



Technique 2 – Tigertail and Crimp beads

This technique is a quick and easy way to make a necklace, bracelet or anklet by stringing beads onto tigertail and fixing to the fastenings using crimp beads.

Blue Crystal Necklace and Bracelet

Each pack of Selection beads has an assortment of beads of varying shapes, sizes and colours which work well together. Choose beads from your mix to create a design that appeals to you. Refer to the photograph for suggestions

You will be working from one end of the necklace to the other so planning your design on a bead mat or bead board is very helpful. While our necklace shows the use of a central bead and both sides a mirror image of the other, many creative designers are choosing random beads rather than follow any pattern. The choice is yours!

You will need...

- Selections (4686)
- Tigertail
- Crimp beads
- 5mm jump ring
- Trigger clasp
- Flat nose pliers
- Wire cutters



Step-by-step for necklace

1-Measure the length of necklace you would like and cut a length of tigertail about 26cm longer.

2-Thread a crimp bead onto one end of the tigertail, followed by the trigger clasp. Thread the tigertail back through the crimp bead (forming a loop that attaches the trigger clasp to the tigertail) and pull through a 5-6cm tail.

3-Using the flat nose pliers, squeeze the crimp bead so that the trigger clasp is secured to the loop formed by the tigertail.

4-Plan your bead design and starting at one end, thread the beads onto the tigertail (allowing the beads to pass over the tail at the trigger clasp end of the tigertail).

5-When the necklace is your preferred length, finish by threading on a crimp bead then passing through a jump ring and then back through the crimp bead (as in Step 2).

6-Pass the tigertail end through 4 or more beads, then pull it tight to take up any slack.

7-Carefully squeeze the crimp bead so that the jump ring is secure.



Step-by-step for bracelet

Follow the same technique instructions for a bracelet using 25cm tigertail.