

Gold Rush Necklace

Project N158

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Gleaming gold nuggets are weightlessly suspended between lengths of black silk thread in this understated piece.



What You'll Need

Griffin Silk Beading Cord & Needle Size 16 Black



SKU: XCR-9102
Project uses 1 piece

Bali Style 22K Gold Vermeil Nuggets 3mm (25 Beads)



SKU: BMB-3063
Project uses 45 pieces

22K Gold Plated Vermeil Fancy Crimp Bead 2mm Cord Ends (2)



SKU: FCR-03127
Project uses 2 pieces

14/20 Goldfilled 9mm Toggle Clasp Gold-Filled (1 Clasp)



SKU: FCL-3010
Project uses 1 piece

14K Gold Filled Open Jump Rings 4mm 21 Gauge (10)



SKU: FJR-03045
Project uses 2 pieces

E6000 Industrial Strength Glue Adhesive (0.18 fl oz)



SKU: XTL-1054
Project uses 1 piece



Specialized Tools

Xuron Jeweler's Super Fine Pliers Chain Nose Flat Nose



SKU: XTL-5450

Instructions:

1. To begin with, you must unravel the silk cord, slightly dampen it, and hang it somewhere to dry overnight. We suggest hanging something heavy from the bottom so that all of the kinks will come out.
2. Once the silk cord is dry, cut it into three pieces of equal length.
3. To make the gold nugget segments, tie a simple knot in the silk chord, add three gold nugget beads, and make another simple knot as close to the beads as possible.
4. Create these segments at random spots on all three pieces of silk cord. The more random the spacing, the better. It will create a nice geometric draping effect when all three cords are put together.
5. Gather up all three cords and make sure they are all the same length. Trim them if they aren't.
6. Dab a tiny amount of E6000 on one end of all three cords, and insert them into one of the crimp bead cord ends. Crimp the cord end using a pair of super fine chain nose pliers.
7. Repeat this last step on the other end of the necklace. Set aside to dry for twenty-four hours.
8. Using the 4mm gold filled jump rings add the loop part of the toggle clasp to one end of the necklace, and the bar part of the toggle clasp to the other end.