

Gravestone Bones by FusionBeads.com



Approximate finished length: 15.5 inches

Beads and other products needed for one necklace:

- 3 - 3mm Dark Red Coral Swarovski Elements Crystal Round Beads (03RD0166)
- 7 - 3mm Dark Red Coral Swarovski Elements Crystal Bicone Beads (03BI0242)
- 13 - 3mm Jet Swarovski Elements Crystal Bicone Beads (03BI1137)
- 2 - 4mm Dark Red Coral Swarovski Elements Crystal Bicone Beads (04BI0322)
- 2 - 4mm Jet Swarovski Elements Crystal Bicone Beads (04BI1140)
- 12 - 5mm Jet Swarovski Elements Crystal Round Beads (05RD0145)
- 1 - 25.5x10mm Antique Silver Plated Pewter Coffin Charm by TierraCast® (SP6314)
- 12 - 18x5mm Antique Silver Plated Pewter Bone Links by TierraCast® (SP6318)
- 1 - 16x12mm Antique Silver Plated Pewter Toggle Clasp by TierraCast® (SP2128)
- 4 feet - 26 Gauge Black Artistic Wire (AW2146)
- 3 feet - 24 Gauge Non-Tarnish Silver Artistic Wire (AW2117)

Tools needed to complete the necklace:

Round nose pliers
Chain nose pliers
Wire cutters

Beading Techniques needed to complete the necklace:

Wire Wrapped Link
Twisting Wire - Branch Effect Technique

For step-by-step photos and instructions on these and other techniques, visit FusionBeads.com and select Beading Techniques from the top navigation bar.

Instructions to complete "Gravestone Bones" necklace:

Tip

In this design, the Twisting Wire - Branch Effect Technique is used to create a freeform beaded embellishment that is used as a Y-shaped link. Before beginning, see the Twisting Wire - Branch Effect Technique to learn the basic technique. Beads are used randomly in this design.

Step 1

String the loop on the coffin charm halfway through a 4-foot length of black Artistic Wire. Twist the two sides of wire together (see Twisting Wire - Branch Effect Technique, Step 7), forming a loop around the charm loop.

Step 2

Using one half of the wire, string any three Dark Red Coral crystal beads, and twist the wire into a branch on the right side of the charm.

Step 3

In the same manner as in the previous step, twist a second branch with any three Dark Red Coral crystal beads to the right of the first branch.

Step 4

In the same manner as in the previous step, twist a branch with of any three 3mm or 4mm Jet crystal beads to the right of the last branch.

Step 5

Twist a length of about a half-inch of wire, and thread the twisted wire through one loop on one bone link. Anchor the twisted wire, forming a loop through the link loop.

Step 6

In the same manner as in Steps 2 - 4, twist a fourth branch with any three 3mm or 4mm Jet crystal beads on the other side of the bone link. Anchor the wire and trim.

Step 7

Using the second half of the wire on the other side of the charm and in the same manner as in the previous steps, twist five branches of beads, three beads each. In the same manner as in Step 5, make a twisted loop of wire through one loop of a second bone link. Anchor the wire and trim.

Step 8

Using a 3-inch length of silver Artistic Wire, make a wire wrapped link (see Wire Wrapped Link Technique) with one 5mm Jet crystal round bead. Attach one side of this wire wrapped link to the second loop on the bone link from Step 5, and attach the second side of the link to one loop on another bone link.

Step 9

In the same manner as in the previous step, continue making wire wrapped links using one bead per link and connecting them in the sequence listed below. Each wire wrapped link connects to the item listed directly before and directly after it:

- 1 - 5mm Jet round bead
- 1 - bone link
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- 1 - 5mm Jet round bead
- 1 - bone link
- 1 - 5mm Jet round bead
- 1 - bone link
- 1 - 5mm Jet round bead

the loop on one side of the toggle clasp

Step 10

Repeat Steps 8 - 9 on the other side of the necklace.

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