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Layering Necklaces

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Choose your favorite Bead Gallery beads and connectors to make trendy layered necklaces.

To make a beaded birthstone bar necklace:

- Use genuine birthstone beads or glass, ceramic or other beads in the color of a birthstone.
- String 5-8 beads onto an eye pin. (You need about 1/4" bare wire at the end.) Use round-nose pliers to make a basic loop.
- Place the beaded bar and the chain on a beading board so you can determine how long to cut the chain to reach the desired necklace length.
- Cut the chain as necessary, then open each loop on the eye pin and connect it between the chains.
- Connect a jump ring to one end of the necklace or string a bead onto a head pin and make a wrapped loop to attach it to one end of the necklace for a more decorative closure.
- Use a jump ring to attach the clasp to the other end of the necklace.

To make a rhinestone link necklace:

- Start with a link or connector that has a loop on each side.
- Place the connector and chain on the beading board so you can determine how long to cut the chain to reach the desired necklace length.
- If you're using unsoldered chain, open the end links to attach them to the loops. If you're using soldered chain, you'll need to use jump rings to attach the connector loops to the chain.
- Attach a clasp to the end of the necklace.

Tips for making layering necklaces:

- Make two or three necklaces that are 2" different in length.
- Add texture and interest by using different sizes/types of chain for the necklaces.
- Don't be afraid to mix different looks like matte and sparkly as shown here.

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