

Tejas Necklace

Project N8081

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A simple loom pattern and glossy sheen lend this necklace a charming southwestern flair. The stylish design combines wirework and bead weaving using the Baby Jewel Loom.

What You'll Need

Toho Round Seed Beads 6/0 108BD 'Transparent Lustered Teal' 8 Gram Tube

SKU: JSF-0164

Project uses 32 beads



Toho Round Seed Beads 6/0 #147 - Ceylon Light Ivory (8 Grams)

SKU: JSF-0064

Project uses 18 beads



Toho Round Seed Beads 6/0 960 'Lt Topaz/Pink Lined' 8 Gram Tube

SKU: JSF-0143

Project uses 13 beads



Artistic Wire, Silver Plated Craft Wire 26 Gauge Thick, 15 Yard Spool, Gunmetal/Hematite

SKU: WCR-2641

Project uses 8 feet



Wire Elements, Tarnish Resistant Hematite Wire, 24 Gauge 30 Yards (27.4 Meters)

SKU: WNT-2436

Project uses 18 inches



Griffin Silk Beading Cord & Needle Size 4 White

SKU: XCR-9401

Project uses 1 piece



TierraCast Fine Silver Plated Pewter Scalloped Bead Caps 3.5mm (12)

SKU: BMB-3287

Project uses 20 pieces



Gun Metal Plated Open Jump Rings 4mm 22 Gauge (50)

SKU: FJR-5453

Project uses 8 pieces



Gun Metal Plated Ladder Chain, 3.7mm, by the Foot

SKU: CHA-9747

Project uses 22 inches



Final Sale - Gun Metal Plated Cable Chain, 2.5mm, by the Foot

SKU: CHA-2603

Project uses 16.5 inches



Recommended Tools:

[XTL-6139] Beadalon Baby Jewel Loom By Julianna C. Avelar, Compact and Portable,
[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-0074] Eurotool Nylon Jaw Pliers Chain Nose- For Scratch-Free
Wire Work, [XTL-3166] BeadSmith Big Eye Beading Needles 2.125 Inches Long - Pack Of 4,
[XTL-9920] Beadaholique Beading Mat, 12.5x9.25 Inches, 1 Piece

Instructions

These instructions will make a 27 inch necklace. To modify the size, adjust your length of ladder chain accordingly. For a longer necklace, you may need to purchase more chain.

1. If you are new to loom weaving, please watch our video: How to Use the Baby Jewel Loom.
2. For this design we will be using wire. Our video How to Use the Baby Jewel Loom with Artistic Wire will walk you through this process. You will use approximately 8 feet of 26 gauge hematite wire to set up your loom as shown in the video. For this pattern, you will need 8 warp wires.
3. Please see our Printer Friendly PDF for Full Color Beading Pattern. Follow along with the pattern to create your wirework loom pendant in the manner shown in the video. For this project, you will be using size 4 Griffin Silk and 6/0 seed beads.
4. Finish off the ends of the warp wires using wrapped wire loops as shown in the video. For this project you will string two wires through each of four bead caps on either side of your beadwork (see photo for reference).
5. Use flush cutters to cut one 22 inch length of ladder chain, and the following lengths of cable chain: two 0.75 inch lengths, ten 1 inch lengths, and four 1.25 inch lengths. Also cut six 3 inch lengths of 24 gauge wire. Set aside.
6. Take one 3 inch length of wire and make a wrapped wire loop on one side, latching the loop onto one end of your ladder chain. Onto the wire, string one bead cap, one white seed bead, and one bead cap. Make another wrapped wire loop on the other side of the beads.
7. Using the technique demonstrated in this video, create two more beaded chain links like you did in the previous step, connecting them in the order shown (see photo for reference). Before closing the end loop of your pink bead, slide one of each 0.75 and 1 inch lengths of cable chain. Close the loop.
8. Repeat the previous two steps to add beaded links and cable chains on the opposite side of your ladder chain.
9. Use pliers to open a 4mm jump ring, and attach the 0.75 inch cable chain from the previous step onto the endmost loop on one side of your pendant. Then open another jump ring and attach the 1 inch cable chain onto the adjacent loop of your pendant. Repeat this step on the opposite side of your necklace.
10. To create your cable chain tassels: Open a jump ring and slide on one 1 inch chain, one 1.25 inch chain, and one 1 inch chain. Also slide on a loop on the opposite side of your pendant. Repeat this step three more times on the remaining loops of your pendant. Enjoy your necklace!

This project is designed to fit over the head. If you choose to use a clasp, we recommend a lobster clasp.

