

Aegean Blue by FusionBeads.com



Approximate finished length: 17 inches

Beads and other products needed for one necklace:

- 32 - 1x3mm Antique Gold Plated Pewter Beaded Heishi by TierraCast® (GP0100)
- 1 gram - Size 15 Silver Lined Matte Gray Light Aqua Round Japanese Seed Beads (SB3546)
- 1 gram - Size 15 Metallic Dark Bronze Round Japanese Seed Beads (SB3247)
- 1 gram - Size 11 Sky Blue Lined Transparent Matte Gray Round Japanese Seed Beads (SB2067)
- 1 gram - Size 11 Metallic Dark Gold Round Japanese Seed Beads (SB1895)
- 1 gram - Size 11 Metallic Bronze Delica Beads - DB0022 (11DB0022)
- 1 gram - 3.4mm Metallic Dark Gold Drop Japanese Seed Beads (SB0660)
- 27 - 3mm Bright Gold Swarovski Elements Crystal Pearls (PL6119)
- 38 - 4mm Bright Gold Swarovski Elements Crystal Pearls (PL5019)
- 24 beads - 4mm Amazonite Round Beads (SE2319)
- 21 beads - 6mm Amazonite Round Beads (SE2383)
- 2 - 12mm Amazonite Round Gemstone Cabochons (SE5007)
- 1 - 25x18mm Amazonite Oval Gemstone Cabochon (SE5044)
- 1 - 15x12.5mm Antique Gold Plated Pewter Classic Toggle Clasp by TierraCast® (GP2143)
- 2 - 2x2mm Gold-Filled Crimp Beads (GF2788)
- 2 - 3mm Gold-Filled Crimp Bead Covers (GF2791)
- 20 inches - Clear Soft Flex Wire .014 diameter (SM0310)
- 1 - Smoke Gray FireLine Braided Bead Thread .008 diameter, 6 lb/Size D (SM1001)
- 1 - 4.25x5.5 in. Black Beading Foundation (CR0932)
- 1 - 8.5 in. Black Onyx Ultra Suede (CR0961)

Tools needed to complete the necklace:

- Size 11 Pony Beading Needles (TL2381)
- Beading Scissors 1-1/4 in. Blade (TL0302)
- E6000 Adhesive (TL1681)
- Crimping pliers (TL0500)
- Wire cutters

Beading Techniques needed to complete the necklace:

Gluing and Cutting Lacey's Stiff Stuff
Bead Embroidery
Peyote Stitch Bezel
Brick Stitch Around a Bead
Crimping
Crimp Bead Covers

Instructions to complete "Aegean Blue" necklace:

After the peyote bezels and bead embroidery are completed, a round of brick stitch is used to finish the edge. If you are not familiar with these techniques, practice the Peyote Stitch Bezel, Basic Brick Stitch and Brick Stitch Around a Bead Techniques first before beginning this intermediate necklace.

Step 1

Using scissors, cut a rectangle of beading foundation 2 inches by 3 inches.

Step 2

Thread a needle with about 5 feet of beading thread. Using size 11 Delica beads and size 15 seed beads, stitch a bezel around the oval cabochon (see Peyote Stitch Bezel Technique) using this pattern:

Initial ring (rounds 1 – 2): string 50 size 11 Delica beads

Round 3: stitch 25 size 11 Delica beads

Round 4 (front of cabochon): stitch 25 size 15 silver lined matte gray light aqua seed beads

Round 5 (front of cabochon): stitch 25 size 15 metallic dark bronze seed beads

Step 3

Stitch a peyote bezel around each of the round cabochons using this pattern:

Initial ring (rounds 1 – 2): string 30 size 11 Delica beads

Round 3: stitch 15 size 11 Delica beads

Round 4 (front of cabochon): stitch 15 size 15 silver lined matte gray light aqua seed beads

Round 5 (front of cabochon): stitch 15 size 15 metallic dark bronze seed beads

Step 4

Sew the bezeled oval cabochon to the center of the foundation (see Gluing and Cutting Lacey's Stiff Stuff Technique). Sew each round cabochon on either side of the oval cabochon, allowing space for one round of 3mm pearls between the cabochons.

Step 5

Using 3mm pearls, backstitch around the oval cabochon (see Bead Embroidery Technique). Use a one-bead backstitch with the pearls. Pass through this round three more times.

Step 6

Using a one-bead backstitch and the drop beads, fill in the four spaces between the 3mm pearls surrounding the oval cabochon and the smaller cabochons, three drop beads per space.

Step 7

Using size 11 sky blue lined transparent matte gray seed beads, backstitch one round around all three cabochons. Pass through this round three more times.

Step 8

Trim the beading foundation carefully to about 1/16 inch from the stitched design, being careful not to cut any threads.

Step 9

Cut a rectangle of ultra suede 2 inches by 3 inches.

Step 10

Using E6000 adhesive, glue the embroidered foundation piece to the ultra suede. Allow the glue to dry.

Step 11

Trim the ultra suede to match the shape of the beading foundation.

Step 12

Finish the edge with brick stitch using size 11 metallic dark gold seed beads.

Step 13

Exit a size 11 seed bead in the brick stitch round at one narrow end of the pendant piece. String eight size 11 metallic dark gold seed beads, and pass back down the same bead exited at the beginning of this step. Reinforce the attachment several times. Repeat this step from the adjacent size 11 bead, forming a double-loop bail. End the thread as shown in the Bead Embroidery Technique.

Step 14

String one crimp bead and the loop on one side of the toggle clasp onto a 20-inch length of beading wire. Pass the beading wire back through the crimp bead, and crimp the crimp bead (see Crimping Technique).

Step 15

Cover the crimp bead with a crimp bead cover (see Crimp Bead Covers Technique), and trim excess wire with wire cutters.

Step 16

String these beads in the following sequence onto the beading wire:

3 – 4mm Bright Gold pearls

1 – heishi

3 – 4mm Amazonite beads

1 – heishi

Repeat the sequence 3 times, then string:

3 – 4mm Bright Gold pearls

1 – heishi

1 – 6mm Amazonite bead

1 – heishi

1 – 4mm Bright Gold pearl

1 – heishi

3 – 6mm Amazonite beads

1 – heishi

1 – 4mm Bright Gold pearl

1 – heishi

3 – 6mm Amazonite beads

1 – heishi

1 – 4mm Bright Gold pearl

1 – heishi

3 – 6mm Amazonite beads

1 – heishi

1 – 4mm Bright Gold pearl

1 – bail loop

1 – 6mm Amazonite bead

Repeat the entire sequence in reverse.

Step 17

String one crimp bead and the loop on the second side of the toggle clasp onto the beading wire. Pass the wire back through the crimp bead, and crimp the crimp bead. Cover the crimp with a crimp bead cover, and trim excess wire.

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