



GREEN LEAF NECKLACE

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A simple ladder stitch design using gemstones and Czech glass leaves creates an effective and attractive necklace suitable for beginners to beading.

Finished Size:

Necklace is approximately 455 mm (18 1/2") long

Materials:

2 strands of 4 mm round Serpentine beads
Metallic Iris Teal Delica beads
Czech Pressed leaf beads 9 x 14 mm long
Decorative clasp.

Approx 3.5 metres 6-8 lb Fireline, C-Lon, Nymo or similar thread in a colour to match beads.





Tools:





Scissors
Beading needles.
Clear nail polish (to use as "glue")
Small spring clamp or bull dog clip

Techniques:

Ladder Stitch and fringing.



1.		<p>Thread a needle at each end of approximately 3.5 m of Thread. If you are using C-Lon or Nymo it is suggested that you use the thread doubled.</p>
2.		<p>Using both needles together, attach the larger side of your clasp to the middle of the thread, using a few blanket stitches.</p>
3.		<p>Thread three Delicas and one 4 mm bead on one needle, then go through the beads again in the same direction with the other needle.</p>
4.		<p>Use a small clamp to anchor your clasp to the bead mat, and with a needle in each hand, thread one Delica, one 4mm bead and one Delica on each thread. Thread a single 4mm bead on one thread and bring the second needle through from the opposite side, forming a four bead "unit".</p>
6.		<p>Continue to add beads as per instruction 4 until there are 53 units. If you wish to add length to the necklace, add an even number of units, but as there are only 25 leaf beads the extra units will not have leaves. You will need to calculate the starting point of the leaves so that equal units are left at each end. NOTE: On the last unit, the needles should both go through the final bead in the same direction.</p>

7.		Thread three Delica beads, then pass through the hole in the second part of the clasp. Secure with several blanket stitches.
8.		You may need to knot and anchor your thread and add in a new thread at this point. You only need to use one needle from now on.
9.		With the threaded needle, pass back through the three Delica beads, then up through a 4 mm bead, Delica, 4 mm and Delica to the top row of the Necklace.
10.		Now thread back down through one 4 mm, a Delica and the 4 mm in the bottom row of beads. (There is no leaf on the last unit of the necklace.)
11.		Thread five Delicas, a leaf and another five Delicas, miss one 4 mm bead and thread through the next 4 mm bead. Leaves are threaded across two "units". Do not go through any Delicas in the "units" when attaching the fringing.
12.		Continue to add leaf beads between the 4mm beads, making sure thread passes through all leaves from the same side so that they are all lying in the same direction.
13.		Thread through the beads up to the clasp and thread once around the loop again. Then weave your thread into the beading and knot in an inconspicuous spot several times, securing with a dab of nail polish or glue (trying not to get this on the beads).
14.		Enjoy wearing your necklace.

Resources

Check out your local bead supplier or project kits can be obtained direct from Christine Mole, who can be contacted by email c.r.mole@bigpond.net.au.

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