

Carpe Diem Necklace

Project N8072

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Four tones of 22 gauge wire are woven into an 8 warp kumihimo braid in this intricate yet minimalist necklace. The wirework braid transitions to flat cable chain using wrapped wire loops and capsule bead caps. A pewter TierraCast koi charm completes the design.

What You'll Need

Artistic Wire, Silver Plated Craft Wire 22 Gauge Thick, 8 Yard Spool, Tarnish Resistant Silver

SKU: WCR-2230

Project uses 6 feet



Artistic Wire, Copper Craft Wire 22 Gauge Thick, 8 Yard Spool, Bare Copper

SKU: WCR-2234

Project uses 6 feet



Wire Elements, Tarnish Resistant Gold Color Copper Wire, 22 Gauge 20 Yards (18.2 Meters)

SKU: WNT-2233

Project uses 6 feet



Wire Elements, Tarnish Resistant Hematite Wire, 22 Gauge 20 Yards (18.2 Meters)

SKU: WNT-2236

Project uses 6 feet



Silver Plated Large Slider Bail Front Ring (10)

SKU: FCO-4058

Project uses 1 piece



Silver Plated Curved Lobster Clasps 10mm (10)

SKU: FCL-2507

Project uses 1 piece



Nunn Design Antiqued Silver Plated Open Jump Rings Etched 6.5mm 17 Gauge (10)

SKU: FJR-2070

Project uses 2 pieces



TierraCast Fine Silver Plated Pewter Koi Japanese Fish Charm 17mm (1)

SKU: PND-5344

Project uses 1 piece



Nunn Design Antiqued Silver Plated Flat Cable Chain, 3.6mm, by The Foot

SKU: CHA-9809

Project uses 9.5 inches



Capsule Bead Caps, with Flaps 7x6mm, 25 Pieces, Silver Plated

SKU: BMB-6151

Project uses 2 pieces



Recommended Tools:

[XTL-6095] Beadsmith Lightweight Kumihimo Round Disc For Japanese Braiding and Cording 35mm Hole, [XTL-6108] No Tangle Flexible Plastic Thread Bobbins For Kumihimo Or Macrame 2 1/2 Inch (8 Pack), [XTL-6063] Gator Weight For Kumihimo Braiding - 1.6 Ounces (1), [XTL-100] Micro Grip Pliers, Side Cutters, 4.5 Inches Long, 1 Piece, [XTL-101] Micro Grip Pliers, Long Chain Nose, 5 Inches Long, 1 Piece, [XTL-104] Micro Grip Pliers, Round Nose, 5 Inches Long, 1 Piece, [XTL-4003] Beadsmith Bead And Pearl Knotting Fine Point Steel Awl, [XTL-9920] Beadaholique Bead Mat, 12.5x9.25 Inches, 1 Piece

Instructions

These instructions will make a 17.5 inch necklace. To modify the size, adjust the amounts of wire used accordingly. If you are new to kumihimo, begin by watching our video: [How to Make a Simple 8-Warp Kumihimo Braid Bracelet](#).

1. Please watch the video: [How to Make a Round Kumihimo Braid Using Wire](#). Based on the technique shown in the video, cut two 3 foot lengths of each of the following colors of 22 gauge wire: silver, gold, copper, hematite. Use pliers to bend the wires together at one end and attach your weight.
2. Arrange the lengths of wire in your kumihimo disc in the following order: two copper wires on either side of the 32 dot at the top, two silver wires on either side of the 16 dot at the bottom, two hematite wires on either side of the 24 dot at the left, and two gold wires on either side of the 8 dot at the right.
3. Create a 7 inch kumihimo wirework braid. Then remove your wires from the disc, twist them together to secure your braid, and clip the excess wire.
4. Slide your bail onto the center of the braid.
5. Using the wire wrapping technique shown in the video, finish off each end of your braid using capsule bead caps and wrapped wire loops.
6. Now use pliers to separate two 5 inch lengths of cable chain. To do this, open a chain link the same way you would open a jump ring. Use an open chain link to attach one 5 inch chain onto the wrapped wire loop on one side of your braid. Close the link. Attach chain to the other side of the braid in this same manner.
7. Open one end link of your chain, and slide on the loop of your clasp. Close the link. Repeat this step to attach a 6.5mm textured jump ring on the other side of your necklace.
8. Finally, open a jump ring and attach your koi charm onto the loop of your slider bail. Close the jump ring.
9. Enjoy your necklace!