

A necklace featuring a string of pearls and crystals. The pearls are irregularly shaped and have a light, creamy color. The crystals are clear and faceted. The necklace is set against a dark red background.

String a **one-color** wonder

Design a necklace and earrings
with beads in a single shade

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Stringing a fabulous necklace is easy when you use pearls, crystals, and seed beads in the same color. String this trouble-free pattern or design one of your own. Practically any configuration will look radiant. What's more, this necklace-and-earrings set completes any outfit, making it my fashion favorite.



1 necklace • On a decorative head pin, string a pearl, a spacer, a 6 mm bicone crystal, and an 11° seed bead. Make a wrapped loop (Basics).



2 Cut a 3-in. (7.6 cm) piece of wire. Make the first half of a wrapped loop on one end. Attach the bead unit and complete the wraps.
String a 4 mm bicone crystal, an 11°, a pearl, an 11°, and a 4 mm bicone. Make a wrapped loop.



3 Cut a piece of beading wire (Basics). Center the dangle and an 11° on the wire.



4 On each end, string a 6 mm bicone. String six 11°s and five pearls, alternating the beads. Repeat until the strand is within 1 in. (2.5 cm) of the finished length.





5 On each end, string a 6 mm bicone, a crimp bead, an 11°, and half of a clasp. Check the fit, and add or remove beads from each end if necessary. Go back through the beads just strung and tighten the wire. Crimp the crimp bead (Basics) and trim the excess wire.

Design alternative

Metallic stick pearls, round crystals, and silver seed beads make an exquisite choker. I changed the pattern and the number of seed beads between pearls.



Supplies

necklace (white 17 in./43 cm; green 18½ in./47 cm)

- ◆ 16-in. (41 cm) strand 5–7 mm pearls (\$15–20)
- ◆ 11–15 6 mm bicone crystals
- ◆ 2 4 mm bicone crystals
- ◆ 2 g 11° seed beads
- ◆ 4–5 mm flat spacer
- ◆ flexible beading wire, .014 or .015
- ◆ 3 in. (7.6 cm) 24-gauge half-hard wire
- ◆ 2-in. (5 cm) decorative head pin
- ◆ 2 crimp beads
- ◆ toggle clasp
- ◆ chainnose and roundnose pliers
- ◆ diagonal wire cutters
- ◆ crimping pliers (optional)

earrings

- ◆ 2 5–7 mm pearls
- ◆ 2 6 mm bicone crystals
- ◆ 2 4 mm bicone crystals
- ◆ 6 11° seed beads
- ◆ 2 2½-in. (6.4 cm) decorative head pins
- ◆ pair of earring wires
- ◆ chainnose and roundnose pliers
- ◆ diagonal wire cutters



1 earrings • On a decorative head pin, string: pearl, 11° seed bead, 6 mm bicone crystal, 11°, 4 mm bicone crystal, 11°. Make a wrapped loop (Basics).



2 Open the loop of an earring wire (Basics). Attach the dangle and close the loop. Make a second earring to match the first. *

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