

Cleopatra Necklace

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Materials List for 18" Necklace:

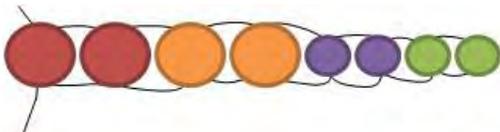
- A. 9 grams of color A size 8 seed beads
- B. 11 grams of color B size 8 seed beads
- C. 5 grams of color C size 11 seed beads
- D. 5 grams of color D size 11 seed beads
- E. 2 grams of size 15 round seed beads
- F. 48 size 4mm round metal beads
- G. 32 size 4mm bicone crystals

- 4-strand clasp
- Fireline, beading needle, mat, scissors, measuring tape

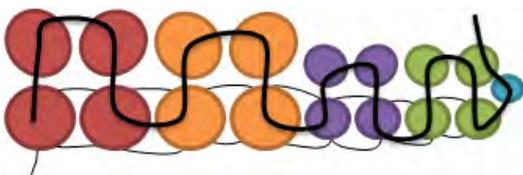


Flat Herringbone Sections:

Row 1: Start with a comfortable length of thread. Begin creating an eight bead ladder with 2As, 2Bs, 2Cs, and 2D's, leaving a 5" tail. Reinforce your ladder by weaving back and forth through all the beads heading back towards your tail. You will end with your tail and working thread both coming out the first bead you added, with the tail coming out the bottom and working thread out the top.

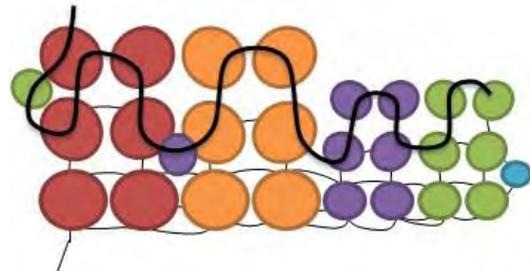


Row 2: Stitch one row of herringbone matching each color you pick up to the bead in the ladder below it. You will be adding four pairs of beads in total in this row, 2A's, 2Bs, 2Cs, 2Ds. You will end coming out the bottom of the last D from Row 1. Pick up one E and go up through the last D added in Row 2 to do your turnaround.

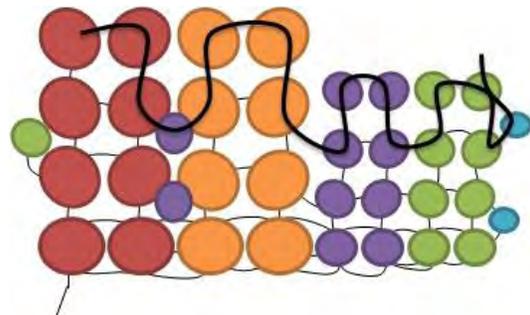


Row 3: For your next row of herringbone you will continue to match the colors to the previous row, however there will be an increase added between your Bs and As. You will do this by first adding your pairs of Ds and Cs normally as you would in herringbone. When you pick up your 2Bs, go down the second B from the previous row, but then pick up one C before coming up the first A from the

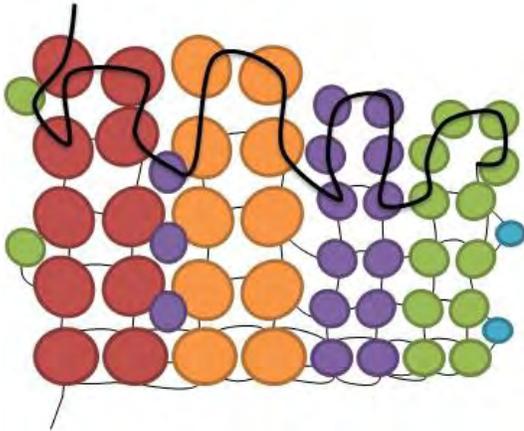
previous row. The C will sit on its side between the B and A rows. Pick up 2As, go down the first A from the previous row, then pick up one D as your turnaround and come up the last A added.



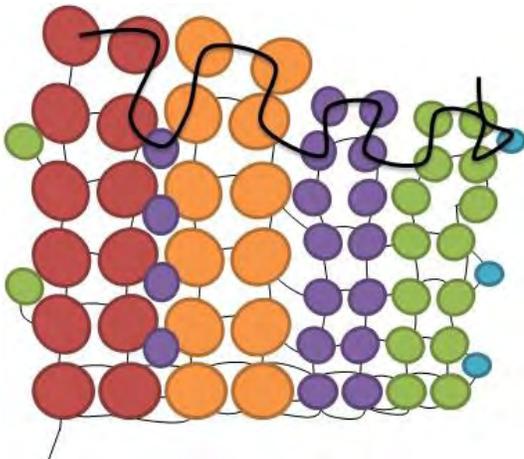
Row 4: Stitch another row of herringbone with the increase. Use an E for your turnaround again. You'll always use an E for your turnaround on the narrower side of your necklace and D on the wider side.



Row 5: For this row you will start by picking up 4Ds instead of just 2. Go down the second D from the previous row and up the first C from the previous row. Pick up 4Cs and continue on with your row of herring bone with the increase as you normally would and use a D for your turnaround.



Row 6: Stitch another row of herringbone with the increase. Use an E for your turnaround.



Repeat rows 3-6 until you have approximately 4.5" of length. This is your center section.

Add one last row of herringbone without the increase. Weave in reverse through the last row of beads added to tighten it up and make it resemble the ladder at the beginning. Weave in your working thread and tail and set this piece aside.

