

"Garden Party" Necklace

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Suggested Materials:

<i>Qty.</i>	<i>Stock</i>	<i>Name</i>
1 str.	#21-000-905-67	8x10mm egg-shaped Gemstone Harmonies™, rose quartz/amazonite
12	#21-896-029	6mm faceted round gemstone beads, rose quartz
23	#21-000-007-66	4x6mm barrel gemstone beads, amazonite
6	#26-815-201	27mm brushed-finish oval beads, silver plate
12	#49-947-61-AS	8mm BeadAligners™, antiqued silver
1	#21-341-01-029	25x27mm faceted trapezoid gemstone pendant, rose quartz
1	#41-120-70-3	Folded prong bail, silver plate
1	#39-184-AP	2-strand twisted toggle clasp, antiqued pewter
36"	#61-810-49-87	0.015" 49-strand Beadalon®, bright steel
4	#41-050-3	Wire Guardians™, silver plate
6	#41-251-3	Size 1 crimp beads, silver plate

Tools: crimping pliers, cutters

To make this design:

1. String necklace as pictured following instructions on back, using the wire protector & crimp bead variations.
2. In order for the bail to fit over both strands, string 3 amazonite barrels at the center point (between the 3rd and 4th large silver bead) on the top strand, and thread the bottom strand through the middle barrel. (Use crimp beads as spacers to hide the cord on the bottom strand if needed.) Both strands should have 3 barrels at the midpoint, with both strands going through the middle barrel underneath the bail.

TIPS:

The BeadAligners make the large-hole silver beads lay nicely on the stringing cable. Add extra amazonite barrels to the ends of both strands to make a longer piece.

Techniques for stringing with beading cable

1. Cut wire cable 4" longer than desired necklace or bracelet length. String a crimp bead onto one end of the cable and loop back through crimp bead. Try to tuck excess cable inside your end beads, otherwise trim neatly with flush cutters. Flatten crimp bead with standard round- or- flat-nose pliers. Use jump ring to attach one end of your clasp to cable.

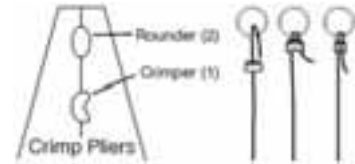
TIP: When opening and closing jump rings, twist sideways instead of "ovalling" them. This keeps their shape better, which makes them easier to close all the way. (As shown on the left.) To prevent marks on the ring use non-serrated flat-nose pliers.



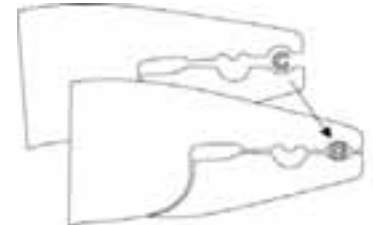
2. String desired pattern.
3. Add final crimp bead; loop cable back through your crimp like in step 1. Tuck excess cable inside end beads, otherwise trim neatly with flush cutters. Flatten crimp bead and attach other end of the clasp with a jump ring.
4. Some designs may require stringing the beads before finishing the cable ends. We recommend using Bead Stoppers™ (#69-144-06 and -16) to secure unfinished ends. When you have finished follow steps 1 and 3.

Variations:

- a. **Crimping pliers:** To make a nice rounded crimp bead, use the innermost section (1) of the pliers to crimp. Face crimp outward (as shown in example below) and use the outer section (2) of the pliers to round the bead.



- b. **Crimp covers:** Cover flattened crimps with a crimp cover. Make sure there is enough space around your crimp bead. Use section 2 (see picture above) of the crimping pliers to gently secure the cover over the bead.



- c. **Bullion:** Cut two pieces in precise equal lengths (approx. 1/2-3/4"), add one crimp tube and one piece of bullion to the end of wire cable. Loop the cable through one portion of clasp and back through the crimp tube. Pull gently until the bullion is flush against the crimp and crimp closed.



- d. **Wire protectors:** Guard wire cable from excessive wear with wire protectors. These are used the same way as bullion.

