Off the Beaded Path



# Fresh Flowers Necklace

Materials List:

*96 (4mm) Bicones or Rounds (Color A)
*2 Grams (11/0) Seed Beads
*Size 10 Beading Needle
*48 (4mm) Bicones or Rounds (Color B)
*22 Grams Size (8/0) Seed Beads
*5 or more Yards 6lb Fire Line

***Because of the matching colors of the (A's) and (8/0's) in my necklace I have chosen to use alternate colors when showing you how to make the component so that it will be easier to see.***

***This is a very easy necklace to make and is great for beginner to advanced beaders. I have added some important notes at the end of this pattern so you may want to read the whole pattern before you start working on your project.***

***I have used rounds in this pattern to make the actual necklace but you can use bicones as well!***

1. Thread your needle onto one end of a comfortable amount of thread. Pick up one (11/0), one (B), thee (A's), and one (B). Let these beads fall. Leaving an 8 inch tail tie the tail and working thread together into a couple of good knots.



2. Go through the (B) next to the tail.



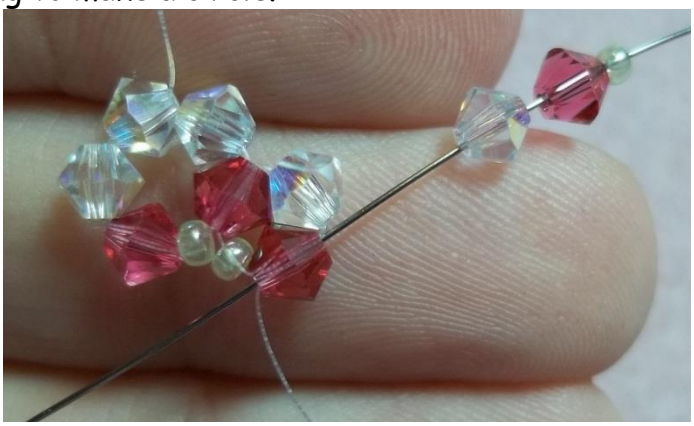
3. Pick up one (A), one (B), and one (11/0). Go back up through the same (B) you are exiting to make a circle.



4. Thread a needle onto the short tail. Go through the 11/0, B, and two (A's). Take the needle off. This gets the tail out of your way.



5. Go through the (A) and (B) just added in step 3.
6. Pick up one (11/0), one (B), and one (A). Go down through the (B) you are currently exiting to make a circle.



7. Go through the (11/0) and (B) just added.



8. Pick up three (A's), one (B), and one (11/0). Go back through the (B) that you are currently exiting to make a circle.



9. Go through the three (A's) and (B) just added.



10. Pick up one (11/0), one (B), and one (A). Go back through the (B) you are currently exiting to make a circle.



11. Go through the (11/0) and (B) just added.



12. Pick up one (A) and go down through the first (B) added in step 1.



13. Pick up one (11/0) and go through the last added in step 10.



14. Go through the (A) right above where your thread is exiting.



15. Pick up one (11/0) and go through the three (A's) at the top of the component.



16. Pick up one (11/0) and go through the next A along the outer edge of the component.



17. Pick up one (A) and go through the next (A).



18. Pick up one (11/0) and go through the next three (A's).



19. Pick up one (11/0) and go through the next (A).



20. Pick up one (A) and go through the next (A).



21. Stitch through your beads to exit a seed bead in the center of the circle.



22. Go through the (11/0's) in the center several times to shape and pull them together.
23. Stitch through your beads to exit the middle A of the set of three opposite the short tail.



24. Pick up 30 (8/0's) one (A), and three (8/0's). Skip the last 7 beads added and go back up through the next 24 beads. You will be working back towards the first component made.



25. Pick up three (8/0's) and go through the (A) on the first component so that the (8/0's) form a triangle over the (A).



26.Stitch back down through the (8/0's) to exit the (A) at the other end.



27.Pick up one (A), one (B), one (11/0), one (B), and one (A), Go back through the (A) you are currently exiting to make a circle.



28.Go down through the (A), (B), (11/0), and (B).



29.Repeat steps 3-23 for the second component.



30.Repeat steps 24-29 twice more. Add thread as needed. You should have a total of 4 components.

31. Thread on 124 (8/0's), one (A), and three (8/0's). Skip the last 7 beads added and go back through 118 (8/0's).

32.Pick up three (8/0's) and go through the (A) on the forth component so that the (8/0's) form a triangle over the (A).

33.Stitch back down through the (8/0's) and exit the end 4mm.

34.Repeat the previous component steps to make a total of four more component and seed bead sections.



35. Once you finish the last component you are now ready to add the remainder of the length of the necklace. Some people will like their necklace super long and others may like it a little shorter. You length of seed beads that you are fixing to add will connect the first component made to the last component made. Start out by adding 124 (8/0s) and slide your needle through the end (4mm) of the first component. Try the necklace on while holding your thread taut. If you this is a good length for you then fantastic! If you want it longer or shorter simply add or take away some (8/0's) added.

36. Once you have the desired length make sure you go through the end (4mm) of the first component.



37. Add three (8/0's), skip three (8/0's) and go through all the (8/0's) just added stopping when you reach the last three. Remember to pull your thread taut so that it will not leave any slack in between the (8/0's).





38. Pick up three (8/0's) and go back through the (4mm) on the last component so that the (8/0's) form a triangle over the (4mm).



39. Go through your beadwork and tie off the tail with a couple of half hitch knots. If you see some loose spots where you didn't pull tight or you want to reinforce, simply add more thread if needed and go back through all the (8/0's) in the necklace again. This will make it a little stronger but is not necessary.

***Alternate Option:***

While I was working on this pattern, one morning I was watching "This Morning" on CBS. Gayle King, one of the news anchors, had on a necklace very similar to the one I was making but her necklace had round components on it. When I originally made up this necklace I was thinking of only the one long necklace. Gayle King had layered her necklace with a shorter necklace that had a single component hanging from the center and the rest was chain. So, for an alternate design you could also make one standalone component and make a simple seed bead necklace for it to go on. You will have to add a clasp to the shorter necklace but it would add a fun design option when wearing the necklace.

Important Notes:

*When using bicones it may take more flowers to make the length than it does with regular round glass beads such as cat eye beads.
*Delica or ToHo beads will make the piece very boxy. It's best to use regular size 11 and size 8 seed beads.
*Depending on the shape of seed bead you choose to use (more rounded or more squared) you may have to alter the counts when adding the seed beads. The length between each of the four component sections should be approximately 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches from A to A. The longer seed bead sections should by approximately 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches from A to A.
*If you are using bicones, once you have the basic component finished and you are going around to fill in the spaces, you will have to adjust the (A's) so that they lay correctly. When using rounds they will pop right into place.
*I do not recommend this necklace for women with very small children. If you reinforce the necklace several times it may be ok I would just caution the mother to be careful because of breakage and small beads.

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