

Chain of Fools by FusionBeads.com



Approximate finished length: 18 inches

Beads and other products needed for one necklace:

- 2 - 4mm Blue Zircon Swarovski Elements Crystal Bicone Beads (04BI0122)
- 2 - 5301 4mm Aquamarine Swarovski Elements Crystal Bicone Beads (04BI0123)
- 1 - 4mm Light Azore Swarovski Elements Crystal Bicone Bead (04BI1124)
- 1 - 4mm Turquoise Swarovski Elements Crystal Bicone Bead (04BI1162)
- 1 - 4mm Indicolite Swarovski Elements Crystal Bicone Bead (04BI0175)
- 10 inches - 2mm Antique Brass Base Metal Chain (CN4042)
- 22 inches - 3mm Gold Base Metal Chain (CN3011)
- 8 inches - 3.4mm Gold Base Metal Chain (CN4039)
- 16 inches - 7.8mm Antique Brass Base Metal Chain (CN5213)
- 1 - 9.8x14.9mm Natural Brass Swirl Clasp Set (NB0249)
- 3 - 7.3mm Natural Brass Jump Rings (NB0205)
- 1 - 1-1/2 inch 22 gauge Natural Brass Eye Pin (NB0176)
- 1 - 68mm Natural Brass Creative Hoop (NB0301)
- 21 inches - 26 Gauge Bronze Wire (VW0105)

Tools needed to complete the necklace:

Round nose pliers
Chain nose pliers
Wire cutters

Beading Techniques needed to complete the necklace:

Opening and Closing a Jump Ring
Cutting Chain Efficiently
Simple Loop
Wire Wrapped Links

For step-by-step photos and instructions on these and other techniques, visit FusionBeads.com and select Beading Techniques from the top navigation bar.

Instructions to complete “Chain of Fools” necklace:

Step 1

Using wire cutters, cut the following chain types into the specified lengths (see Cutting Chain Efficiently Technique):

2mm antique brass chain:

- 3 – 1” lengths
- 2 – 1.5” lengths
- 2 – 2” lengths

3mm gold chain:

- 2 – 1” lengths
- 2 – 2” lengths
- 2 – 8” lengths

3.4mm gold chain:

- 1 – 1” length
- 1 – 2” length
- 2 – 2.5” lengths

7.8mm antique brass chain:

- 2 – 8” lengths

Tip

The pendant is made of lengths of chain strung onto the creative hoop. Some chain lengths are embellished with beads attached to the chain with wire wrapped links. In the necklace shown, the placement of the beads on the chains is random, presenting a staggered effect. If you prefer, place the beads at measured intervals.

Step 2

Cut one 2-inch length of antique brass chain into two lengths – one about 1.5-inch long, and the other about 1-inch long.

Step 3

Using a 3-inch length of wire, make a wire wrapped link (see Wire Wrapped Link Technique) with one 4mm crystal bicone bead (any color). Connect one side of this link to one end of the 1.5-inch length of chain from Step 2, and connect the other side to one end of the 1-inch length of chain from Step 2.

Step 4

In the same fashion as in Steps 2 and 3, attach each of the five remaining crystal bicone beads to each of the following chain lengths (the cuts may be made at random locations in the chain):

2mm antique brass chain:

- 1 – 1”
- 1 – 1.5”
- 1 – 2”

3.4mm gold chain:

- 1 – 1”
- 1 – 2”

3mm gold chain:

- 1 – 2”

Step 5

Place the open end of the eye pin through one loop in the creative hoop.

Step 6

Set aside the four 8-inch lengths of chain. String the end link of each of the other lengths of chain onto the open end of the eye pin, varying the lengths and types of chains randomly to achieve a staggered effect. Using round nose pliers, turn a simple loop (see Simple Loop Technique) at the open end of the eye pin, attaching the loop just made to the other loop on the creative loop before completing the loop. The pendant is complete.

Step 7

Using chain nose pliers, open one jump ring (see Opening and Closing a Jump Ring Technique). Place the jump ring onto one loop of the eye pin from Step 6, one end link of an 8-inch length of brass chain, and one end link of an 8-inch length of gold chain. Close the jump ring. (These longer chains form the straps of one side of the necklace.)

Step 8

Repeat Step 7 on the other side of the eye pin. (These longer chains form the straps of the other side of the necklace.)

Step 9

Open one jump ring. Place the jump ring on the two open end links of the 8-inch chain lengths on one side of the necklace and the loop on the hook side of the clasp. Close the jump ring.

Step 10

Open the large jump ring that makes up the other side of the clasp, and attach it to the two open end links of the 8-inch chain lengths on the other side of the necklace. Close the jump ring.

For more Inspiration jewelry ideas and to meet all your beading needs, visit FusionBeads.com!