



Lustrous Metallic Thread Necklace

Bronze

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Materials:

- One spool Metallic Thread - #3595 Bronze
- 1 – Prism Pendant Bead - #22488
- 1pr – 8mm Gold Plated End Caps - #3769
- 1 – Vermeil Toggle Clasp - #3636
- 2 – 3.5mm Gold Plated jump rings #3344

Tools:

- Nylon Jaw or Coated Chain Nose Pliers
- Scissors
- Wrapping Board
- Macramé or bead board that can be pinned
- 2 - 8° size seed beads – color not important

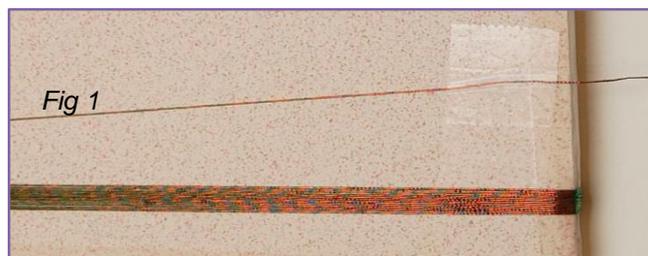


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1. Begin by making a board to wrap the threads around. The length of the board is the final length of the necklace. One to two inches of thread length is lost with the natural twist of the threads when making the necklace. The clasp will add an inch or two to make up the difference. Determine your desired length and make your board accordingly. I used a piece of foam core.

2. Tape the thread to the board off to one side, leaving a, 6 – 8 inch tail. (Fig.1) Wrap 30 to 50 times around the board depending on how thick you want your necklace to be. Finish by bringing the last thread up the back of the board and tie the two tails together in a square knot. Taking one of the tails slide it under the group of threads to the other side and again tie the two tails together in a square knot. (Fig.2)

3. Repeat at the other end of the board by cutting a piece of thread 8 to 10 inches long, slip it under the group of threads and tie a square knot to gather all of the threads together. Make sure the knots are at the exact top and bottom of the board so that the two sides are equal in length when removed from the board.





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4. Remove the threads from the board and pin one end of the group of threads to a macramé or other such board. I find it helps to keep one end stationary while finishing off the other end. Twisting the threads makes it easier to tie off the ends so that they fit in the end cap.

Take one of the thread tails and wrap it around one end of the threads several times. Thread on a size 8° seed bead and tie the threads off a couple of times. The seed bead is there to give the lip of the end cap something to grasp to make the threads secure in the cap without applying glue. (Fig. 3)

5. Pull the thread tails to the top and snip them off. Insert the end into the end cap making certain that the seed bead is up under the lip at the base of the end cap. Twisting the cap as you insert the threads helps keep all of the threads within the cap. With the nylon jawed pliers or coated pliers crimp the end cap closed. (Fig. 4)

6. If you are using a large holed pendant bead now is the time to slip it on over the end that is not finished. After sliding on the pendant, finish the other end as in step 5. Attach the clasp with two jump rings.

Note: If you have a thick rope of threads you may need to open the end cap slightly to accommodate all of the threads. Simply insert a pair of pliers into the cap and widen a bit.

Two necklaces are possible out of one spool of thread.

Wear and Enjoy!

