



PEARLY LINKS NECKLACE

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Adorn yourself in elegance with three strands of shimmering pearls.

SKILL LEVEL: Confident beginner and up

TECHNIQUES: Wire work, opening/closing jump rings

FINISHED SIZE: 28" (excluding the clasp)

MATERIALS

10 size 4mm glass pearls

10 size 6mm glass pearls

10 size 8mm glass pearls

2-3 feet of small link chain

2-3 feet of decorative link chain

4½ yards 28-gauge wire

4 size 6mm or 7mm bead caps

4 size 4mm soldered jump rings

6 size 6mm open jump rings

Decorative lobster claw clasp

Wire cutters

2 pairs of flat- or chain-nose pliers

1 pair of round-nose pliers

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8MM PEARL STRAND

Step 1. Cut two 1¼" and seven 1 5/8" lengths of decorative chain. Cut eight 4-inch lengths of wire.

PHOTO 1

Step 2. String one 8mm pearl to the middle of one wire and string through the end link of a 1¼" length of chain onto the wire.

Step 3. Thread the wire back through the 8mm keeping it centered on the wire. Use pliers to gently pull the wire to create a small loop around the chain link. Leave a bit of room for the wire wrapping between the chain link and the pearl.

Step 4. String a one 1 5/8" length of chain on the other side of the wire and repeat Step 3.

PHOTO 2

Step 5. Starting at the 8mm, make a wrapped loop between the 8mm and the chain. Trim the excess wire. Repeat with the other wire end.

Step 6. Repeat Steps 2 through 5 to add seven additional 8mm pearls, attaching each new 8mm to the end link of the previous chain. Ending with the second 1¼" length of chain. Place this strand aside.

6MM PEARL STRAND

Step 7. Cut eleven 1" lengths of small link chain. Cut ten 4" lengths of wire.

Step 8. Repeat Steps 2 through 6 to complete the 6mm pearl strand.

4MM PEARL STRAND

Step 9. Cut nine 1¼" and two ½" lengths of small link chain. Cut ten 4" lengths of wire.

Step 10. Repeat Steps 2 through 5 to connect ten 4mm pearls. Attach the 4mm to the chain links. Beginning and ending the strand with the ½" lengths of chain.

PEARL CONNECTORS

PHOTO 3

Step 11. Cut a 5" length of wire. String a 4mm closed ring, a bead cap, an 8mm and a bead cap to the middle of the wire.

Step 12. Thread one end of the wire back through the bead cap, 8mm and bead cap. Use pliers to gently pull the wire to create a small loop around the 4mm ring.

Step 13. Add a second 4mm to the other end of the wire and thread the wire back through the bead cap, 8mm and bead cap. Use pliers to gently pull the wire to create a small loop around the 4mm ring.

Step 14. Make a wrapped loop with each end of the wire and trim excess.

Step 15. Repeat Steps 11 through 14 to complete a second connector.

NECKLACE ASSEMBLY

PHOTO 4

Step 16. Use pliers to open a jump ring. Insert the 8mm strand, 6mm strand, 4mm strand and a pearl connector. Close the jump ring.

Step 17. Repeat Step 16 on the other side of the necklace. Be careful not to twist the strands. **NOTE:** The 4mm strand should be on the inside.

Step 18. Cut two 5" lengths of decorative chain.

Step 19. With pliers, open the jump ring of the three pearl chain strands, insert one loop of the connector and close the jump ring.

Step 20. Open a jump ring and insert one length of decorative chain and the second loop of the connector. Close the jump ring.

Step 21. Repeat Steps 19 and 20 on the side of the necklace.

Step 22. Use pliers to attach an open jump ring and the lobster claw to one side of the necklace and add a jump ring to the other side of the necklace.

Want a matching pair of earrings? Check out my sister project "Pearly Links Earrings" in the "I Love Beads" pattern library.



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4