



The Bead Hold

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HOW TO: Make a Tigertail & Chain Necklace



- Sample made by Kath Weir

Ingredients

- 50cm of tigertail and approx 10 - 20 crimps
- 40 - 60cm of round or oval chain, joined with figure 8 links
- a clasp or toggle for a short necklace
- 3 x main feature beads
- 4 - 8 x smaller feature beads
- small framing beads/spacers/chips/seed beads

Tools Required

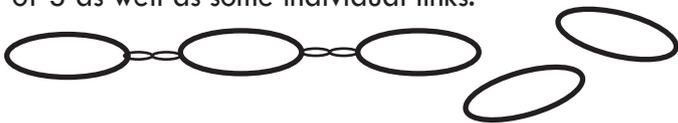
1. Chain Nose Pliers
2. Wire Cutters
3. A bead mat to work on

1. First decide if you want your necklace to be symmetrical or asymmetrical. Lay your beads out on your bead board or mat and play with the groupings. Odd numbers work well. Space larger beads with smaller beads, and the smaller beads with seed beads/chips/spacers. A few lovely feature beads can go a long way when spaced like this.

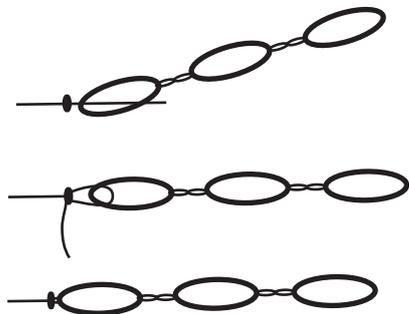


2. Have a look at your chain.

You will notice the shapes are connected by a figure of 8 shaped loop. You will need to lever open these links with your pliers and separate the links in groups of 3 as well as some individual links.



3. Cut a 12cm piece of tigertail and slide a crimp 3 cm from one end. Slide on end of the chain after the crimp and bring the end of wire back through the crimp. Draw the tigertail into a small loop and squash the crimp hard. trim the short piece of excess wire.



3. Slide a bead set onto the tigertail and repeat step 2 to connect to a second piece of chain.



3. Repeat steps 2 and 3 until the necklace is the desired length. If it is a longer necklace - no clasp is needed, just join the last bead set to the end of the first piece of chain as per step 2.

If the necklace is short you will need to add a clasp in the same fashion (see below)





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