"A Pirate's Life for Me" Necklace

As seen in a 2008 Rings & Things advertisement

Necklace shown reduced.

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Suggested Materials:

Qty.	*Stock*	*Name*
1 str	#20-635-011	5mm potato pearl beads, white
1 str	#21-884-004	4mm gemstone rounds, black onyx
2	#29-600-11-011	25mm gemstone oval rings, mother of pearl
1	#21-644-004	40mm gemstone donut, black onyx
4	#41-530-06	Fan donut bails, sterling silver
1	#43-544-01	Small textured briolette cap, sterling silver
4	#41-520-04	2-leaf prong bails with loop, sterling silver
1	#39-572-3ST	3-strand sliding tube clasp, sterling silver
13	#37-299-11	5.5mm twisted round jump rings, sterling silver
6	#41-551-32	1.4mm center-crimp tubes with loop, sterling silver
48"	#40-099-12-3	Flattened long/short chain, silver plated
8'	#61-480	0.010" SuppleMax™ cord, clear
1	#06-000-15-24	15mm Swarovski® crystal tip-drilled teardrop pendant, jet

Tools: round-nose pliers, side cutters, scissors, Bead Stoppers™

To make the necklace:

1. Slide all 3 sterling bails onto the 40mm donut. Choose 2 of the bails to be the connecting portions of the necklace.
2. On the remaining bail, use a jump ring to attach the sterling bead cap. Slide the 15mm tip-drilled teardrop into the cap and squeeze the cap to secure.
3. Cut six 1" lengths of chain. Attach 3 of your 1" chain lengths to the top of 1 "connector" donut bail with a jump ring. Attach the other ends of the chain to the loop of a 2-leaf prong bail with a jump ring.
4. Use the leaf-end of the bail to add a mother of pearl ring bead.
5. Cut six 7" lengths of chain.
6. Add another leaf bail to the mother of pearl ring from step 4, and use it to attach 3 of your 7" chain lengths with a jump ring.
7. Attach the free end of each individual chain length to a loop on one side of the 3-strand clasp with jump rings.
8. Repeat steps 1-7 on the remaining "connector" donut bail.

To add the pearl and onyx beads:

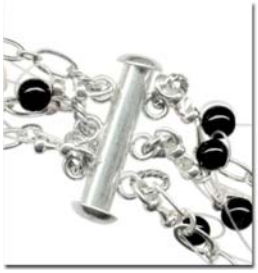
1. Cut six 36" strands of Supplemax.
2. Take one strand, and slide it through the loop on one of the leaf bails at the top of a mother of pearl ring, so there is an equal amount of cording sticking out from each side of the loop.
3. Slide a pearl or onyx bead onto one end of the cord and push it down near the bail. Loop the cord back around and through the bead a second time to hold it in place and create a "floating" look.

Note: The beads can be added in any order. (Split the beads into 2 piles so there are same amounts on each side.)

4. Thread the cord through a link on the chain and slide on another bead. Loop the cord back around and through the bead a second time to hold it in place.
5. Repeat this process until you have threaded the cord all the way through the chain and up to the clasp. As you go along, alter the number of beads you string before passing the cord through the chain and leave more or less Supplemax exposed, as desired.
6. Repeat steps 3-5 on the other half of the cord that you strung through the bail in step 2.

TIP: Weaving back-and-forth in an "S" pattern, then coming back around with the second strand to make a "figure-8" pattern creates the best look.

7. When both ends of the Supplemax are threaded through the chain and up to the clasp, string on a center crimp tube with a loop and crimp the center to secure.



8. Attach the loop of the crimp tube to 1 of the jump rings on your clasp.
9. Repeat this process twice more on this side (begin the cording by stringing halfway through the leaf bail each time).
10. Finally, repeat steps 2-9 for the chain section on the opposite side of the necklace.

TIP: Use Bead Stoppers to hold the ends of the Supplemax so it doesn't tangle or slip out of place while beads are being added.