

Monochrome Curl and Twirl Tigertail Necklace by Vicky

Sometimes the simplest ideas really are the best. Using just a few beads and a little clever planning Vicky has made a stunning necklace and earring set for very little money.



Recipe

1.5 metres tigertail
3 x 8mm black facets
8 x 6mm Bermuda blue facets
4 x 4mm Black facets
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FN026 Silver box fastener
2 x FN141 Silver jumprings
15 x FN062 Silver French crimps
1 pair FN006 Small fishhooks

To Make the Earrings

Cut 20cm of tigertail. Thread on 1 x Bermuda blue 6mm facet - 1 x black 8mm facet - 1 x Bermuda blue 6mm Facet. Bring the two ends of tigertail together through a French crimp. Adjust the loop until it is the length you prefer and secure the crimp. Trim one end of the tigertail, then thread on a 4mm Bermuda blue facet and a French crimp. Turn the end of the tigertail into a loop back through the French crimp just added, secure the crimp, trim the end of the tigertail back and tuck the end into the facet just added. Attach a fishhook to this top loop. Repeat to make the other earring

If you have not worked with tigertail before you may find it useful to read the [Threading with Beading Wires](#) download from the [Techniques](#) page of the website before you start on this project

To Make the Necklace

It is easiest to start this necklace from the centre so you can adjust the length and curves as you go.

(1) Thread on 1 x 4mm black facet - 1 x Bermuda blue 6mm facet - 1 x 8mm black facet - 1 x Bermuda blue 6mm facet - 1 x 4mm black facet and 1 French crimp. Cross over the tigertail through the French crimp, creating the central loop on the necklace. When you are happy with the size of the loop secure the crimp.

Now work out to the sides starting on one side of the necklace.

(2) On one side of this loop thread on 1 x French crimp and 1 x 6mm Bermuda blue facet. Form a loop in the tigertail, slipping it through one of the 4mm black facets added in (1) and then through the crimp just added in the same direction as before. Adjust the loop just formed so that it is slightly smaller than the first and secure the French crimp.

(3) Now for the smallest loop on this side. Thread on 1 x crimp - 1 x 4mm black facet - 1 x crimp, curl the tigertail round, slipping it through the Bermuda blue facet added in step (2), and bring it back through the first crimp added in the same direction. Secure the crimp when you are happy with the proportions of the loop. Now secure the 2nd crimp added under the black 4mm facet to hold it halfway down the outer side of the loop.

(4) Repeat steps two and three on the other side of the necklace

(5) On each side thread on 1 x crimp - 1 x Bermuda blue 4mm facet - 1 x crimp. Loop the tigertail back through the end crimps and adjust the length on both sides of the necklace until it is the correct size for you. Secure the end crimps. Trim back the tigertail. Bring the Bermuda blue facets up to cover the ends of the tigertail and secure the crimps on the other sides.

(6) To complete the necklace attach the box fastener to the end loops with the two 4mm jumprings.