

Fashionable Fabric Necklace

It's Friday night, you have just the right outfit but can't quite get the accessories together. If accessories can make the outfit, why not make the accessories?

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Supplies:

1/4 yard 58" -60" wide light to mid weight knit fabric
5-7 wooden beads 15-20mm size
22-20 gauge craft wire
Flexible fabric glue
Wire cutters
Tape measure
Scissors



Instructions:

1. Cut a 3" wide strip of fabric, the entire width of the fabric.
2. Cut 2 pieces of wire about 8" long.
3. Find the center of the strip and place a bead on the wrong side of the fabric. Wrap the fabric around the bead to cover it. Roll the fabric toward the wrong side on both sides of the bead.
4. Using the wire, wrap the fabric on both sides of the bead. This secures the bead in the fabric and adds an accent to the necklace.
5. Measure about 6" from the first bead. Place a bead on the wrong side of the fabric, wrapping the fabric around the bead. Tie a simple over-hand knot on each side of this bead.
6. Repeat this step, measuring 6" from the opposite side of the center bead.
7. Continue adding beads as desired, alternating between wrapping and tying on either side of the bead.

8. When you have finished adding beads, cut 2 lengths of wire 12-18" to use to make the clasp and wrap the ends.
9. Fold over 4" from one end of the wire and twist, twisting the short end of the wire around the longer piece. When you reach the end of the short wire, fold it up to hide the sharp end.
10. Roll the fabric toward the wrong side and wrap the long end of the wire around the end of the fabric strip.
11. Using your fingers, shape the twisted wire end into a hook.
12. Take the second piece of wire and fold over 4" from one end of the wire and twist, twisting the short end of the wire around the longer piece. When folding the wire over, leave a small loop at the fold.
13. When you reach the end of the short wire, fold it up to hide the sharp end.
14. Make a loop by folding the twisted wire over and threading the end of the long end of the wire into the beginning loop where you folded the wire.
15. Roll the fabric toward the wrong side and wrap the long end of the wire around the end of the fabric strip attaching the loop to the necklace.
16. Now you are ready to accessorize, accessorize, accessorize!

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