

Elements

Whether it's as hot as smoke and fire, or cool like water and ice, let your true nature shine through this easy-to-stitch necklace.

designed by **Wendy Hunt**

Look for instructions to make this beautiful pendant, also by Wendy, on p. 88 of the August 2008 issue of *Bead&Button*.



MATERIALS

necklace 19 in. (48 cm)

- 60 6 mm fire-polished beads
- 268 size 6° seed beads
- toggle clasp
- 16 5.25 mm inside-diameter jump rings, 20-gauge
- Fireline 6 lb. test or nylon beading thread, size D, conditioned with beeswax or Thread Heaven
- beading needles, #12
- 2 pairs of pliers

stepbystep

Segments

[1] On 1 yd. (.9 m) of Fireline or conditioned thread (Online Basics), pick up a repeating pattern of three 6° seed beads and a 6 mm fire-polished bead four times. Tie the beads into a ring with a square knot (Online Basics), and sew through the first four beads again (**figure 1**).

[2] Pick up a 6°, and sew through the next 6 mm, keeping the new 6° inside

the ring (**figure 2, a-b**).

Repeat three times, and sew through the first 6° added in this step (**b-c**). Pull the beads into a tight ring. The 6°s will create the points of a diamond shape.

[3] Retrace the thread path through the inner ring of the diamond. Secure the working thread and tail with a few half-hitch knots (Online Basics), and trim.

[4] Make a total of 15 diamond-shaped segments.

Assembly

[1] Open a jump ring (Online Basics), and attach it to a 6° at the point of a diamond segment. Attach a 6°, the 6° of a second diamond segment, and a 6° (**photo**), and close the jump ring. Repeat to connect the remaining segments.

[2] Open a jump ring, and attach the 6° at the point of the last segment and half of the clasp. Close the jump ring.

[3] Repeat at the other end to attach the other half of the clasp. ●

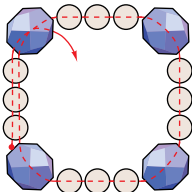


FIGURE 1

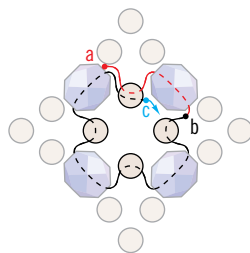


FIGURE 2



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