

"Cool Confusion" Chain Necklace

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Tools:

Chain-nose pliers, Round-nose pliers, Cutters
Optional tool: Chain Stā tool

To make this design:

Preparing your chain and bead links:

1. Cut ten lengths of chain, approximately 12" long.

To create a "drape" look, vary each chain length by a 1/4".

2. Cut two lengths of chain approx. 2" long. Attach a small jump ring to both ends of each short chain. Add the magnetic clasp ends.

3. Using eye pins, create five 8mm bead links, five 6mm bead links and ten puffed heart links. Use the illustration below if you need help creating links.



4. Attach all 10 chain ends to a 4.5mm jump-ring. Repeat on the other end. Work one fancy sterling ring over each jump ring until they are resting just above your chain ends.

TIP: Embellishments such as adding these fancy jump rings can help cover the mess of multiple chain-ends, or other multi-strand finishing methods.

5. Attach your shorter chains to the 4.5mm jump rings.

Attaching your bead links:

6. To create a nice "random" look, start by draping your necklace so it hangs in the same shape it will be in when worn (the chain stā tool works perfectly for this). DO NOT CUT chain, but instead, hang only one end of each bead link from random loops on the chains. This allows you to move and arrange them to your taste before any cutting of chain takes place.

7. Once you are happy with the arrangement of all 20 bead links, cut one chain link below the link your bead is hanging from. Then attach the other side of the bead-link to the open chain link. Remove links for shorter or longer chain strands as desired.

Suggested Materials:

<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Stock</u>	<u>Name</u>
5	#21-886-020	6mm round gemstone beads, lapis
5	#21-888-020	8mm round gemstone beads, lapis
1	#39-539-10	Sterling magnetic clasps
10	#24-937	Sterling puffed-heart bead
11-12'	#40-099-01-9	Curb footage chain, gunmetal
2	#37-145-9	6mm round jump rings, gunmetal
4	#37-133-9	4.5mm round jump rings, gunmetal
2	#37-299-02	Twisted oval jump rings, sterling
20	#37-711-9	Thin eye pins, gunmetal

