

Ritzy Ribbon Necklace

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Supply List

- Size 11 seed beads – 16 grams
- Size 15 seed beads – 3 grams
- 3mm Swarovski bicones - 180
- Fireline, 6lb
- Size 12 needle

This super simple, super long necklace is something I designed mainly because it was a project I wanted to wear! I hope you'll love it as much as I do.

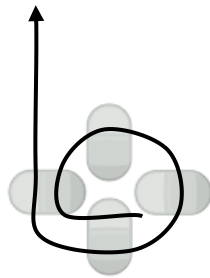


Step 1

Cut a comfortable length of Fireline (thread) for you to use, and thread your needle.

If you haven't worked with Fireline before, I suggest starting with a wingspan (outstretched arm to outstretched arm.) You will have to flatten the tip of the Fireline to get it threaded on your needle.

Leaving a 6" tail, pick up 4 size 11 seed beads, and pass back through all of them again, then continue to move one more bead past your tail to turn them into a single right-angle weave unit.

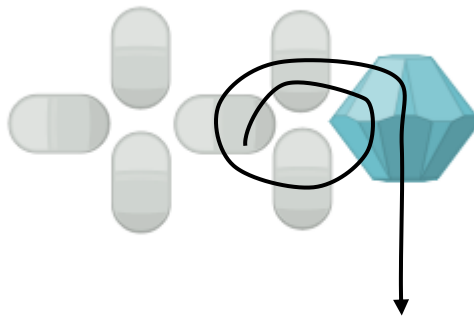


Step 2

Pick up 1 size 11 seed bead, a crystal, and 1 size 11 seed bead. Pass back through the original seed bead you were exiting. Then continue to move forward until you're exiting the crystal.

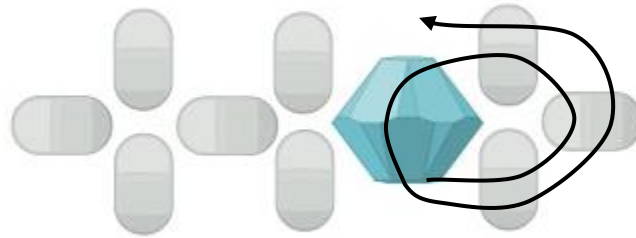
Because I'm coming across the edge of a crystal with my Fireline, I like to reinforce this path and the one on Step 3 too – crystals are nasty little thread-cutters, so a second pass of thread will help secure it. This is up to you whether you do this extra reinforcement or not.

Note: feel free to flip this around as needed. As a right-handed person, I like to bead off to the right, so after Step 1, I flip it over so my working thread is on the right for Step 2.



Step 3

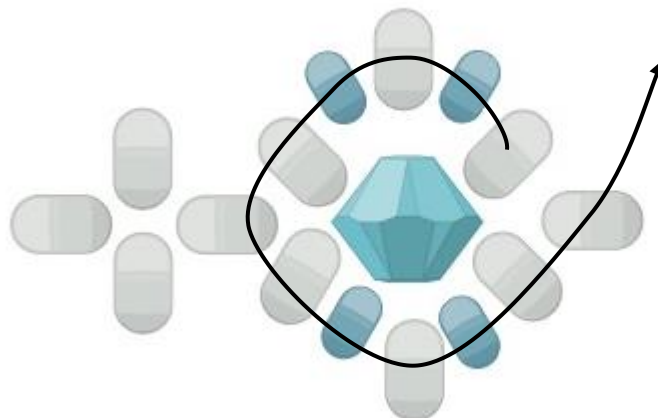
Pick up 3 size 11 seed beads and then pass back through the original crystal you were exiting. Reinforce this path if desired, as in Step 2. Then work your way forward so you're exiting the seed bead next to the crystal.



Step 4

Pick up a size 15, a size 11, and a size 15. Pass over the crystal and through the seed bead on the opposite side, plus the next two beads of that RAW unit so you're exiting the bead on the bottom.

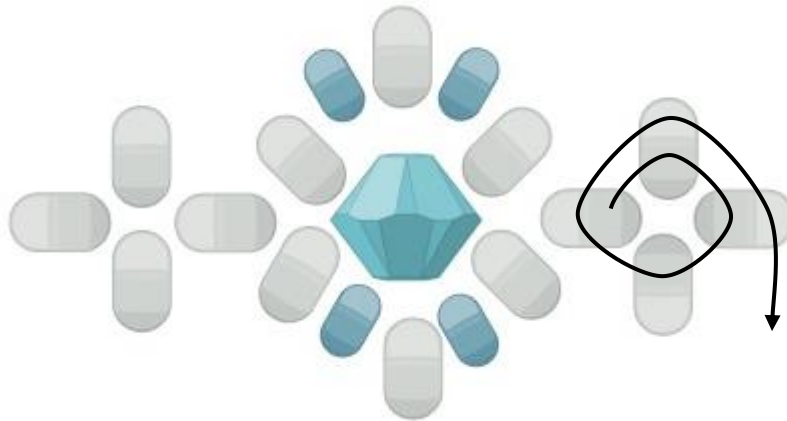
Then add that same embellishment on the bottom of the crystal. Pick up a size 15, a size 11, and a size 15. Pass over the crystal and through the seed bead on the opposite side, plus the next bead so you're exiting on the outside edge seed bead.



Step 5

Time for another all-seed bead right-angle weave unit! So pick up 3 seed beads, and pass back through the bead you originally exited, plus move forward through 2 of the new beads added so you're exiting the outside edge seed bead.

Repeat Steps 2-5 until you have used all but ONE crystal!



Ending old thread and adding new thread

It's your choice whether you tie a few half-hitch knots along the way as you end off your thread, or if you simply weave back and forth through the beads for an inch or so as you end your old thread. You'll add new thread the same way.

For video help on tying half-hitch knots, you can find my demonstration here:

<https://youtu.be/TQ9IG9AYdYY>



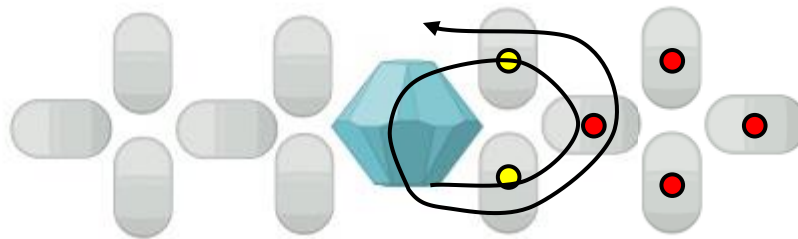
Attach the ends

When attaching the last crystal, finish Step 2 as usual, but on the other side of the crystal, you're going to join the ends. So making sure the ribbon of beads isn't twisted, lay the two ends next to each other.

Pick up 1 seed bead (yellow in diagram), and pass through the outside edge seed bead from the other end of the ribbon (red in diagram.) Then pick up one more seed bead (yellow) and pass back through the crystal.

As usual, reinforce this round if desired, then move forward so you're exiting the seed bead next to the crystal.

Do Step 4 one last time, and then end off your thread! You're done!



End off any remaining threads, and enjoy wearing your new necklace!

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