



Make a circular woven pendant with gemstone beads.

SUPPLIES:

- 7 Strand Bead Stringing Wire, Gold Color
- WildFire Bead Weaving Thread, 006"
- Crimp Tubes #2
- Pinch Bail Pendant
- Beading Needle
- Clasp
- WildFire Cord Cutter
- Scissors
- Seed Beads, 11/0
- 8mm round beads
- 6mm round beads
- 4mm round beads
- 4mm rondel beads
- 3mm rondel beads
- Delica Beads
- Bugle Beads

STEP 1

Cut a 3 foot (.9 m) piece of beading wire.

STEP 2

String one 4mm bead onto the center of the wire. String one 6mm bead onto one of the wires. String one 8mm bead onto the other wire. String one 4mm bead onto one of the wires and pass the other wire back through the 4mm bead. Tighten everything up so that the 4 bead unit rests in the middle of the wires.

STEP 3

String one 6mm bead onto the wire on the same side as the previous 6mm bead. String one 8mm bead on the same wire as the previous 8mm bead. String one 4mm bead on one wire and pass the other wire back through the 4mm bead.

STEP 4

Repeat step 3 until you have added 11 sets of beads. On the last unit, add one 6mm bead on the same wire as the previous 6mm and add one 8mm on the same wire as the previous 8mm. Pass both wires back through the first 4mm that you added. Tighten everything up so you have a circle with the 6mm beads on the inside, and the 8mm beads on the outside.

STEP 5

Thread the top wire through the top 8mm bead. Add a 3mm rondel on the top wire, and thread it through the next 8mm. Continue around the top of the circle.

STEP 6

Thread the bottom wire through the next 6mm on the inside of the circle. Add a size 11 seed bead and thread it through the next 6mm bead. Continue around the inside of the circle.

STEP 7

Thread the wires around and through the beads so they are coming out of the same bead.

STEP 8

Tie the wires into a tight square knot – left over right, right over left – and trim the ends.

STEP 9

Add a pinch bail above the 4mm bead with the knot.

STEP 10 – String the necklace

Working from the spool, string one 3mm rondel. String (one bugle bead, one 4mm round) 5 times. String (one bugle bead, one 8mm round) 9 times. String one more bugle bead. String the bail. String (one bugle bead, one 8mm round) 9 times. String (one bugle bead, one 4mm round) 5 times. String one more bugle bead. String one 3mm rondel.

STEP 11

Add a tag and a lobster clasp with a crimp tube on either side of the necklace.

Bonus: Distorted Square Bail

Cut a 4 ft (1.2 m) length of WildFire and thread it onto the needle.

ROW 1

String 4 Delicas onto the thread. Leaving about a 4 inch (10 cm) tail, pass through all of the beads again to form a circle. Tie an overhand knot and pass through the first bead strung to secure your thread.

ROW 2

Pick up two Delicas, skip a Delica, and sew through the next Delica. Repeat around the square. Step up through the first Delica added in the round. These will form the herringbone rib increases of your Square.

ROW 3

Pick up two Delicas and sew down through the next Delica in the herringbone rib. Pick up one size 11 seed bead and sew up through the next Delica. Repeat around the square. Be sure to step up through the last Delica in the herringbone rib.

ROW 4

Pick up 2 Delicas and thread down through the next Delica, add 1 size 11 seed bead, and thread through the next size 11 seed bead, add 1 size 11 seed bead and thread up through the next Delica.

ROWS 4-6

Continue the pattern alternating adding Delicas to build the herringbone rib, and adding size 11 seed beads to build the peyote stitch sides until you have a herringbone rib 6 bead stacks high. Don't forget to step up at the end of each row.

The beaded shape will naturally fold in half as you work. When you reach the last step up, fold the square so that the bead your needle is coming out of is at the bottom of the shape. Add two Delicas and go through the next Delica to make another herringbone rib.

Trace the thread path through the beads so that your needle is coming out of the herringbone on the opposite side.

Add two Delicas and go down through the next Delica in the herringbone rib.

Thread your needle between the 4mm bead and 6mm bead in your pendant under where you tied the knot. Sew and up through two Delica in the herringbone rib on the other side of the folded square. Sew down through the adjacent 2 Delicas.

Guide the bail into place over the 4mm rondel. Sew up through the herringbone rib on the opposite side. Sew down through the two Delicas adjacent to the two Delicas you just sewed up through. Carefully reinforce this thread path.

Tie the WildFire in an overhand knot in between two of the beads and use the cord cutter to trim and seal the ends.