

# Reef It To Me by FusionBeads.com



Approximate finished length: 16 inches

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

- 2 - 6mm Light Siam Swarovski Elements Crystal Rondelle Beads (SC5076)
- 45 grams - Size 11 Opaque Red Hot Red Round Japanese Seed Beads (SB2605)
- 1 - 15x9mm Gold Plated Base Metal Lobster Claw Clasp (BM3155)
- 1 - 6mm Gold-Filled 19 Gauge Closed Jump Ring (GF2722)
- 1 - Crystal Clear FireLine Braided Bead Thread .008 diameter, 6 lb/Size D (SM4429)

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

- Scissors
- Size 12 Pony Beading Needles (TL2382)
- Synthetic Beeswax, 2 ounces (TL1026)
- Perfect End Thread Burner

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

- Tubular Herringbone Stitch
- Tubular Herringbone Clasp – Option 1
- Coral Fringe
- Using a Perfect End Thread Burner

*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 “Reef It To Me” necklace:**

### **Step 1**

Thread a needle with about 4 feet of beading thread, leaving approximately one foot of tail to be used at the end of the piece to attach the clasp in upcoming steps.

### **Step 2**

Using size 11 seed beads, make a bead ladder six beads across and two beads high (see Tubular Herringbone Technique).

### **Step 3**

Bring the ends of the bead ladder together to form a tube. Continue following the Tubular Herringbone Technique until the tube is 15 inches long.

### **Step 4**

With the needle exiting any bead in the last row, string one crystal rondelle and the jump ring. Secure the jump ring to this end of the herringbone tube (see Tubular Herringbone Clasp – Option 1 Technique). Weave down through a few rows of beads, trim excess thread with scissors, and burn the end with a Perfect End Thread Burner (see Using a Perfect End Thread Burner Technique).

### **Step 5**

Thread the needle onto the tail of beading thread left at the beginning of the herringbone tube. String one crystal rondelle and the loop on the lobster claw. In the same manner as in the previous step, secure the lobster claw, and finish the thread end.

### **Step 6**

Thread the needle with a 4-foot length of beading thread, and apply synthetic beeswax to the thread. Secure the thread near the center of the tubular herringbone rope. Exit from a seed bead at the center.

### **Step 7**

To make the first coral fringe, string 50 seed beads, skip the last bead strung, and pass back through four beads (see Coral Fringe Technique).

### **Step 8**

String five beads, skip the last bead strung, pass back through four beads, and pass back through two or three beads on the main branch.

### **Step 9**

Repeat the previous step until you reach the bead that you exited in Step 6. Pass through the next bead in the herringbone tube in the same column as the previous bead.

### **Step 10**

Repeat Steps 7 – 9 for 1.5 inches, decreasing the number of beads strung in Step 7 by one or two beads with each fringe.

### **Step 11**

Pass through two beads in the same column. String 16 beads, and make one coral fringe.

### **Step 12**

Repeat Step 11 three times.

### **Step 13**

Pass through three beads in the same column. String 14 beads, and make one coral fringe.

### **Step 14**

Repeat Step 13 three times.

**Step 15**

Repeat Steps 6 – 14 for the other side of the necklace, beginning at the center and working out toward the end as before.

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