



Jean's Double Strap Crystal Necklace

Ingredients

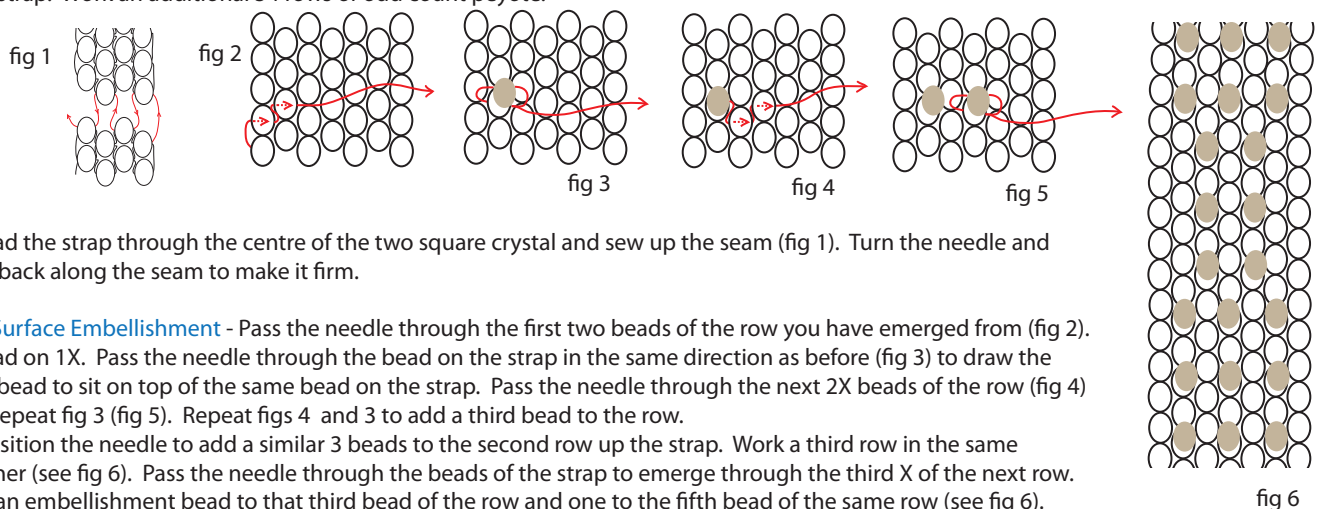
4g DB1785 (X)
 1 x HC028 20mm square crystal
 1 x HC029 30mm square crystal
 60cm TG074 2mm royal blue rattail
 1.2m TG173 blue rayco cord
 One pair FN035 spiral lace ends
 2 x FN068 oval jump rings
 1 x FN210 poppa fastener
 BT179 Royal blue Superlon AA

If you have not done any small beadwork before why not start with Vicky's Single Strap pendant which has a single peyote strand.

Jean's design uses two straps of peyote stitch with a surface embellishment on each to give a feeling of depth and give real structure to the design which works beautifully with the square shape of the crystal.

To Make

The Lower Strap - Prepare the needle with 1.5m of single thread and tie a keeper bead at the end. Thread on 7X as the foundation for the first strap. Work an additional 54 rows of odd count peyote.



Thread the strap through the centre of the two square crystal and sew up the seam (fig 1). Turn the needle and pass back along the seam to make it firm.

The Surface Embellishment - Pass the needle through the first two beads of the row you have emerged from (fig 2). Thread on 1X. Pass the needle through the bead on the strap in the same direction as before (fig 3) to draw the new bead to sit on top of the same bead on the strap. Pass the needle through the next 2X beads of the row (fig 4) and repeat fig 3 (fig 5). Repeat figs 4 and 3 to add a third bead to the row.

Reposition the needle to add a similar 3 beads to the second row up the strap. Work a third row in the same manner (see fig 6). Pass the needle through the beads of the strap to emerge through the third X of the next row. Add an embellishment bead to that third bead of the row and one to the fifth bead of the same row (see fig 6). Repeat this row a further two and four rows up the strap (fig 6). Repeat the embellishment as a block of 3 x 3 and 2 x 3 as seen on fig 6. Finish off the thread ends.

Repeat to make a second strap 7X wide and 48 rows long. Thread this strap through the opposite side of the small square before sewing up the seam and embellishing in the same manner.

Cut the dark blue Rayco in half to give you three lengths of cord. Bring the three cords together and crimp into one lace end. Plait the three cord together. Pass the resulting cord through the top strap on the pendant. Check the necklace for length and add the second lace end. Add the clasp with the jump rings.