

The Learning Circle

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Liquid Silver Pendant Necklace

This project will introduce you to all of the basic steps of making a strung necklace using liquid silver hishi in combination with beads and pendant.

Materials needed:

Liquid Silver Hishi $\frac{3}{16}$ inch	Crimp Beads
Size 8/0 Seed Beads	Pendant
Size 2mm Silver Plated Bead	Head Pin
Power Pro Thread 10 lb test	Barrel Clasp
Beading Needles	

Tools needed:

Scissors Plier: Needle nose with cutter and Round nose

Follow our photos for step by step process. (1) If your pendant does not have a bail, prepare it by attaching a head pin. Place a head pin through the pendant so that the head is at the bottom. (2) Using a Round nose pliers, bend the wire end at the top of the pendant around the tip of the pliers. (3) Then twist the wire around the loop as shown. (4) Trim excess wire end off so it looks like this.

The drop string holding the pendant is done first. Cut off about 24 inches of thread. Thread this piece through the eye of a beading needle. Use the thread double strand. Plan your design for the drop. For this project plan the drop to be 6 inches long. (5) Using the needle string on all of the hishi, beads, and pendant in order from right to left. (6) Finish drop section. Cut off the needle.

Using about 60 inches of thread, string through a needle eye and double over the thread for a full double strand. Plan the center design for the full necklace string and make it 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches long. String it from right to left, but for the first bead, use one of the crimp beads. End this part with another crimp bead. (7) Insert both threads from the left side of the drop string through the crimp bead. Using the Needle nose pliers, crimp (squash) the bead tight to clamp the threads together. On the left side, thread the drop string pairs through the crimp bead, then pull out the slack. Clamp the crimp bead with the Needle nose pliers. Cut off both threads from the drop string about 1 inch up from the clamp.

Total length of the center strand should be 20 inches. Finish your plan of bead and hishi sequence for the remaining necklace. (8) Begin with the string side that still has the needle on it. Thread the beads and hishi on the string, then work the drop string threads into the center holes until they are completely covered up. (9) Then continue to complete that side (about 8 inches from the crimp bead). (10) To attach the clasp, use a crimp bead as the last bead, then thread through the loop of the clasp and back through the crimp bead. Pull out the slack. Crimp the bead.

Cut off the needle with a scissors. Thread the two strands of thread on the right side and string beads to match the left side. (11) Finish by cutting off the extra thread on both sides.



Note: Jewelry pliers have a smooth metal inside jaw. The Round nose works best for forming round wire parts, but the Needle nose pliers can be used for all of the steps in this project.

