

# Always a Bridesmaid by FusionBeads.com



Approximate finished length: 17.75 inches

## **Beads and other products needed for one necklace:**

- 12 - 4mm Crystal Swarovski Crystal Bicone Beads (04BI1100)
- 16 - 4mm Silk Swarovski Crystal Bicone Beads (04BI1287)
- 24 - 4mm Vintage Rose Swarovski Crystal Bicone Beads (04BI1317)
- 24 - 4mm Light Amethyst Swarovski Crystal Bicone Beads (04BI1132)
- 24 - 4mm Rosaline Swarovski Crystal Bicone Beads (04BI1176)
- 1 - 24x12mm Crystal Swarovski Crystal Teardrop Pendant (SC4120)
- 19.5 inches - 1.3mm Sterling Silver Open Cable Chain (CN0115)
- 1 - 6.5x13.5mm Sterling Silver Balloon Clasp (SS4109)
- 1 - 3.3mm Sterling Silver Jump Ring (SS3888)
- 3 - 5.5mm Sterling Silver Jump Rings (SS3897)
- 100 - 26 Gauge Sterling Silver 2 Inch Head Pins (SS4000)

## **Tools needed to complete the necklace:**

- Wire cutters
- Chain nose pliers
- Round nose pliers

## **Beading Techniques needed to complete the necklace:**

- Opening and Closing a Jump Ring
- Wire Wrapping

*For step-by-step photos and instructions on these and other techniques, visit [FusionBeads.com](http://FusionBeads.com) and select Beading Techniques from the top navigation bar.*

## **Instructions to complete “Always a Bridesmaid” necklace:**

### **Step 1**

Using wire cutters, cut the sterling silver open cable chain into two 8.5-inch lengths and one 2.5-inch length.

### **Step 2**

Using chain nose pliers, open one 3.3mm jump ring (see Opening and Closing a Jump Ring Technique). Use the jump ring to connect all three lengths of chain. The three chains form a “Y” shape, with the shorter chain and the pendant pointing downward and the longer chains extending upward. (Although a similar effect can be made by attaching a shorter chain to the center of a single long chain, the chains will not drape gracefully into a Y shape.) Close the jump ring.

### **Step 3**

Open one 5.5mm jump ring, and place the open end of one of the 8.5-inch lengths of chain onto the jump ring. Close the jump ring.

### **Step 4**

Open a second 5.5mm jump ring. Use the jump ring to attach the sterling silver balloon clasp to the open end of the other 8.5-inch length of chain. Close the jump ring.

### **Step 5**

Open the third 5.5mm jump ring. Use the jump ring to attach the Crystal Swarovski crystal teardrop pendant to the open end of the 2.5-inch length of chain. Close the jump ring.

### **Step 6**

Place one 4mm Crystal Swarovski crystal bicone bead onto a head pin, making one unit. Wire wrap (see Wire Wrapping Technique) this unit to the same chain link that is attached to the pendant from Step 5.

### **Step 7**

**Moving up** the 2.5-inch length of chain, repeat Step 6 11 times, each time skipping one chain link and wire wrapping the crystals to opposite sides of the chain to create a staggered effect when the sequence is complete.

### **Step 8**

Place one 4mm Silk crystal bead onto a head pin, making one unit. Moving up the chain, in the same fashion as in the previous steps, skip one chain link, and wire wrap this unit to the next chain link.

### **Step 9**

Repeat Step 8 seven times.

### ***Tip***

The shorter chain is now complete. To make the rest of the necklace, you will begin at the intersection of the “Y” where the 3.3mm jump ring connects the three lengths of chain and move outward, wire wrapping units to each of the longer chains.

### **Step 10**

Beginning at the intersection of the “Y” and moving outward at the second chain link from the jump ring, repeat Step 8 four times on **both** chains.

### **Step 11**

Place one 4mm Vintage Rose crystal onto a head pin, making one unit. In the same fashion as in the previous steps and skipping one chain link, wire wrap this unit to the next chain link.

### **Step 12**

Repeat Step 11 11 times on the same chain you are working on and 12 times on the other chain.

### **Step 13**

Place one 4mm Rosaline crystal onto a head pin, making one unit. In the same fashion as in the previous steps and skipping one chain link, wire wrap this unit to the next chain link.

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**Step 14**

Repeat Step 13 11 times on the same chain you are working on and 12 times on the other chain.

**Step 15**

Place one 4mm Light Amethyst crystal onto a head pin, making one unit. In the same fashion as in the previous steps and skipping one chain link, wire wrap this unit to the next chain link.

**Step 16**

Repeat Step 15 11 times on the same chain you are working on and 12 times on the other chain.

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