

Betsy Necklace

Project N8038

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This vintage style star-spangled necklace pays tribute to early American seamstress Betsy Ross. An ornate beaded bead is featured on Zola Elements brass beaded chain using an antiqued red, white, and blue color palette.

What You'll Need

Miyuki Round Seed Beads, 11/0 Size, 8.5 Gram Tube, 592 Ivory Ceylon

SKU: DMRR-0592

Project uses 1 tube



Czech Fire Polished Glass Beads 4mm Round - Metallic Bronze (50)

SKU: BCP-10336

Project uses 1 strand



Zola Elements Bulk Chain, Beaded Link & Connector 4x2mm, By the Foot, Unfinished Brass/Burgundy

SKU: CHA-1215

Project uses 33 inches



Zola Elements Bulk Chain, Beaded Link & Connector 4x2mm, By the Foot, Unfinished Brass/Cobalt

SKU: CHA-1216

Project uses 33 inches



Open Jump Rings, 4mm Diameter 22 Gauge Thick, 50 Pieces, Antiqued Brass

SKU: FJR-1164

Project uses 2 pieces



Necklace Chain Extender, Curb Links with Lobster Clasp 2 Inches, 10 Pieces, Antiqued Brass

SKU: FCR-9012

Project uses 1 piece



Vintaj Parawire, Solid Brass Craft Wire 26 Gauge Thick, 120 Foot Spool, Brass

SKU: WCR-4255

Project uses 2 inches



FireLine Braided Beading Thread, 4lb Test and 0.005 Thick, 15 Yards, Smoke Gray

SKU: XCR-1285

Project uses 4 feet



Recommended Tools:

[XTL-3006] Beadsmith English Beading Needles Size 12 (4 Needles), [XTL-0373] Tulip Premium Scissors, Gold Handle 5 Inch, 1 Pair, [XTL-5600] Sharp Flush Cutter Pliers - For Cutting Beading Wire, 1 Piece, [XTL-0034] Wubbers Classic Series Round Nose Quality Jeweller's Pliers, [XTL-0020] Baby Wubbers Quality Fine Chain Nose Jeweller's Pliers, [XTL-4003] Beadsmith Bead And Pearl Knotting Fine Point Steel Awl



Instructions

This necklace has a chain extender for an adjustable length of 23.5 to 25.5 inches.

1. Please watch the video: How to Make an Ornate Beaded Bead. Follow along with the video to bead weave your orb using Metallic Bronze 4mm Czech fire polish beads and Ivory Ceylon 11/0 Miyuki round seed beads.
2. To make your chain tassel: Use flush cutters to cut four 2.5 inch lengths of each of the cobalt and burgundy beaded link chains. Note: due to slight irregularities in the chain, you may need to cut extra links in order to achieve the right lengths. Therefore, measure an extra link or two on each section you cut in order to account for loss of length when this happens. Set chains aside.
3. Next, cut 3 inches of 26 gauge wire. On one end of the wire, use pliers to make a wrapped wire loop. Before coiling the loop, slide on the end links of your four 2.5 inch chain lengths. Close the loop.
4. Slide your beaded bead down the remainder of 26 gauge wire so that it rests above the tassel.
5. Now cut four 11 inch lengths of chain.
6. Above the beaded bead, make another wrapped wire loop. Before coiling the loop, slide on the end links of your four 11 inch chain lengths. Close the loop.
7. To attach your extender chain: Open a 4mm jump ring and slide on the end link of your extender chain. Also slide on the opposite end links of two of your 11 inch chains (one burgundy and one cobalt) on one side of your necklace. See photo for reference. Close the jump ring.
8. To attach your clasp: Open another 4mm jump ring and slide on the loop of your lobster clasp. Also slide on the opposite end links of the two 11 inch chains (again, one burgundy and one cobalt) on the other side of your necklace. Close the jump ring.
9. Enjoy your necklace!