

Y Wonder

*A tassel adds new
glamour to this
Y-necklace*

In the movies, the Y-necklace comes in and out of popularity. This rendition, however, transcends trends. Inspired by the trim, 3-loop garnet finding, I used a few crystals and a hank of 11^g seed beads to complete the design.

stepbystep

making the tassel

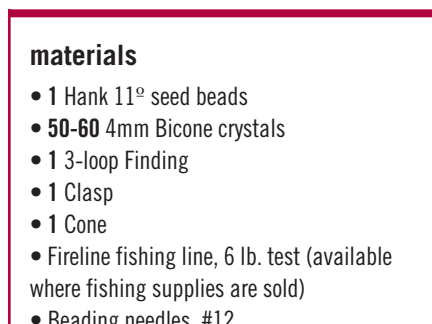
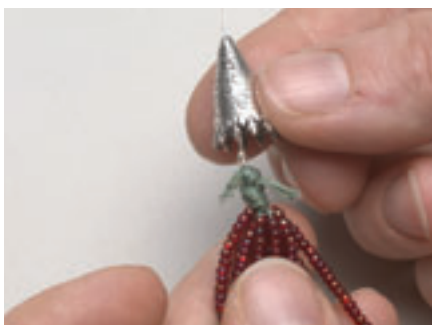
- 1 Thread a needle with 2 yd. (1.8m) of Fireline.
- 2 String 2 in. (5cm) of seed beads, a crystal, and a seed bead. Leave a 4-in. (10cm) tail.
- 3 Skip the last seed bead and sew back through the crystal and the remaining seed beads. Trim the thread, leaving a 4-in. tail. Tape the tail ends to secure the beads.
- 4 Repeat steps 2-3 until you have made enough fringe to fill your cone. My tassel has 14 strands of fringe.
- 5 Remove the tape from the fringe ends and gather the threads together, pushing the beads down so they are snug. Tie the ends into a loose overhand knot (see “Basics,” p. 136). Tighten the knot firmly against the beads (**photo a**).
- 6 Make a small wrapped loop at one end of the 3-in. (7.6 cm) piece of wire (see “Basics”).
- 7 Slip half the thread ends through the loop and tie the ends around the loop using a square knot (**photo b**). Glue the knot and trim the ends to ¼ in. (6mm).
- 8 Insert the wire into the wide end of the cone and pull the knotted ends into the cone (**photo c**).
- 9 String a crystal onto the wire and make a wrapped loop above it (**photo d**).

stringing the necklace

- 1 Measure your neckline to determine the necklace's length without the tassel.
- 2 Cut 1 yd. (.9m) of Fireline and thread a needle on each end.
- 3 Take one needle through a side loop on the 3-loop finding and center the finding on the thread.
- 4 Sew both needles through a crystal and push it against the loop, keeping the finding centered on the thread.
- 5 String 7 seed beads and a crystal on one needle and slide them down to the first crystal strung.
- 6 String 7 seed beads on the other needle and sew through the crystal strung in step 5 (**photo e**).
- 7 Repeat steps 5-6 until the length is within ½ in. (1.3cm) of half the desired necklace length.
- 8 Sew both needles into a bead tip. String a seed bead on one needle and tie the thread ends into a surgeon's knot (see "Basics" and **photo f**). Glue the knot and trim the threads. Close the bead tip and roll the hook over one end of the clasp.
- 9 Repeat steps 2-8 to string the other side of the necklace.

attaching the tassel

- 1 Repeat step 2 of "stringing the necklace" and take one needle through the wrapped loop at the top of the tassel. Center the loop on the thread.
- 2 Sew both needles through one crystal and push it against the loop, keeping the loop centered on the thread.
- 3 Repeat steps 5-6 of "stringing the necklace" three times.
- 4 Sew through the finding's available loop in opposite directions (**photo g**). Sew back through the last crystal strung and several of the beads, exiting between two seed beads.
- 5 Tie a front-back-front knot (see "Basics"), leaving the needles threaded (**photo h**). Glue the knot.
- 6 Sew through the beads toward the tassel and tie another front-back-front knot. Glue the knot and sew through a few more beads before trimming the threads close to the beads. ●—P.O.



materials

- 1 Hank 11⁰ seed beads
 - 50-60 4mm Bicone crystals
 - 1 3-loop Finding
 - 1 Clasp
 - 1 Cone
 - Fireline fishing line, 6 lb. test (available where fishing supplies are sold)
 - Beading needles, #12
 - 2 Bead tips
 - G-S Hypo cement
 - 3 in. (7.6cm) 22-gauge Sterling silver wire, half-hard
- Tools:** chain- and roundnose pliers, diagonal wire cutters