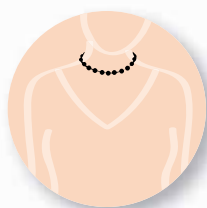


Changeable slides give necklace a wardrobe of its own



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A D-ring attached to a cabochon, pendant, button, or other found object creates a removable focal point for a multistrand choker. You can quickly create a collection of these slides to move from casual to dressy in seconds. Take an extra ten minutes to make simple earrings that roll with the changes.

Optimize a choker with multiple pendant options





1 necklace • To make a pendant: Use glue to attach a D-ring to the back of a cabochon. Let it dry for 24 hours.



2 Cut two pieces of beading wire (Basics, p. 110). (My necklaces are 14 in./36cm.) Cut two more pieces: one ½ in. (1.3cm) longer than the original pieces and one ½ in. (1.3cm) shorter. On one wire, string 6° seed beads, interspersing 6mm round beads, until the strand is within 1 in. (2.5cm) of the desired length. Begin and end with a 6mm round.



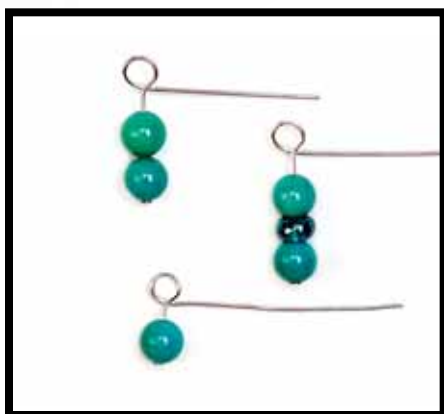
3 On each of the remaining wires, string the pattern in step 2, positioning the 6mm rounds at different intervals on each strand.



4 On each end of each strand, string a 6°, a crimp bead, a 6°, and the corresponding loop of half of the clasp. Check the fit, and add or remove beads if necessary. Go back through the beads just strung and tighten the wires. Crimp the crimp bead (Basics) and trim the excess wire. Slide the pendant over the strands.

EDITOR'S TIP

Choose a clasp that will fit through the D-ring.



1 earrings • On a head pin, string two 6mm round beads. Make the first half of a wrapped loop (Basics, p. 110). On a second head pin, string a 6mm round. Make the first half of a wrapped loop. On a third head pin, string a 6mm round, a 6° seed bead, and a 6mm round. Make the first half of a wrapped loop.

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2 Cut three 1-in. (2.5cm) pieces of chain. Attach a bead unit to each chain and complete the wraps.



3 Open the loop of an earring wire (Basics). Attach the dangles and close the loop. Make a second earring to match the first. ❖

Supply List

necklace

- 25 x 40mm cabochon (Fire Mountain Gems, 800-355-2137, firemountaingems.com)
- 48–60 6mm round beads
- 20g 6° seed beads
- flexible beading wire, .014 or .015
- ¾-in. (1.9cm) D-ring (available at craft stores)
- 8 crimp beads

- clasp (orchid from Ayla's Originals, 877-328-2952, aylasoriginals.com)
- chainnose or crimping pliers
- diagonal wire cutters
- E6000 adhesive

earrings

- 10 6mm round beads
- 2 6° seed beads
- 7 in. (18cm) figaro chain
- 6 1½-in. (3.8cm) head pins
- pair of earring wires
- chainnose and roundnose pliers
- diagonal wire cutters