bead (BCS-8240)
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    - a 4mm round turquoise candy jade bead (SPJD-116)
    - a 4mm round jet black fire polish bead (BCP-3490)
    - a 4mm round jet black fire polish bead (BCP-3490)
    - and an 11/0 jet black seed bead (BCS-1240)
39. Thread your needle through a closed jump ring, and wrap the thread upward around one half of the jump ring, making sure no metal shows through. You will add the clasp to this jump ring later. Bring your needle back down through the bead, and pierce your needle through the 8/0 bead directly to the other side of the central bead in the oval, one bead away from the point of origin of the back strand of the necklace. Pierce through the backing and tie a square knot using the tail, and the remaining thread. Trim off excess thread.
40. To make the back dragon strand each side of the four smaller crazy lace agate beads, and at the top of the large pendant, thread your needle and pierce through the backing and out through one of the 8/0 beads in the basic edge stitch, add three 11/0 black seed beads, and sew back into the basic edge bead next to it. Back through the backing, and out the same bead. Repeat.
41. To make the bezels hanging from the bottom of each of the four smaller crazy lace agate beads, thread your needle and pierce it up through the backing and out through one of the edge beads close to center. Add about three quarters of an inch of alternating 11/0 jet black seed beads (BCS-1240) and 130 jet black charlotte seed beads (BCS-2240), and then add the following: a 4mm round jet black fire polish bead (BCP-3490), a 4mm round turquoise candy jade bead (SPJD-114), a 130 jet black charlotte seed bead (BCS-2240), a 4mm round turquoise candy jade bead (SPJD-114), a 130 jet black charlotte seed bead (BCS-2240), and a 4mm round jet black fire polish bead (BCP-3490). Then add three more 11/0 jet black seed beads (BCS-1240), and pierce back into the edge bead directly next to the original bezel bead. Leave a tail about nine inches long.
42. To make the clasp: For the "button" half of the clasp, choose the bead that is closest out of your black onyx faceted rondelles (SPDX-30). Thread your needle through an 8/0 black seed bead, through the black onyx faceted rondelle, and through a 11/0 black seed bead. Pierce back through the rondelle and through the 8/0 bead, and pull tight. Add a 4mm round jet black fire polish bead (BCP-3490) to the part of the clasp, thread an 8/0 black seed bead, and approximately thirty six 11/0 black seed beads. A minimum of twenty-four 11/0 beads are required for the button part of the clasp. Thread your needle back through four of the 11/0 black seed beads, and the 8/0 seed bead and finish securing the other half of your jump ring.
43. To make the beads hanging from the bottom of each of the four smaller crazy lace agate beads, thread your needle and pierce it up through the backing and out through one of the edge beads close to center. Add about three quarters of an inch of alternating 11/0 jet black seed beads (BCS-1240) and 130 jet black charlotte seed beads (BCS-2240), and then add the following: a 4mm round jet black fire polish bead (BCP-3490), a 4mm round turquoise candy jade bead (SPJD-114), a 130 jet black charlotte seed bead (BCS-2240), and a 4mm round turquoise candy jade bead (SPJD-114), and then add three more 11/0 jet black seed beads (BCS-1240), and pierce back into the edge bead directly next to the original bezel bead. Leave a tail about nine inches long.
44. To make the loops hing at the bottom of the pendant, follow the instructions to make the tiny bezelon, except gradually increase the number of beads used per loop until you get to the middle of the bottom of the pendant, at which point you would decrease once again.

Please note that the Crazy Lace Agate beads are of a limited supply. Once they are out of stock, we may not be able to get these exact bright, rich colors again.