

Folk Art Eyeglass Holder Necklace

Project N649
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Olivine green, mustard yellow, and deep red combine to make a very folk art inspired necklace. Various shaped beads have been arranged to add interest and the focal pendant doubles as a discreet eyeglass holder.



What You'll Need

Czech Pressed Glass - Round Melon Beads 5mm 'Opaque Olive/Marbled Gold' (50)



SKU: BCP-1164
Project uses 43 pieces

Czech Fire Polish Glass Beads 3mm Round Mustard Yellow (50)



SKU: BCP-3366
Project uses 30 pieces

Czech Fire Polish Glass Beads 6mm Round Red Coral (25)



SKU: BCP-3629
Project uses 21 pieces

Czech Glass Fluted Cathedral Beads 9mm Opaque Red/Picasso (12 Beads)



SKU: BCP-39201
Project uses 8 pieces

Czech Glass Beads Three Petal Flower 12mm Opaque Mustard Yellow (12)



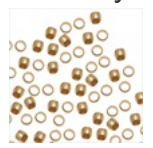
SKU: BCP-92147
Project uses 16 pieces

Antiqued Brass Eyeglass Holder Art Deco Flower 25mm (1)



SKU: FCO-8684
Project uses 1 piece

Economy Brass Crimp Beads 2mm x 1.5mm (x100)



SKU: FCR-1252
Project uses 2 pieces

Toho Round Seed Beads 11/0 762 'Opaque Pastel Frosted Egg Shell' 8 Gram Tube



SKU: JSK-0123
Project uses 1 tube

Beadalon Beading Wire Bronze 7 Strand .015 Inch / 30Ft



SKU: XCR-67563
Project uses 38 inches

Specialized Tools

Bead Stopper- Stop Beads Sliding Off Stringing Material



SKU: XTL-3000

Xuron Sharp Flush Cutter Pliers - Wire/Soft Flex



SKU: XTL-5600

Standard Size Beading Crimping Pliers (For 2x2mm & 2x1mm Crimp Beads)



SKU: XTL-5200

Instructions:

NOTE: Before beginning this necklace, decide how long you want it to be. Since this necklace is meant to hold eyeglasses, you will most likely want it to be on the longer side (since glasses up near your neck might be uncomfortable). The necklace in this project is 30" long and would be good for a person who is around a size 4. I would suggest adding at least one to two inches per dress size.

1. After you have decided how long you want your necklace to be, take that number and add 8 inches. So for the necklace pictured, you would take 30" + 8" and arrive at 38". Cut a 38" length of Beadalon bronze color beading wire.
2. Place a bead stopper on one end of the wire, leaving a 4" tail.
3. First string on a brass crimp bead.
4. String your beads onto your beading wire in a pleasing manner. Have fun! Use the photo as reference, but also let your creativity flow.
5. Here are a couple tips on how I strung mine:
6. I strung half of the necklace and then made the second half a mirror image of the first.
7. I chose to use a Vintaj brass gear flower spacer bead down near the brass eye glass holder flower to accent the metal. Then for the remaining spacers, I placed them at approximately 4 inch intervals throughout the necklace.
8. The Czech glass cathedral beads are so pretty, I wanted them spread throughout the necklace. I placed them about every 3 inches along the necklace.
9. For the Czech glass 3 petal flowers in mustard, I chose to sometimes have them facing forward, sometimes facing backwards. Whenever I had them facing forward with a red bead in the middle (see photo), I would bracket the red bead with a Toho seed bead on each side.
10. When you have strung all the beads that you want for eyeglass holder necklace, make sure you end with a crimp bead.
11. Now take the wire and thread it through one of the loops on the side of your eyeglass holder flower. Bring that wire back around and through the crimp bead and several beads adjacent to it.
12. Crimp the crimp bead and cut off excess wire with flush cutters.
13. Go to other side of your necklace, remove the bead stopper, and repeat the previous two steps. Make sure that you pull your beads snug before crimping the bead.
14. All done! Enjoy!

Variations

There are many lovely eyeglass holders to choose from and other colors of all the beads in this necklace.

When substituting in items, pay attention to sizes and styles to make sure all your pieces will fit together.

