

Pierced Flower Bead Necklace by Pat

These great flower shaped bead frame links are really versatile because you have a choice of threading holes - one runs across the top of a petal, and the other runs through the width of the bead making them ideal for a double strand necklace with a bit of a difference.

This necklace is really quick and easy to make. These clever beads with the two threading possibilities make it look like you have worked much harder to achieve this impressive result than you have!

If you have not used Soft Flex or similar before, you may find it useful to read the 'Working with Beading Wires' download on the Techniques page before you start

Recipe

5 x MB800 Daisy bead frames
25 x GL3044 Cut glass oval beads
1m Medium (0.019) Soft Flex Extreme
12 x FN062 French crimps
2 x FN141 4mm Jump rings
1 x FN028 7mm Bolt ring
1 x FN142 6mm Jump ring

To Make

(1) Fold the Soft Flex Extreme in half and put one of the 4mm jump rings in the fold. Secure the loop just created with a French crimp, then thread 1 x GL3044 and 1 x French crimp over both strands of wire and secure this French crimp as well.

Now separate the two strands and onto one thread the following sequence but DO NOT secure any further French crimps at this stage:-

(2) 1 x GL3044 - 1 x crimp - 1 x GL3044 - 1 x crimp - 1 x GL3044 - 1 x MB800 through the central threading hole and capture a further GL3044 inside the flower frame - 1 x GL3044 - 1 x MB800 through the threading hole across the top of the petal - 1 x MB800 through the central threading hole and capture a further GL3044 inside the flower frame - 1 x MB800 through the threading hole across the top of the petal - 1 x GL3044 - 1 x MB800 through the central threading hole and capture a further GL3044 inside the flower frame - 1 x GL3044 - 1 x crimp - 1 x GL3044 - 1 x crimp - 1 x GL3044. Now secure the end of this strand with a little tape or a keeper bead and thread up the second strand as follows:-

(3) Thread on 1 x GL3044 - 1 x crimp - 1 x GL3044 - 1 x crimp - 1 x GL3044 - now take this thread through the top petal threading hole of the first daisy added in step (2) - thread 3 x GL3044 - take the thread through the top petal threading hole of the third daisy added in (2) - thread 3 more GL3044 and take the thread through the top petal hole of the last daisy added in (2). Thread on 1 x GL3044 - 1 x crimp - 1 x GL3044 - 1 x crimp - 1 x GL3044.

(4) Now take the tape off the end of the first strand and bring both strands together through 1 x crimp. Now you need to make sure that the necklace length is correct. Carefully lie the necklace down and adjust the strands until you are happy that the length of both strands is correct - you will need the inner (second) strand to be about 5-8mm shorter than the first strand. When you are happy with the length secure the last French crimp added only. Trim one end down close to the crimp. Thread the remaining end through 1 x GL3044 and 1 x crimp. Pick up the remaining 4mm jump ring and form a loop through this, back down the crimp just added and into the last GL3044. Secure the crimp and trim the tail of the thread so that it sits inside this last bead.

To finish your necklace, lay it down in front of you and space out the GL3044 on the sides symmetrically and then secure into place with the crimps. Finally add your fastener.