

Heartbeat by FusionBeads.com



Approximate finished length: 17 inches

Beads and other products needed for one necklace:

- 1 bag - 1.5mm Silver Lined Garnet Cube Japanese Seed Beads (SB3672)
- 1 - 25mm Pewter Oval 'Love' Link by Green Girl Studios (GG2139)
- 15 inches - 3x6mm Gunmetal Plated Rings & Ovals Base Metal Cable Chain (CN5319)
- 4 - 18 Gauge 5mm Gunmetal Plated Base Metal Open Jump Rings (BM2831)
- 1 - 13.5x11mm Antique Pewter Small Heart Toggle Clasp (PS0880)
- 4 feet - Smoke Gray FireLine Braided Bead Thread .006 diameter, 4 lb/Size B (SM1000)

Tools needed to complete the necklace:

- Chain nose pliers
- Wire cutters
- Scissors
- English Beading Needles, Size 12
- Perfect End Thread Burner

Beading Techniques needed to complete the necklace:

- Opening and Closing a Jump Ring
- Basic Brick Stitch – Decreasing
- Using a Perfect End Thread Burner

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 “Heartbeat” necklace:

Step 1

Using a 4-foot length of beading thread and 1.5mm silver lined garnet cube seed beads, weave a 13-bead ladder to begin a decreased piece of brick stitch (see Basic Brick Stitch – Decreasing Technique). The ladder forms the widest part of the heart pendant.

Tip

To give the heart smooth edges, at the end of each row, string one cube bead and pass down through the next-to-last bead in the previous row. Turn. Pass back up through the last bead in the previous row and the bead you just added.

Step 2

Following the technique, work one row with one decrease.

Step 3

The top of the heart is made of two partial triangles side by side above the row worked in Step 2. Make one partial triangle by weaving one five-bead row, one four-bead row and one three-bead row. Weave the thread back down to the row made in Step 2, and weave a second partial triangle. Weave the thread back down to the initial ladder.

Step 4

Turn the heart upside-down. Using the ladder row as the base, work brick stitch with one decrease at the beginning of each row until the piece forms a point (a single-bead row). Weave the thread back and forth through several rows, exiting an end bead in the initial ladder row. Leave the thread attached; it will be used again in later steps.

Step 5

The cable chain is made of three small round links alternating with a single oval link. Using wire cutters, cut the chain into the following lengths so that each length begins and ends with one round link next to an oval link:

1 – 0.75” length

1 – 6” length

1 – 7.5” length

Step 6

Using the thread you left behind in Step 4, stitch through one end link of the 0.75-inch length of chain and the end bead in the ladder row at least three times.

Step 7

Weave the thread to the other end bead of the ladder. In the same manner as in Step 6, stitch one end link of the 7.5-inch length of chain to the end bead in the ladder row.

Step 8

Weave the thread back and forth through rows to secure, and trim the thread with a Perfect End Thread Burner (see Using a Perfect End Thread Burner Technique).

Step 9

Open two jump rings (see Opening and Closing a Jump Ring Technique). Use one jump ring to connect one side of the oval Love link to the other end link of the 0.75-inch length of chain. Use the other jump ring to connect the other side of the oval Love link to one end link of the 6-inch length of chain. Close both jump rings.

Step 10

Open two jump rings. Use one jump ring to attach one side of the toggle clasp to the end link of the 7.5-inch length of chain and the other jump ring to attach the other side of the clasp to the end link of the 6-inch length of chain. Close both jump rings.

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