

Sonoran Leaves Necklace

Materials needed:

Available at Sonoranbeads.com:

- 1-Lg Sonoran leaf
- 6-Sm Sonoran leaves
- 16- donuts
- 1-4mm hook & eye crimp end clasp

Tools needed:

- round nose pliers
- sharp scissors
- floss threader



Sonoran Beads

Step-by-step instructions:

1. At one end of the silk cord, pull about ½” of the inner piping out of the silk covering and snip off. Pull on the silk covering so that the inner piping goes back inside. This will leave you with an empty sleeve at the end of the cord, reducing its bulk and will help ease the silk cord through the beads.
2. String on the large leaf and position it in the center of the cord. Use the floss threader to help pull the cord through the beads by inserting the threader stem in the bead hole and grabbing the silk in the loop of the threader. Pull the silk through the hole.
3. String on two donut beads and a small leaf. Repeat this step twice so that you have three small leaves and six donut beads on one side of the large leaf. End with two donut beads. You should have a total of eight donut beads on this side.
4. Repeat step 3 on the other side of the necklace.
5. Once the beads are strung and positioned in the center of the cord cut the cord to the desired length, keeping in mind that the hook & eye crimp end clasp will add about inch.
6. Repeat step 1 then fold the end of the silk covering about ¼” over the end of your round nose pliers and tuck it into one half of the crimp end clasp. Using the pliers, crimp the center portion of the crimp end onto the silk cord. Folding the silk cord will hide the raw edge that would be seen through the crimp end and give the necklace a neat and tidy finish. Repeat this step to finish the other end.