



If you have not used beading thread and calotte crimps before you will find it useful to first read the Working with Beading Threads download from the Techniques page of the website

Lisa's Party on the Beach Necklace

Ingredients

- White Nymo BT001
- Pair of FN061 silver calotte crimps
- 2 x FN068 silver large oval jump rings
- RC021 silver metallic size 11 seed beads (A)
- SPST794 4mm goldstone rounds (B)
- SPST911 white howlite small pebble beads (C)
- SPST892 dyed howlite small pebble beads (D)
- 4 x MB568 metal tube beads (E)
- 2 x MB091 pierced metal lantern beads (F)
- 2 x MB475 coiled edge washers (G)
- 1 x MB105 chunky metal round (J)
- 1 x MB558 8mm round (K)

This necklace uses the classic combination of white, turquoise and earthy red with silver that you see in Native American and Mexican designs. A design to be worn when the sun is shining that will carry you right through to an night on the town.

The exact bead sequences are given below as 'controlled randomness'. It is quite difficult to achieve, but you may want to go your own way with the bead order.

To Make

The necklace is made in three strands, all brought together in a single calotte crimp at each end. Cut 3 x 1.5m lengths of Nymo and prepare three needles - so that each needle carries a double thread. Bring the six ends of the threads together and tie a double overhand knot 2cm from the ends. Pass the needles, one by one, from the inside to the outside of a calotte crimp, so that the knot sits inside the cup. Seal the knot with a dab of clear glue or nail polish, trim the ends and close the calotte crimp to conceal the knot.

Now thread the strands one at a time.

Strand one. Thread on 6A, 1B, 2A, 1C, 2A, 1C, 4A, 1B, 2A, 1C, 2A, 1B, 3A, 1B, 2A, 1C, 1A, 1E, 2A, 1D, 2A, 1B, 5A, 1C, 1A, B, 3A, 1C, 2A, 1C, 1A, 1D, 4A, 1C, 3A, 1B, 3A, 1B, 2A, 1C, 1A, 1G, 1A, 1D, 3A, 1C, 5A, 1D, 3A, 1D, 3A, 1C, 1A, 1, 1A, 1C, 2A, 1B, 3A, 1C, 1F, 1C, 5A, 1C, 2A, 1C, 4A, 1C, 1A, 1C, 3A, 1C, 3A, 1D, 2A, 1B, 1A, 1C, 3A, 1C, 1A, 1C, 3A, 1D, 1A, 1C, 2A, 1C, 3A, 1C, 1A, 1B, 3A, 1C, 4A.

Strand two. Thread on 6A, 1B, 4A, 1B, 3A, 1B, 4A, 1B, 3A, 1D, 6A, 1B, 16A, 1B, 2A, 1B, 5A, 1D, 5A, 1B, 3A, 1B, 1E, 6A, 1B, 2A, 1B, 5A, 1B, 3A, 1B, 7A, 1D, 2A, 1B, 5A, 1B, 7A, 1B, 2A, 1B, 6A, 1J, 1B, 2A, 1B, 2A, 1B, 3A, 1B, 9A, 1D, 4A, 1G, 1B, 3A, 1B, 3A, 1B, 12A, 1B, 6A, 1B, 1E, 1B, 2A, 1B, 6A, 1B, 2A, 1B, 7A, 1B, 4A, 1B, 5A.

Strand three. Thread on 6A, 1B, 2A, 1B, 2A, 1B, 5A, 1D, 2A, 1C, 4A, 1B, 2A, 1C, 6A, 1E, 5A, 1D, 3A, 1B, 5A, 1C, 4A, 1D, 4A, 1B, 3A, 1C, 3A, 1C, 3A, 1D, 4A, 1B, 3A, 1C, 7A, 1D, 3A, 1G, 3A, 1B, 5A, 1K, 5A, 1D, 7A, 1B, 6A, 1D, 6A, 1D, 7A, 1D, 2A, 1B, 6A, 1D, 4A, 1C, 5A, 1C, 6A, 1F, 5A, 1D, 7A, 1D, 5A, 1D, 7A, 1D, 7A, 1D, 5A.

Take all three needles, one at a time, through the hole in the other calotte crimp from the outside to the inside. Remove all the needles and tie a knot through all of the threads two or three times until they form a bundle that will sit neatly inside the ball of the crimp. Seal with clear glue or nail varnish, trim the ends and close the crimp.

Finally use the oval jump rings to attach the fastener.