

Wild Fiber Necklace

Scrumptious fibers complement these silk beads to create a lightweight collar of colorful textures adorning your neck.

Supplies

- ✕ 1 peach 1½" (3.8 cm) jumbo silk bead
- ✕ 3 silk 2" (5 cm) beads, one each in green, gold, and bronze
- ✕ 5 silk 1" (2.5 cm) beads, one each in aqua, rust, green, teal, and gold
- ✕ 3 silk ½" (1.3 cm) beads, one each in rust, aqua, and brown
- ✕ 20 assorted 27" (68.5 cm) lengths of multicolored fiber strands
- ✕ 2 small rubber bands
- ✕ Scissors
- ✕ Weldbond glue

Note

You can trim the fiber edges flush with the jumbo bead or leave the edges loose as shown.

1. Lay out all the fibers next to each other.
2. Wrap a rubber band tightly around one end of the fiber bundle, making sure all the fibers are secured inside the rubber band.
3. Separate 2 or 3 strands of fiber from the bundle, use them to string the ½" (1.3 cm), 1" (2.5 cm), and 2" (5 cm) silk beads in random order, and slide the silk beads onto those fibers. (Fold a plastic bag twist tie in half and use it as a "needle" by placing the end of the 2 or 3 strands in the fold and stringing the twist tie through the beads.)
4. Straighten out fiber bundle and secure the other end with a small rubber band.
5. Shape the necklace in half as if you were wearing it and move the beads, positioning them until you are happy with their placement.
6. Slide each bead a tad, fill bead chamber with Weldbond glue and slide bead back into position hiding the glue. Repeat for all beads and let dry.
7. Use one end of the fiber bundle to string the Jumbo silk bead. Repeat with the other end of the fiber bundle, string the bead in the opposite direction.
8. Arrange the fiber ends in the jumbo silk bead so that about 1½" (3.8 cm) of fiber ends emerge from each end.
9. Fill bead chamber with glue and let dry. If necessary, trim fiber ends even.