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# Freebie Friday Projects

## CHAINS OF LOVE NECKLACE



### MATERIALS:

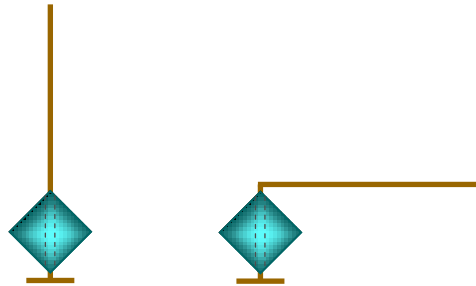
- (4ft) Large loop chain - color of your choice
- (1) Toggle
- (1) Large heart bead
- (5) Medium heart beads
- (22) 4mm accent beads (pearls and crystals used in sample)
- (10) 6mm accent beads (crystals used in sample)
- (25-30) 1.5 - 2" head pins (in matching metal color to your chain)
- (4-6) 4-6mm open jump rings (20ga or 18ga preferred)
- (1ft) 20ga round wire (in matching metal color to your chain)

### TOOLS & ACCESSORIES:

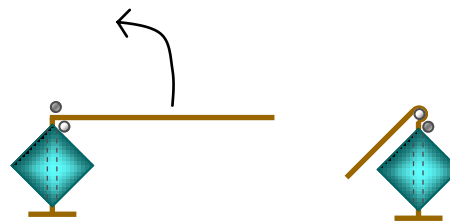
- Round nose pliers
- Flat nose pliers
- Chain nose pliers
- Flush cutter

Step 1: Begin by cutting (2) 18" pieces of chain and lay one piece on your mat. Set the other 18" piece and the remaining smaller piece aside. Gather your dangles for the necklace, your headpins and your tools. We will begin by making all your dangles and then attaching them to the chain.

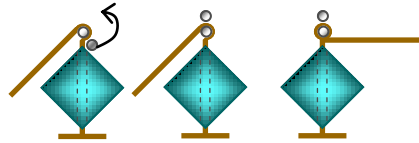
Step 2: For each dangle, string one bead onto a headpin and hold it up so that gravity pulls the bead down towards the bottom of the headpin. Make a 90° angle in the headpin just above the top of the bead. You can do this with your flat nose pliers.



Step 3: Using your round nose pliers, place the nose of the pliers in the corner of the headpin that you just created (the nose of the pliers are indicated with round circles in the diagram). Pull the long part of the headpin over the top of the pliers and down a bit making sure that you are keeping the wire snug around the nose of the pliers. Stop here...DO NOT PULL YOUR WIRE ALL THE WAY AROUND!

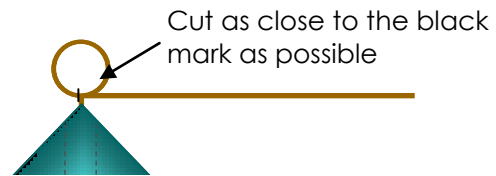


Step 4: Reposition your pliers so that one side is inside the loop and one is on top of the loop. Finish rounding out your loop underneath the bottom side of the pliers.



Step 5: Now you are ready to cut the excess wire off. The idea is to have a loop at the top that is similar to an open jump ring. Cut the excess wire just before or just as it crosses the top of the bead on the headpin.

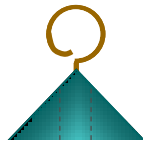
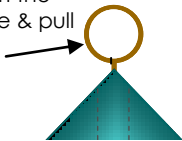
WARNING: Be sure not to cut the entire loop off because it's a bummer and you gotta start over if you do...can you tell I've done that before? Yup.



Step 6: Repeat these steps to create all the danglers for your necklace. You can even create the danglers for the portion that hangs below the center heart. These danglers are the ones that are (1)4mm pearl, (1)medium heart bead, and (1)4mm pearl on the headpin. Begin arranging the one-bead danglers in the order you would like them to hang on the necklace.

Step 7: To attach the danglers, TWIST the loop at the end of the headpin open (as indicated below), slide the loop onto the chain in the desired position, and twist the loop closed again. It is important that there is no visible opening in the loop after it is closed. This will prevent your danglers from catching on clothing and hair or from falling off.

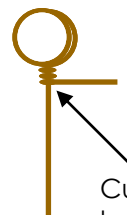
Lift from the cut side & pull up.



Return to closed after slipping onto the chain.



Step 8: Next we need to make the center heart. Begin with a 1ft. piece of wire. Approximately 4 inches from one end, make a 90° angle in your wire. Make a loop as indicated in Steps 2 through Step 4. DO NOT cut off the excess wire, but instead repeat steps 2 through 4 again to make a double loop in the wire. Instead of cutting off the excess here, wrap it around the base of the loop 2 times, and then cut off the excess.



Cut excess wire off here. Don't cut off the loop...still a bummer.

Step 9: String on (1)6mm crystal, (1)Large heart bead, (1)6mm crystal and repeat Step 8 to complete your pendant piece.

Step 10: In order to pull your beautiful new necklace all together, it's time for some jumprings. Open the jumprings like we did the loops in the headpins. Twist them open and closed to attach, and make sure to close up any extra space in the ring so you don't lose any part of your necklace! Below is a larger image of the sample to see how the necklace is put together.

