

## “Cubes Cubed” Necklace

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### Suggested Materials:

<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Stock #</u>	<u>Name</u>
11	21-708-004	8mm gemstone cubes, black onyx
10	21-888-004	8mm round gemstones, black onyx
22	21-704-010	4mm gemstone cubes, silver leaf jasper †
52	24-731-749	1-1.9mm faceted cube beads, sterling silver
1	39-553-G	Karen Hill Tribe hammered round toggle clasp, .999 fine silver
2	41-045	4x3x1mm "cable thimble" wire protectors, sterling silver
2	41-554	2mm crimp tubes, sterling silver
2	48-583	3mm crimp covers, sterling silver
20"	61-810-49-87	0.015" 49-strand Beadalon® stringing cable, bright steel

**Tools:** cutters, crimping pliers, flat-nose pliers

### To make this design:

1. Use the “Techniques for Stringing with Beading Cable” on the back, and string beads as pictured.
2. This necklace has a finished length of 18". For a different size, adjust the beads and cable accordingly.

**TIP:** To make them easier to clasp, be sure that your last few beads are fairly small so that the bar can be pulled through the loop.

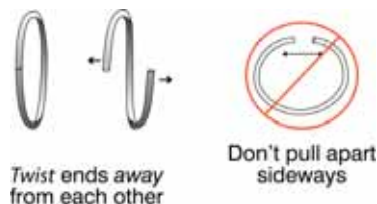
**NOTE:** † Silver Leaf Jasper is not always available. To find another gemstone in this same shape, visit our website at [www.rings-things.com](http://www.rings-things.com) and type **21-704** in the search box. Or, call us and our friendly sales staff will help you find another option.



## 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.

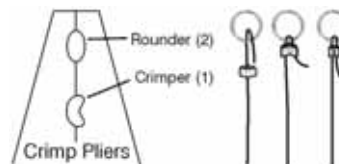
**TIP:** When opening and closing jump rings, twist sideways instead of "ovalling" them. This keeps their shape better, which makes them easier to close all the way. (As shown on the left.) To prevent marks on the ring use non-serrated flat-nose pliers.



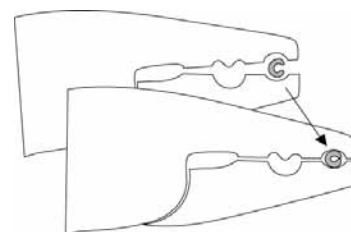
2. String desired pattern.
3. Add final crimp bead; loop cable back through your crimp like in step 1. Tuck excess cable inside end beads, otherwise trim neatly with flush cutters. Flatten crimp bead and attach other end of the clasp with a jump ring.
4. Some designs may require stringing the beads before 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.

