

# Before the Storm by FusionBeads.com



Approximate finished length: 20 inches

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

- 2 - 7mm Black Handmade Etched Glass Beads by T-Beads (HM0222)
- 3 - 7mm Transparent Teal Handmade Etched Glass Beads by T-Beads (HM0241)
- 1 - 3mm Sterling Silver Cord End Clasp (SS4559)
- 47 inches - 2mm Stone Grey Thick Waxed Cotton Cord (SM4729)
- 2 feet - 12 gauge Fine Silver Wire (FW0107)

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

- Chain nose pliers
- Tronex Ergonomic Razor Flush Cutter - Long Handle (TL1643)
- Butane Micro Torch (TL0643)
- Cool Cup Soldering Cup w/ Tweezers (TL2291)
- 1 in. Chasing Hammer (TL0602)
- 3 in. Bench Block (TL2281)
- Rock Tumbler, single 3 lb capacity (TL0642)
- Stainless Steel Shot (TL0644)
- Scissors

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

- Lark's Head Knot
- Square Knot
- Attaching a Cord End - Style 5
- Making a Fine Silver Ring for Fusing
- Fusing a Fine Silver Chain
- Flattening and Texturing Fine Silver Chain

*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 “Before the Storm” necklace:**

### **Step 1**

Make a fused chain using 12 gauge fine silver wire (see Making a Fine Silver Ring for Fusing and Fusing a Fine Silver Chain Technique) and mandrels in the specified sizes to form the following rings. Link the rings from left to right in the following sequence:

2 – 12mm inner diameter

1 – 25mm inner diameter

1 – 30mm inner diameter

### **Step 2**

Flatten the chain links with a hammer (see Texturing Fine Silver Chain Technique).

### **Step 3**

Using scissors, cut the cord in half.

### **Step 4**

Fold the cord in half, and attach the cord to the 25mm ring with a lark's head knot (see Lark's Head Knot Technique).

### **Step 5**

About 1 inch from the lark's head knot, tie the two cord strands into a square knot (see Square Knot Technique). String one teal bead onto one strand. Anchor the bead by tying another square knot with the two strands.

### **Step 6**

About 1 inch from the last square knot, tie the two cord strands into a square knot. String one black bead onto one strand. Anchor the bead by tying another square knot with the two strands.

### **Step 7**

Cut the cords 8 inches from the last knot. Place the ends of the strands into one cord end (see Attaching a Cord End - Style 5 Technique). Using chain nose pliers, gently squeeze two opposing prongs of the cord end around the cord, then the other two opposing prongs. Tug the cords to check that they are secure; if not, squeeze the prongs a bit more tightly.

### **Step 8**

Repeat Steps 4 – 6, attaching the longer cord to the end 12mm ring.

### **Step 9**

About 1 inch from the last square knot, tie the two cord strands into a square knot. String one teal bead onto one strand. Anchor the bead by tying another square knot with the two strands.

### **Step 10**

In the same manner as in Step 7, cut the cords 9 inches from the last knot and secure the ends of the strands with one cord end.

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