

Mala by FusionBeads.com



Approximate finished length: 38 inches

Beads and other products needed for one necklace:

8 - Pewter Casbah Round Bead by TierraCast - Antique Silver - 7mm - (SP0261)
100 beads - Red Jasper Round Gemstone Bead - 8mm - (SE2493)
1 - 12mm Red Jasper Guru Mala Bead - (SE5292)
1 - Pearl Cotton Thread #8 - Sea Green - (SM3703)

Tools needed to complete the necklace:

Beading Scissors 1-1/4 in. Blade (TL0302)
Beading Utility Tweezers No 5 (TL1005)
Griffin Soft Wire Twisted Needles – Fine (TL1653)
Tulip Tapestry Needle Set (TL2650)

Beading Techniques needed to complete the necklace:

Pearl Knotting
Making a Tassel

Instructions to complete “Mala” necklace:

Step 1

Cut 240-inches of pearl cotton. String the pearl cotton through a flexible needle and bring the needle to the center of the pearl cotton, fold the pearl cotton over so it is doubled up.

Step 2

Using tweezers, tie a double knot in the pearl cotton about 8-inches from the end, string one 7mm Casbah round bead, and tie another double knot in the pearl cotton to anchor the bead (see Pearl Knotting Technique).

Step 3

In the same manner as in Step 2, string and knot these beads in the following sequence:

- 11 – 8mm red jasper round beads
- 1 – 7mm Casbah round bead
- 11 – 8mm red jasper round beads
- 1 – 7mm Casbah round bead
- 11 – 8mm red jasper round beads
- 1 – 7mm Casbah round bead
- 34– 8mm red jasper round beads
- 1 – 7mm Casbah round bead
- 11 – 8mm red jasper round beads
- 1 – 7mm Casbah round bead
- 11 – 8mm red jasper round beads
- 1 – 7mm Casbah round bead
- 11 – 8mm red jasper round beads
- 1 – 7mm Casbah round bead

Step 4

Curl or bend the flexible into a hook shape. String the flexible needle through the side hole of the guru bead and down through the bottom, then string on the bottom of the guru bead.

Step 5

Add a flexible needle to opposite end of the pearl cotton, by stringing the needle onto one side of the doubled up pearl cotton and then tie the two cords together.

Step 6

Repeat Step 4 with the other end of the pearl cotton. Go through the opposite side hole of the guru bead and down through the bottom, then string on the bottom of the guru bead.

Step 7

Using the pearl cotton and a standard business card, make a 3-inch long tassel (see Making a Tassel Technique). Use the end threads from the mala necklace to tie a double knot around the top of the loop of the tassel.

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