

For an average neck (13.5-14.5") thread on eighty (80) repeats of the 9-1-2-1 pattern. You may not need all eighty, but it's easier to thread too many and remove those that are unneeded than to add a new thread and more repeats.

9-1-2-1 Threading pattern

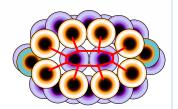
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Then thread on this pattern:

End with twelve 11°s.

Followed by twelve repeats of this pattern:

Crochet six around until the paper marker. Continue as for the segments; the 8°s should align with the ridge if the threading is correct. The top of the tube will look like this, with eight beaded 11° stitches in the top round.



Continue crocheting beads until the stitch before the ridge; make an unbeaded stitch in this one. The next bead on the thread should be an 8°; crochet this 8° and the next two 11°s. Make an unbeaded stitch. again just before the 8° ridge.

Add the 12mm rounds to the segments and base, anchored with an 11°. Make two passes of thread for security. REC-OMMENDED: Use a doubled strand of nylon beading thread for strength.

You've reduced now to six-around. This is the beginning of the base. Continue crocheting until you've achieved the desired length; the 8°s should continue to align correctly. You may notice a slight "torquing" (a little bit of a twist), especially if your stitch tension is tight. This will not affect the look of the necklace when worn. Add the 12mm rounds to the segments, then join the segments to the base loop. Then try the necklace on before deciding where to

end the base.

Dimension with magatamas

Magatamas are wonderfully effective in creating dimension, just by virtue of their shape. The hole is not centered, so the "bulb" is forced outward. They are similar to drop beads; standard magatamas are drops that have essentially been flattened a bit; the texture you achieve with them can be quite subtle. Long magatamas are really skewed cylinders with the hole off-center. These gorgeous beads present some truly marvelous opportunities in creating dimension.

Standard Magatamas



They are most commonly available in 3mm and 4mm sizes. 3mm can be substituted for 8°s in almost any pattern, though a tube created entirely in magatamas without any other more "normal" rounded seed beads can be difficult to start. They give a bit more punch than 8°s in terms of texture. Spirals patterns are a good choice, as well as dots.



SEVEN-AROUND DOT PATTERN USING 11°S AND 3MM MAGAS (SHOWN PREVIOUSLY)



SIMPLE SPIRAL PATTERN USING 11°S AND 3MM STANDARD MAGATAMAS

Long Magatamas

Now for some REAL fun! Long magatamas, with their angular shape, have a sweet dimensional personality. Depending on the direction in which you thread them, they will point one way or the other when crocheted. Infinite possibilities!





The pattern is repeated 38 times and crocheted six-around, then finished with an invisible join

