

Sunrise Twist by FusionBeads.com



Approximate finished length: 19.5 inches

Beads and other products needed for one necklace:

- 1 gram - Size 15 Ceylon Cream Soda Round Japanese Seed Beads (SB3465)
- 20 - 3mm Blush Rose Swarovski Crystal Bicone Beads (03BI1426)
- 20 - 3mm Vintage Rose Swarovski Crystal Bicone Beads (03BI1194)
- 20 - 3mm Light Peach Swarovski Crystal Bicone Beads (03BI1102)
- 20 - 3mm Sunflower Swarovski Crystal Bicone Beads (03BI1401)
- 20 - 3mm Light Colorado Topaz Swarovski Crystal Bicone Beads (03BI1131)
- 20 - 3mm Light Smoked Topaz Swarovski Crystal Bicone Beads (03BI1151)
- 20 - 3mm Crystal Golden Shadow Swarovski Crystal Bicone Beads (03BI1185)
- 20 - 4mm Blush Rose Swarovski Crystal Bicone Beads (04BI1491)
- 20 - 4mm Crystal Metallic Sunshine Swarovski Crystal Bicone Beads (04BI1494)
- 20 - 4mm Vintage Rose Swarovski Crystal Bicone Beads (04BI1317)
- 20 - 4mm Light Peach Swarovski Crystal Bicone Beads (04BI1103)
- 20 - 4mm Sunflower Swarovski Crystal Bicone Beads (04BI1459)
- 20 - 4mm Light Colorado Topaz Swarovski Crystal Bicone Beads (04BI1135)
- 20 - 4mm Light Smoked Topaz Swarovski Crystal Bicone Beads (04BI1172)
- 20 - 4mm Crystal Golden Shadow Swarovski Crystal Bicone Beads (04BI1288)
- 1 - 16x12mm Gold Plated Pewter Toggle Clasp by TierraCast® (GP2129)
- 2 - 28 Gauge Round Tarnish Resistant Brass Artistic Wire (AW2195)
- 1 - 22 Gauge Round Tarnish Resistant Brass Artistic Wire (AW2083)

Tools needed to complete the necklace:

Round nose pliers
Chain nose pliers
Wire cutters

Beading Techniques needed to complete the necklace:

Twisting Wire - Branch Effect
Simple Loop

Instructions to complete “Sunrise Twist” necklace:

Step 1

Using wire cutters, cut a 19-inch length of 22 gauge wire.

Step 2

Make a simple loop (see Simple Loop Technique) on one end of the wire. Attach the loop just made to the loop on one side of the clasp.

Step 3

Repeat the previous step on the opposite end of the wire with the second side of the clasp.

Tip

Although each wire “branch” made in the following steps will be made of a single color of beads, the sizes of the beads will be used randomly within each branch. Sort the beads by color, mixing 3mm and 4mm beads of each color together. Wire branches on the inner edge of the necklace (toward the neck) are kept relatively short with only one to two beads per branch, while branches on the outer edge have two to five beads per branch.

Step 4

Using about 5 feet of 28 gauge wire (add more wire as needed), anchor one end of the wire to the 22 gauge wire near one side of the clasp (see Twisted Wire Technique).

Step 5

String one Blush Rose bicone bead onto the wire to about 1 inch from the base (the 22 gauge wire), and twist the wire halfway down to the base. String one more Blush Rose bicone bead, and continue twisting all the way down to the base. Anchor the wire around the base, and twist a single-bead branch in the opposite direction.

Step 6

In the same manner as in the previous step, continue stringing and twisting branches using a single color on each branch, randomly selecting beads (see Tip). Toward the center front of the necklace, make the branches slightly longer and fuller. Use these colors in the following sequence:

Crystal Metallic Sunshine bicone beads
Size 15 Ceylon cream soda seed beads
Vintage Rose bicone beads
Light Peach bicone beads
Sunflower bicone beads
Light Colorado Topaz bicone beads
Light Smoked Topaz bicone beads
Size 15 Ceylon cream soda seed beads
Crystal Golden Shadow bicone beads
Blush Rose bicone beads

Repeat the color sequence around the necklace. When you reach the second side of the clasp, anchor the wire and trim.

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