

## Glass Beads and Knots

Supplies:

Necklace and bracelet:

- Glass beads
- waxed cord, 1mm
- metal beads





Only for bracelet:





- clasp
- crimp beads, 2 mm
- split rings
- charms



This project is so simple and fun. Finally something to do with all those glass beads you've been hoarding.

There's no cutting of the cord before the very end. I don't really know, how much you'll need. But just to make sure, inspect the next three yards of your spool for blemishes of any kind.

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<p>Okay: Get your pendant, your waxed cord and your beads. For the necklace I strung about 60 beads. Make it 70 to be on the safe side.</p>			
3		4	
	<p>Cut the end of the cord at an angle and put some glue on the tip. Let it dry thoroughly.</p>		<p>String all your beads in random order.</p>

5		6	
	<p>Tie your first knot. Leave a tail long enough to tie both ends together.</p>		<p>I made groups of 1-5 beads. Push the desired number of beads all the way to your first knot and tie a second knot right underneath. Tie the next knot leaving a little space. Push up the next set of beads, and so on.</p>
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	<p>In the middle, leave a stretch free of beads long enough to attach your pendant.</p>		<p>Tie the ends together, attach the pendant. Pull the cord a little to tighten the knots. Done! Remove the extra beads from the cord or add more to make a matching bracelet. (see below)</p>

## Matching Bracelet

Since I sell most of what I make, I make bracelets that will fit all sizes. So I'm going to use a metal clasp and an extension chain. If you'd rather use a Yin/Yang clasp, using a button or a large bead, see my tutorial: Candy Necklace.

1		<p>Start with some glue on the tip of the cord (see # 3).</p> <p>Pick your beads and string them all.</p> <p>This bracelet wraps around five times. I strung 120 glass beads and some metal beads.</p>	
2		3	
	<p>Cut off the glued bit. With a folded Beadalon wire pull the cord through a 2 mm crimp bead. Adjust the loop, flatten the crimp bead and cut the excess cord.</p>	<p>Tie your first knot almost on top of the crimp bead.</p> <p>You know the rest.</p>	
4		5	
	<p>Every once in a while pull on both ends of the knotted part and wrap the cord around your wrist to check the length.</p>	<p>Tie the last knot, attach the crimp bead, the split rings and the clasp.</p>	

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You can add charms, if you want.

If your bracelet ended up being too long, find the largest gaps between knots and tie more knots.

If it's too short, add split rings.