

Jean's Big Spiky Flower Necklace

If you have not made a torque before you will need to look at the 'Wirework - Torques' download on the Techniques tab for instructions on making the torque for this design

Ingredients

- 1m JW106 1.2mm half hard silver wire
- 2 FN068 7x5mm silver oval jump rings
- 2 FN066 8mm silver jump rings
- 1 FN032 5mm silver split ring
- 1 FN024 medium silver lobster fastener
- 7 GL0835 15x5mm teal AB dagger beads
- 2 FG654 6mm teal AB facet
- 12 FG413 4mm turquoise facets
- 15 FG412 4mm capri blue facets
- 4m JW326 0.315mm vivid green soft wire
- 2m JW319 0.315mm silver plated wire

For detailed instructions on making flowers wired from dagger and drop shaped beads see the [Wirework - Flowers and Leaves](#) download on the Techniques page

First make the torque. Follow the instructions on the [Wirework - Torques](#) - download from the techniques page to make an articulated torque as shown in Fig 3 of the sheet, with a central loop to wire the decoration onto, using the 1.2mm silver wire, linked with the 8mm jump rings and finished with the oval jump rings to attach the split ring and fastener.

The flower is made in three stages. First the dagger beads are wired together. The wire ends of this flower then create the first layer of silvery stamens. The vivid green wire is used to make a bunch of stamens and then to bring the prepared dagger flower and the green stamens together to make one stunning sparkly flower pendant.

Make the dagger flower. Take the silver wire and thread on the 7 dagger beads, making sure the AB sides are all facing the same way. Cross the wire over and take the end back through the first bead threaded to draw the daggers into a circle. Now run round one ring of strengthening - to do this take the wire across the base of the next bead, pass it through the hole in the middle then back up and across the base of the next bead. Now turn the flower over and repeat with the other end of the wire. You now add a silver stamen between each pair of daggers. Onto one end of the wire thread on a capri blue facet and hold approx 15mm from the centre of the flower. Fold the wire about the bead and twist it back on itself stopping as the twist reaches the centre of the flower. Pass the wire through centre, across the base of the next dagger bead, and into the next gap. Make another stamen. Repeat until you have added seven stamens in total. To complete the flower use the wire ends to secure a 6mm facet to the front and back of the flower centre. Do not trim your wire ends yet.

Make the bottom layer of stamens using the vivid green wire and all of the remaining 4mm facets. You may wish to organise the facets, you may wish to pick them at random as you go along, that is up to you. Thread the first 4mm facet onto your wire about 10cm from the end. Fold the wire about the facet so that it sits at the end of a long loop - pinch the two sides of the loop together 3cm from the bead. Twist the bead to form a neat rope effect between the bead and the pinch. You now have a long length of wire that you will be building the stamens onto, and a short tail that will be used later to bring the design together.

Thread the next 4mm bead onto the long end of the wire. Hold it approx. 3cm from the end of the twist of the first stamen. Fold the wire about the bead as before, pinch the two sides of the wire together at the base of the first stamen and twist to create a second stamen. Continue along the length adding in 4mm facets to create stamens in varying lengths from 1cm to 4cm long all coming from the same point. Once you have created all the stamens wind them twice around the 6mm facet on the back of the dagger flower to create a TWO LAYERED circular spray behind the daggers to give you lots of texture. Secure into place using the ends of the green wire.

Using the ends of the silver wire attach the flower onto the central loop on the torque to complete. Finish off the wire ends neatly and securely.

