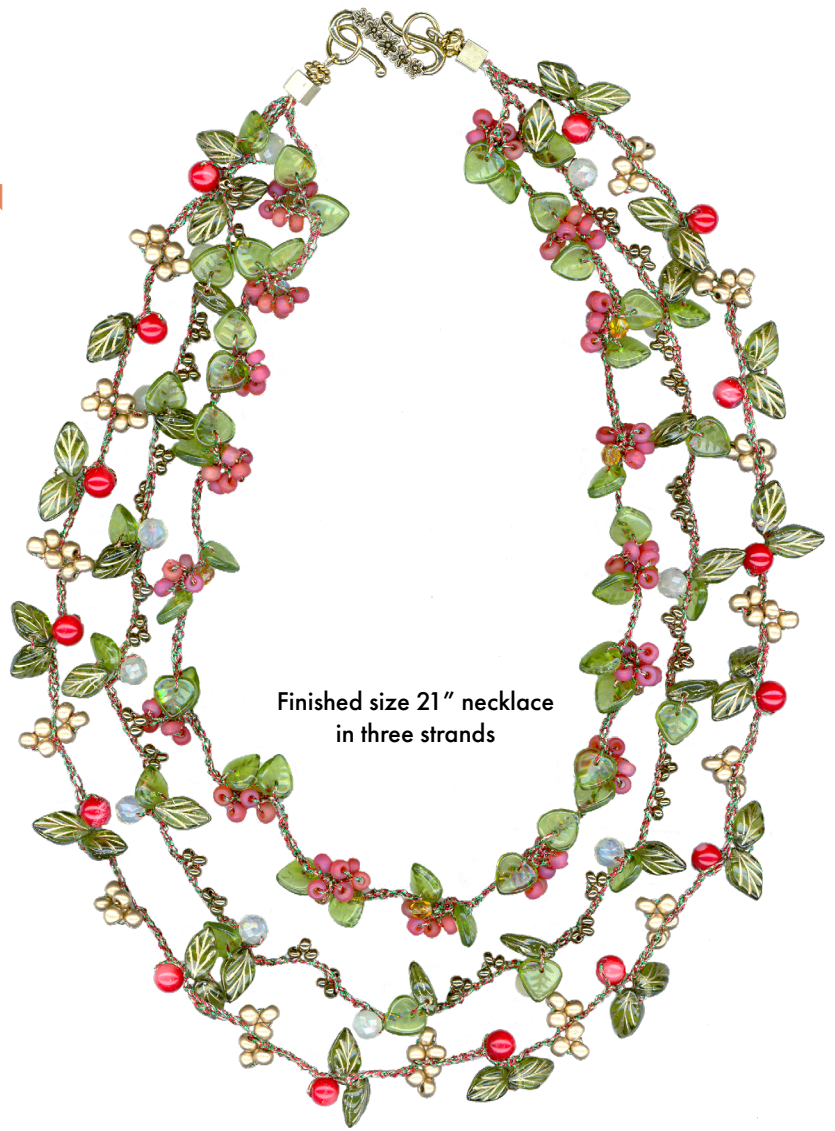


Autumn Leaves

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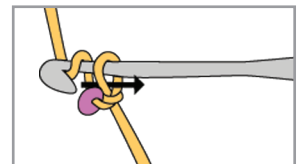
MATERIALS

Three 10M spools of lightweight metallic braid (dark green)
 6° seed beads matte ruby AB (102)
 6° seed beads matte metallic gold (84)
 8° seed beads metallic bronze (78)
 6mm firepolish jonquil (15)
 6mm round glass red (15)
 4mm firepolish topaz AB (17)
 9mm leaf beads top hole transparent olive (49)
 9mm leaf beads top hole dark olive with gold veins (45)
 Clasp, two bead caps, two s-hooks or 3" of 20-gauge wire
 Size 10 steel crochet hook



Finished size 21" necklace
 in three strands

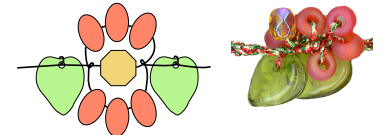
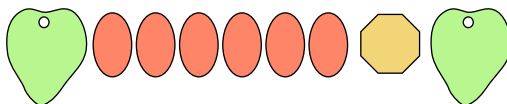
These directions assume that you have a working knowledge of basic crochet stitches. The diagram at right shows how to capture a bead within a chain stitch. Bring the bead down the thread close to the loop and wrap the thread around the hook from back to front. Pull the wrapped thread through the loop on the hook. Thread all of the beads for each strand on (work each strand separately; do not thread on all three strands at once) and crochet following the directions. Assembly and finishing directions are at the end of these directions.