You'll be making two more pieces, but you'll need to calculate the length:

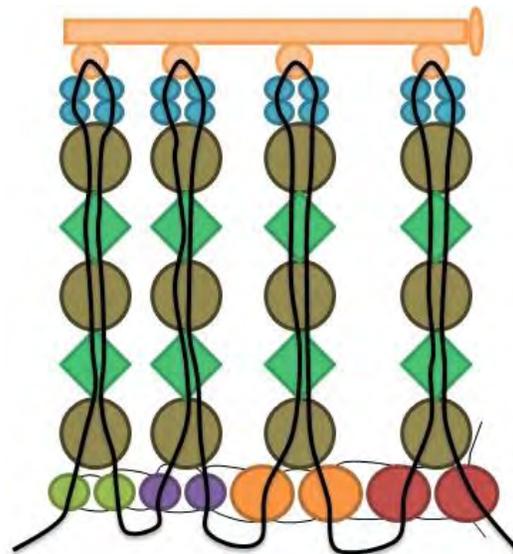
Center = 4.5", plus the connectors & clasp combined = approx. 3.5" for a total of 8". Take your desired necklace length, subtract 8, then divide in half to get the length each of the other two pieces should be. For example, if you wanted an 18" necklace, you would need your other two pieces to be 5" in length.

Embellishment, Connectors and Clasp:

Start a new piece of thread approximately 2 yards long, exiting the first end D on a side section. You'll begin by stitching the clasp on one end:

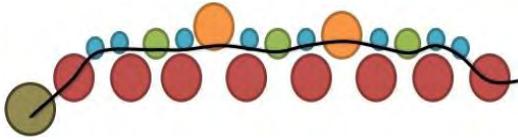
First half of clasp:

1. Pick up 1F, 1G, 1F, 1G, 1F, 4E and sew through the end loop of the clasp. Pick up 4E and sew back through the 1F, 1G, 1F, 1G, 1F and into the second D at the end of the section. Sew out the first C at the end of the section.
2. Pick up 1F, 1G, 1F, 1G, 1F, 4E and sew through the next loop of the clasp. Pick up 4E and sew back through the 1F, 1G, 1F, 1G, 1F and into the second C at the end of the section. Sew out the first B at the end of the section.
3. Pick up 1F, 1G, 1F, 1G, 1F, 4E and sew through the next loop of the clasp. Pick up 4E and sew back through the 1F, 1G, 1F, 1G, 1F and into the second B at the end of the section. Sew out the first A at the end of the section.
4. Pick up 1F, 1G, 1F, 1G, 1F, 4E and sew through the next loop of the clasp. Pick up 4E and sew back through the 1F, 1G, 1F, 1G, 1F and into the second A at the end of the section.



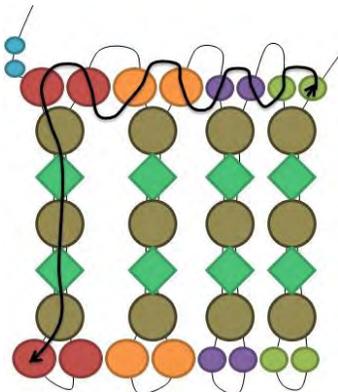
Edge Embellishment:

5. Pick up 2-3E (depends on how your beads sit, choose what fits best) and sew into the first edge D
6. Pick up 1E, 1B, 1E and sew into the next edge D. Repeat along the length of the section. When you are exiting the last edge D, pick up 2-3E and sew into the end A heading away from your work.



Connector:

7. Pick up 1F, 1G, 1F, 1G, 1F and sew into the first end A of the center section. Sew out the second end A, then back through 1F, 1G, 1F, 1G, 1F and into the second end A of the side section. Sew out the first B of the side section.
8. Pick up 1F, 1G, 1F, 1G, 1F and sew into the first end B of the center section. Sew out the second end B, then back through 1F, 1G, 1F, 1G, 1F and into the second end B of the side section. Sew out the first C of the side section.
9. Pick up 1F, 1G, 1F, 1G, 1F and sew into the first end C of the center section. Sew out the second end C, then back through 1F, 1G, 1F, 1G, 1F and into the second end C of the side section. Sew out the first D of the side section.
10. Pick up 1F, 1G, 1F, 1G, 1F and sew into the first end D of the center section. Sew out the second end D, then back through 1F, 1G, 1F, 1G, 1F and into the second end D of the side section. Sew back and forth through the end beads of the side section until you are exiting the first end A. Continue to sew through the 1F, 1G, 1F, 1G, 1F and into the first end A of the center section.



Repeat Steps 5&6 to add the edge embellishment to the center section. Then make another connector as you did in Steps 7-10, but this time you are beginning at the center section and attaching it to the next side section. Repeat Steps 5&6 one more time to add the edge embellishment to the other side section.

Second half of clasp:

11. Pick up 1F, 1G, 1F, 1G, 1F, 4E and sew through the end loop of the clasp. Pick up 4E and sew back through the 1F, 1G, 1F, 1G, 1F and into the second A at the end of the section. Sew out the first B at the end of the section.
12. Pick up 1F, 1G, 1F, 1G, 1F, 4E and sew through the next loop of the clasp. Pick up 4E and sew back through the 1F, 1G, 1F, 1G, 1F and into the second B at the end of the section. Sew out the first C at the end of the section.
13. Pick up 1F, 1G, 1F, 1G, 1F, 4E and sew through the next loop of the clasp. Pick up 4E and sew back through the 1F, 1G, 1F, 1G, 1F and into the second C at the end of the section. Sew out the first D at the end of the section.
14. Pick up 1F, 1G, 1F, 1G, 1F, 4E and sew through the next loop of the clasp. Pick up 4E and sew back through the 1F, 1G, 1F, 1G, 1F and into the second D at the end of the section. Weave in, tie off, and finish your thread.