

Vicky's Double Layer 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

When making flowers and leaves from beads in this way it is useful to first read the [Wirework - Flowers and Leaves](#) download from the Techniques page

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 GL0833 15x5mm purple AB dagger beads
- 7 GL1382 11x3mm purple dagger beads
- 1 FN090 8mm silver filigree cup
- 1 FG406 4mm pale peach facet
- 1m JW112 0.4 soft silver plated wire

The central decoration on this necklace is made in three stages. The back flower is made in large dagger beads, the front flower is made with small dagger beads. Then the two flowers are brought together, the central decoration added and finally attached to the torque.

First make the torque. Follow the instructions on the [Wirework - Torques](#) - download from the Techniques page to make an articulated torque 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. When you make the central front section of the torque, in the very centre make a single loop of wire which will support the flower decoration when it is applied - as in Fig 3 of the Torques download.

The flower is made in two layers. You make the larger, lower layer first. Cut 50cm of the wire and thread on the large daggers, making sure the AB side is facing the same way on each bead. Bring the wire back through the first bead threaded again and draw the beads into a circle. The circle now needs to be strengthened. Take one of the wire ends across the base of the next bead in the circle, pass it through the hole in the centre and bring it back up through the next gap ready to run across the base of the next bead. Continue around the circle in this way, then turn the flower over and repeat on the other side with the other end of the wire - secure but do not trim the ends of the wire.

Now create a matching small flower with the small dagger beads in exactly the same way using the remaining 0.4mm silver wire.

To complete the design you need to assemble the flower and attach it to the torque.

Start with the small dagger flower - bring one end of the wire up into the centre of the flower. Thread on the filigree cup so that the cup side is uppermost, now thread on the 4mm facet and pass the end of the wire back down the centre of the filigree cup to draw the cup and the bead into the centre of the flower. Now bring the large dagger flower up underneath the small flower, place carefully so that the effect of the two flowers together is pleasing, carefully wire them together and then attach onto the torque using the wire ends from both flowers. Finish off the wire ends securely and neatly.

