An art bead blossoms in a silk cord necklace • by Irina Miech

FLORAL SHOW BEAD Necklace

Seed beads will sprout into something spectacular when integrated with crystals, dyed silk cord, and a fabulous calla lily art bead. Because silk cords come in a multitude of intense colors, the possible combinations are endless. So, your necklace, just like a lily found in nature, will be one of a kind.

1. String a bicone crystal on a head pin. Make the first half of a wrapped loop above the crystal. Make a total of four bicone units. Set one unit aside for the extender in step 10.

2a. Cut a ½-in. (1.3cm) piece of 2mm chain. Cut two more pieces, each ¼ in. (6mm) longer than the previous piece. Attach a bicone unit’s loop to each chain and complete the wraps.

2b. Cut three 4-in. (10cm) pieces of 22-gauge wire. Make the first half of a wrapped loop on one end of each wire. Complete the wraps on two wires and set aside for step 7. On the remaining wire, attach the chain dangles and complete the wraps.

3. String a crystal rondelle, the art bead, and a rondelle on the wire. Make a wrapped loop above the rondelle.

4. Determine the finished length of your necklace. (My necklaces are 15 in./38cm.) Add 6 in. (15cm) and cut a piece of beading wire and two pieces of silk cord to that length. Center the pendant on the wire and silk cords.
On each end of the wire, string: bicone, rondelle, bicone, 13–16 11° seed beads. Repeat this pattern two more times.

On each end of the wire, string a bicone and 13–16 11° seed beads. Repeat this pattern until the necklace is within 2 in. (5cm) of the desired length.

On each end of the beading wire, string a crimp bead, an 11°, and the wrapped loop of the wire from step 2b. Go back through the last three beads and tighten the wire. Check the fit, and add or remove an equal number of beads from each end if necessary. Crimp the crimp beads. String both ends of silk cord through the wrapped loop.

On one end, make a wrapped loop above the bicone. Attach the S-hook clasp to the loop.

On the other end, make the first half of a wrapped loop above the bicone. Attach the 5mm chain and complete the wraps. Attach the bicone unit from step 1 to the chain and complete the wraps.

**Supply List**
- 60mm art bead (search Etsy or your local bead store)
- 22–26 5mm bicone crystals
- 8 8mm crystal rondelles
- 1g 11° seed beads
- 2½ in. (6.4cm) chain, 2mm links
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- 12 in. (30cm) 22-gauge half-hard wire
- 4 1½-in. (3.8cm) head pins
- flexible beading wire, .014 or .015
- 2 18–22 in. (46–56cm) silk cords, in 2 colors (Eclectica)
- 2 24mm beading cones
- 2 crimp beads
- S-hook clasp
- chainnose and roundnose pliers
- diagonal wire cutters
- crimping pliers (optional)

**Editor’s Tip**
Depending on the size of the art bead, you may need to turn the 8mm crystal rondelle sideways in order to fit it in the top of the flower. If this is the case, string the wire through the rondelle after it is inside the art bead.

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