STRAND ONE (the upper strand, 18" length)




Thread the beads on in this order, from left to right, seventeen times:



This diagram shows the way the beads are worked together, though the individual chain stitches are not shown. The resulting cluster of beads will not have a neat appearance, so do not struggle to create a perfect-looking group. The overall design of the necklace requires a "messy" look, as shown in the adjacent photographic detail.

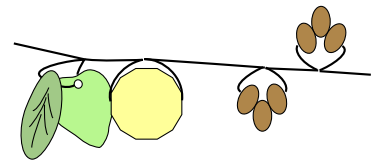
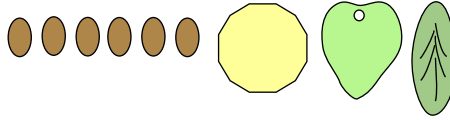
Ch 10, *ch 1 with , ch 1 with , ch 3, each with . SS in the space between  and . Ch 3, each with . SS in the space between  and the first .

Ch 1 with , ch 6*. Repeat between *'s until all the beads are used, but end with ch 10 instead of ch 6.






STRAND TWO (the middle strand, 20 1/2" length)



Thread the beads on in this order, from left to right, fourteen times. Eliminate the 8°s in the last repeat:



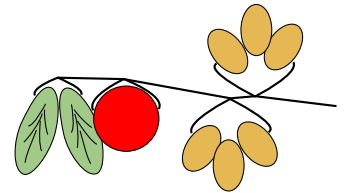
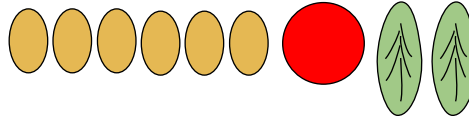
This diagram shows the way the beads are worked together, though the individual chain stitches are not shown. The two groups of three 8° seed beads should form small clusters that are roughly triangular.

Ch 12, *ch 1 with  and  together, ch 1 with , ch 4, ch 1 with 3  together, ch 2, ch 1 with 3  together, ch 4*. Repeat between *'s until all the beads are used, but end with ch 12 instead of ch 4.





STRAND THREE (the lower strand, 23" length)



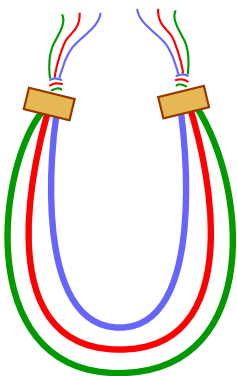
Thread the beads on in this order, from left to right, fifteen times.



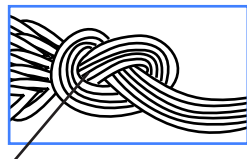
This diagram shows the way the beads are worked together, though the individual chain stitches are not shown. The two groups of three 6° seed beads should form small clusters that are roughly triangular and very close together.

Ch 10, *ch 1 with 2  together, ch 1 with , ch 4, ch 1 with 3  together, ch 1 with 3  together, ch 4*. Repeat between *'s until all the beads are used, but end with ch 10 instead of ch 4.

Assembly & Finishing

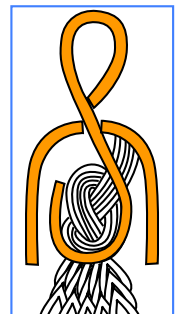


Place a generous dab of glue here



Lay all three strands side-by-side on a flat surface so they lay roughly equidistant from each other in a pleasing draped arrangement as shown in the diagram at left. Make any adjustments in the length of the strands at this point; add chains equally on both sides of the strands to lengthen if needed; shift the end chains upward and incorporate them into the knots to shorten if needed. Tape the strands together just before the ends of the chains, within the necklace; tie a knot just outside the tape. Place a generous dab of glue on both knots, then tighten them.

When the glue is dry, wrap one end of the S-shaped hook around the knot and trim off the excess thread, leaving about 3/8" of excess. Using pliers, open up the other end of the hook so it will fit through the hole in the bead cap. Thread the opened end through the hole and draw it through until the knot assembly fits snugly inside the cap. Use pliers to reshape the hook end into a loop as shown. Attach the clasp of your choice through that loop.



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