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# Garland Necklace

String a strand of easy-to-make components to create the illusion of an intricate necklace.

by Sharon Lester

## stepbystep

### Large cluster

**[1]** Thread a needle with a 2-ft. (61cm) length of Nymo conditioned with beeswax (Basics, p. 10). Pick up a drop bead and slide it to 3 in. (7.6cm) from the end of the thread. Tie an overhand knot (Basics) above the drop.

**[2]** Pick up a 6mm round bead. Slide it next to the

drop over both threads (photo a). Trim the tail to just beyond the 6mm round.

**[3]** Pick up three size 11° seed beads, a bugle, an 11°, a flower, and a drop (figure 1, a-b).

**[4]** Skip the drop and go back through all the beads, exiting the top of the 6mm bead (b-c). Go through the first drop and back down the 6mm bead (c-d).

**[5]** Repeat steps 3 and 4, but start with two 11°s.

**[6]** Repeat steps 3 and 4, but start with one 11°.

**[7]** Pick up one 11°, a bugle, an 11°, four 15°s, a leaf, and four 15°s (figure 2, a-b).

**[8]** Go back through to the first 11°, sew through the 6mm bead, and exit the drop (b-c).

Tie several half-hitch knots (Basics) around the main thread between the drop and the 6mm

bead. Dot the knots with glue and let them dry. Exit the 6mm bead and trim the tail. Make a total of 24 large clusters.

### Small cluster

**[1]** Start the small cluster as in step 1 above. Pick up three 11°s, a flower, and a drop (figure 3, a-b). Skip the drop and go back up the flower, the three 11°s, and the top drop (b-c).

**[2]** Pick up two 11°s, four 15°s, a leaf, and four 15°s (c-d). Go back through the two 11°s and the drop (d-e). Tie several half-hitch knots and dot the knots with glue. Sew down through several beads and trim the tail. Make a total of 23 small clusters.

### String the necklace

This necklace is 15 in. (38cm) long without the clasp. For a longer necklace, string more seed beads before adding the clusters or make additional clusters as desired.

**[1]** Cut a length of flexible beading wire 6 in. (15cm) longer than the desired finished length. String an 11°, a crimp bead, and an 11°. Go through the loop on one end of the toggle clasp. Go back through the 11° and crimp bead. Crimp the crimp bead (Basics and photo b) and trim the tail.

**[2]** String nine 11°s. String through the drop of a small cluster (photo c).

**[3]** String three 11°s and a large cluster (photo d). Continue stringing. Alternate between large and small clusters, with three 11°s between each, until all the clusters are strung. End with a small cluster.

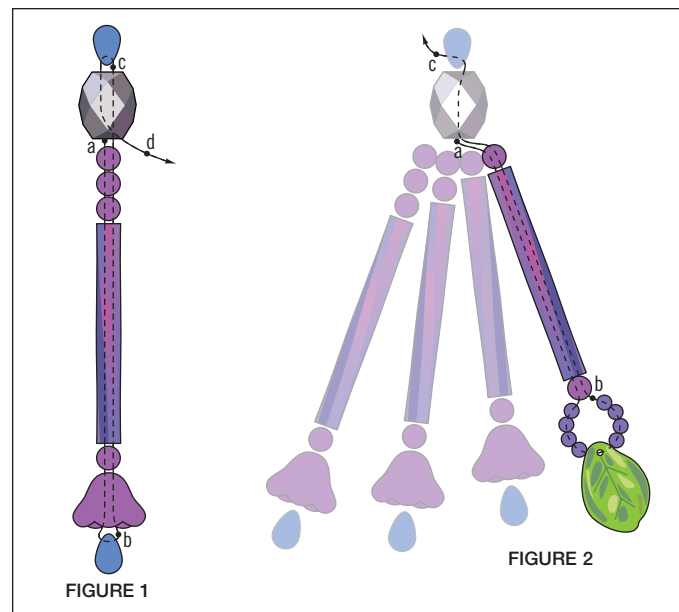
**[4]** String ten 11°s, a crimp bead, and an 11°. Go through the loop on the other end of the toggle clasp and back through the 11° and the crimp bead.

**[5]** Tighten the wire and crimp the crimp bead. Hide the tail in several seed beads and trim the excess.

### Earrings

**[1]** Tie the end of a 2-ft. length of conditioned Nymo to the loop on the earring finding with an overhand knot.

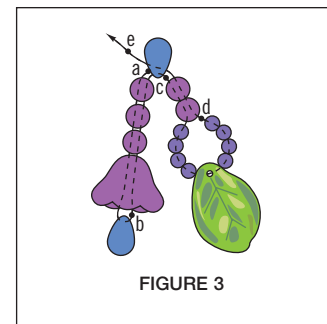
**[2]** Make a large cluster as before, but omit the drop



and start with the 6mm bead (photo e).

**[3]** Make a second earring to match the first. •

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### MATERIALS

#### both projects

- Nymo B, color to match beads, conditioned with beeswax
- beading needles, #12
- G-S Hypo Cement

#### necklace 15 in. (38cm)

- 92 10mm twisted bugle beads, purple
- 47 10mm leaves, drilled front to back
- 93 6mm flowers, purple
- 23 6mm round glass beads, purple
- 140 drop beads, purple
- seed beads
- 20g size 11°, purple
- 10g size 15°, purple
- flexible beading wire, .014
- 2 crimp beads
- toggle clasp
- crimping pliers
- wire cutters

#### earrings

- 8 10mm twisted bugle beads, purple
- 2 10mm leaves, drilled front to back
- 2 6mm round glass beads, purple
- 6 6mm flowers
- 6 drop beads
- seed beads
- 22 size 11°
- 16 size 15°
- pair ball post earring findings with loop (Rio Grande, 800-545-6566, [riogrande.com](http://riogrande.com))

Note: Some suppliers sell the earring backs separately.

[a]

[b]

[c]

[d]

[e]

# Collier du Soleil

Stitch a radiant neckpiece with hex beads and cubic zirconia teardrops

by Anna Nehs

Many ancient peoples worshiped the sun. Now, another divine example of solar power takes center stage. This neckpiece features faceted teardrops of cubic zirconia set in a herringbone collar. Wearing this knockout, you'll believe that the sun never sets on a good time.

## stepbystep

### Choker

- [1] Determine the finished length of your necklace (mine is 15 in./38cm), then subtract the clasp length to find the desired beaded length.
- [2] Using a 3-yd. (2.7m) length of Fireline, leave a 6-in. (15cm) tail and make a 142-bead ladder (Basics, p. 10 and figure 1) with hex beads. Secure the tail with half-hitch knots between the beads (Basics) and trim the tail. Don't end the working thread.
- [3] Start a new 3-yd. length of Fireline and sew through the first bead in the ladder, leaving a 10-in. (25cm) tail. Work in modified Ndebele herringbone stitch by picking up two hexes and sewing through the next bead (figure 2, a-b). Pick up three cylinder beads and sew through the next bead (b-c). Repeat across the ladder using hexes along the bottom edge and cylinders along the top.
- [4] Pick up three cylinders and a soldered jump ring. Sew back through the three cylinders, the last bead in the ladder, and the last hex bead added (d-e).
- [5] Work a second row of herringbone in hexes (figure 3, a-b).
- [6] Finish the other end as in step 4 (b-c). Secure the threads and trim.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** To make the dangles work out correctly, the ladder needs to be made with the correct number of beads. The gold/red collar requires a multiple of four, plus two. The silver/purple collar requires a multiple of eight, plus six.

