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Crochet with Beads – Chain Stitch Necklace Bracelet Jewelry

Quick and Cute!

Help Video: youtube.com/naztazia

Look for the video "Crochet with Beads - Necklace Bracelet"

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- Less than 50 yards of Crochet Thread in Size 3. The sample above uses Aunt Lydia's Crochet Thread, Size 3. Feel free to use other yarn or thread to fit your beads, such as embroidery floss, hemp, silk, beading cord, etc.
- Beads. The sample above uses one 185-gram package Cousin Jewelry Basics Glass Bead Mix. Necklace = 100 beads; Bracelet = 50 beads.
- D size (3.25 mm) crochet hook. Feel free to use other size hooks to make the chains looser or tighter.
- Scissors
- Sewing or beading needle (optional)
- 2 lobster clasps or other jewelry clasps
- 10 jump rings (8mm or 10mm are good sizes for beginners to work with)
- Pliers to open the jump rings (if you cannot do it by hand).
- Pendant (optional)
- Clear nail polish (optional)
- Jewelry glue (optional)

This pattern uses American Crochet Terms

CH = chain

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Necklace:

Step #1: First, string all 100 beads onto the starting end of the crochet thread. If the bead holes are large enough, you might not need any tools. Otherwise you can thread the crochet thread through a sewing or beading needle. My favorite method instead is to apply some clear nail polish to the last 2 inches of the crochet thread tip. Once dried, it will stiffen the crochet thread nicely to be able to easily string the beads without the use of a needle. You can see how this is done in the video: http://youtube.com/naztazia

Step #2: Once all the beads are strung, take your D-size (3.25 mm) crochet hook and chain 1.

Step #3: Slide the first bead upwards on the string, right next to the starting chain1. Yarn over and pull through the loop on the hook. This is basically a chain 1, except it encases the bead. Chain 2.

Step #4: Slide the next bead upwards on the string, right next to the last chain. Yarn over and pull through the loop on the hook. Chain 2.

<u>Step #5:</u> Keep repeating Step #4 until your beaded chain is approximately <u>88 inches long</u> (or the length you wish).

Step #6: After you string your last bead, just do a chain 1, cut your yarn about 8 inches from the end, and pull through the tail end to knot/secure it.

Step #7: Tie and knot both the beginning and ending tail ends together securely. Use a drop of clear nail polish or jewelry glue to secure the knot so it doesn't unravel.

Step #8: Wear your necklace as-is, or double it to shorten it. Or to make a choker (as in the sample), you can use either a round or oval necklace clasp to secure the ends. Another option includes using jump rings and a lobster clasp to permanently set the necklace size. You can see the various options available in the video: http://youtube.com/naztazia

Bracelet:

The bracelet is made in the same way as the necklace, except in the following steps - the measurements are different:

In Step #1, you will start off by stringing 50 beads.

In Step #5, the beaded chain will be 38 inches long (or the length you wish).

Be sure to check out the YouTube video for this project if you need assistance with any step: youtube.com/naztazia (look for Crochet with Beads – Necklace Bracelet).