



Sweet Summertime Marlene Blessing

The handmade old-time bottle-cap beads featured in this necklace evoke a past era. Simple wood, glass, and silver components complement the design but still allow the caps to remain headliners in a funky found-object fashion show.

FINISHED SIZE: 34½"**Materials**

10 burgundy 4mm fire-polished glass rounds
10 natural 10×6mm wood saucers
5 assorted 22mm handmade bottle-cap beads
4 sterling silver 6mm heavy-gauge jump rings
10 sterling silver 10mm heavy-gauge jump rings

6 sterling silver 24mm heavy-gauge rings
1 sterling silver hook-and-eye clasp
25" of sterling silver 22-gauge wire
18¼" of sterling silver 3mm rollo chain

Tools

Wire cutters
Round-nose pliers
Chain-nose pliers

1: Links. Form a wrapped loop at one end of 5" of wire. String 1 round, 1 saucer, 1 bottle-cap bead, 1 saucer, and 1 round. Form another wrapped loop. Set aside. Repeat this step to make a total of 5 bead links.

2: Chain. Cut the chain into two equal lengths. Use a 6mm jump ring to attach one end of one chain to a 24mm ring. Use a 6mm jump ring to attach the other end to one half of the clasp. Set aside. Repeat for the remaining chain.

3: Necklace assembly. *Use a 10mm jump ring to connect the top of one bead link (with the bottle-cap's words right side up) to a 24mm ring attached to one of the chains. Use a 10mm jump ring to connect the bottom of the bead link to another 24mm ring. Use a 10mm jump ring to connect the top of another bead link to the previously placed 24mm ring.* Use a 10mm jump ring to connect the bottom of the bead link to another 24mm ring. Repeat from * to * for the other side of the necklace. Use a 10mm jump ring to connect the bottom of the last link to the 24mm ring at the bottom of the other side of the necklace.

4: Pendant assembly. Use a 10mm jump ring to connect the final bead link to the 24mm ring at the center of the necklace. Use a 10mm jump ring to connect the bottom of the bead link to a 24mm ring. ♦

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RESOURCES

Contact your local bead shop or purchase from the sources that follow: Glass beads: Raven's Journey International, www.theravenstore.com. Wood beads, clasp, and chain: FusionBeads.com, (888) 781-3559, www.fusionbeads.com. Bottle-cap beads: Glass Garden Beads, (507) 645-0301, www.glassgardenbeads.com. Rings and jump rings: Via Murano, (877) VIAMURANO, www.viamurano.com.