

Out on a Limb Necklace

Materials needed:

Available at SonoranBeads.com:

- 1 tube (28gr) size 11 seed beads #2064
- 1 str- mini-teardrops #22344
- 1 Dora Beth Branch with Bird#DB012
- 1 Dora Beth Small Calla Bead (2) #DB032
- 1 Leaf hook & eye clasp #1365
- 8 Czech leaves #200

Tools needed:

- Size 10 beading needle
- FireLine™ 6 lb smoke



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Step-by-step instructions:

1. To create the ladder that begins your spiral herringbone rope pick up 8 seed beads on three yards of FireLine™. Leaving a 10-12 inch tail, pass through all 8 beads again, forming a loop. Pass through the first 4 beads strung one more time. Snug up the thread and arrange the beads so that you have two groups of four beads sitting side by side. These are the first two “rungs” of your ladder.
2. Pick up 4 beads and pass your needle up through the first rung (the one with the tail coming out the bottom). Pass down through the beads just added. Pick up 4 beads and pass down through the rung just added and up through the beads just added (two rungs added). Repeat this step to make two more rungs.
3. Fold the ladder so that the ends meet. Join the ends by passing through both end rungs, exiting the top of the last rung made.
4. Pick up two beads and pass down through the top bead of the next rung and up through the top three beads of the next rung after that. Arrange the two beads just added so that each one sits on top of the beads below them with the holes facing up and down. Pull the thread snugly.
5. Repeat step 4 until your rope is 7 ½” - 8” long. After you have worked a few rounds you will see the rope starting to twist. You’ll also see that you will have three distinct groups or “branches” of beads.
6. When your rope is the desired length, pick up 2 beads and pass down through the top 4 beads on the next rung and up through the top 6 beads on the rung after that. Repeat this step on each of the next two branches.

7. Pick up two beads and pass down through the top five beads on the next rung and up through the top seven beads on the rung after that. Repeat this step on each of the next two branches.
8. Pick up a mini-teardrop and pass down through the top five beads on the next rung and up through the top seven beads on the rung after that. Repeat this step on the next two branches, exiting on the inside of your rope at the end of the last step. Set this rope aside without trimming the thread.
9. Repeat steps 1 through 8 to make another rope.
10. To connect the pewter branch, pass your thread through the hole in one end of the pewter branch and down through a few beads on the rope making sure to follow the twist. Pull the thread tight so that the pewter branch sits snugly in the end of the rope. Tie a half hitch knot and follow the thread path back to the pewter branch. Repeat this step a few more times picking a different thread path each time. End off your thread by passing down through several beads and trimming the thread.
11. Repeat step 10 to connect the second rope.
12. Attach a new thread at a point about 1" from the end of the rope that is attached to the pewter branch. Make a branch fringe by picking up six seed beads and a teardrop. Skip the teardrop and pass back through three seed beads (first branch made). Pick up three seed beads and a teardrop. Skip the teardrop and pass back through three seed beads (second branch made). Pass through one seed bead on the main branch of the fringe and make another branch and pass through the last two beads on the main branch and one bead on the rope.
13. Sew on two teardrops and two Czech leaves at the base of the branch fringe just made. Pass the thread through several beads, tie a half hitch knot, and pass through several more beads. Trim the thread.
14. Attach a small calla bead to the end of the rope to act as an end cap. Attach a new thread to the end of the rope. Pass through a seed bead at the end of the rope and slide on a calla bead and one side of the clasp. Pass back through the seed beads, tie a half hitch knot. Repeat this step a few times to secure the clasp. End by tying a half hitch knot and passing through several beads.
15. Repeat steps 12 through 14 to finish the other side.
16. Attach two leaves and three teardrops to the hole in the bottom center of the pewter branch by tying them on with FireLine™. Add a bead, tie a knot, add a leaf, tie a knot, etc. End by making several knots and trim the thread as close possible to the knots. Dab the knot with clear glue or nail polish.