

Sea Catch

Materials needed:

Available at SonoranBeads.com:

- Silk Piping #SH02 - Qty. 1
- 12mm Tanzanite Wirelace® #1659 - approx. 10inches
- Starfish #1576 - 1
- Scallops #1298 - 1 set
- Spiral Moon Shells #1086 - 1 set
- Sterling Silver End Caps #1621 - 1 set
- Magnetic Clasp #2101 - 1

From your stash:

- Pearls - 4 to 5mm round - Qty. 8
- Beading thread
- Two part epoxy
- Hypo-cement glue
- Beading needle

Tools needed:

- Scissors



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Step-by-step instructions:

1. Cut the silk piping to the desired length of the necklace. Take into consideration the clasp will add about an inch to the overall length. The silk piping comes in 24 inch lengths.
2. Cut a piece of WireLace® approximately 10 inches. You may use more if you want the Wirelace® to cover more of the piping. Open one end of the Wirelace® (it's tubular) and insert the silk piping through the entire length of the lace. Center the Wirelace® on the silk. Gently pull the Wirelace® apart on both sides to make it look like a ribbon. You may have to center it again once you've pulled it apart.
3. Find the center of the necklace and stitch through the Wirelace®, the silk, and into the piping. Make a knot to secure the thread and stitch the Starfish in the center of necklace. Go through the loop on the back of the Starfish several times, always going through to the cotton piping in the silk. It's just like stitching on a button.
4. Stitch on the rest of the beads in the same manner positioning them as you like. I used a pearl to secure the scallop shell so that you don't see the thread wrapped around the scallop. Come up from the silk, through the hole in the scallop, add a pearl, and than go back through the scallop hole. I go through the pearl twice to make sure it is secure.
5. Once all of the beads have been added, twist the ends of the Wirelace® and touch them with a little dab of Hypo-cement glue to prevent fraying.
6. Mix the two part epoxy together on a scrap piece of paper and put a small amount of it in the end cap. Dip the end of the silk cord in the glue and then insert in the end cap. Try not to overfill the end cap with glue as it will stain the silk if it oozes out of the end cap.
7. Let the end caps dry two hours - preferably overnight. Open the rings on the end caps and attach the clasp and close the rings.