

"Ghost Rider" Necklace

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Suggested Materials:

<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Stock</u>	<u>Name</u>
1	#28-606-505	Ceramic skulls wheel bead, "raku"
1 strand	#21-000-004-66	4x6mm barrel beads, black onyx
50-60	#29-122	Heishi beads, canarium shell
2	#37-145-9	Large round jump rings, gunmetal
1	#39-249-9	Large lobster clasp, gunmetal
2	#41-251-9	2mm smooth crimp beads, gunmetal
20-24 inches	#61-720-49-87	0.018" 49-strand Beadalon®, bright steel

Tools: Side flush cutters, crimp pliers, flat-nose pliers, stringing board or beading mat

These instructions make an 18" necklace, a good length for most guys. You will have a few leftover onyx beads when you are done. To make a 20" necklace instead, divide the onyx beads precisely in half before starting, and be sure to use half on each side. Also add 3-4 more beads to the first section of heishi, and 5-6 more beads to the second section of heishi.

To make this design:

1. Cut a 22" piece of Beadalon.
2. Slide a crimp bead onto one end, make a loop (approx. ¼") and run the end of the loop back into the crimp bead. Crimp using crimp pliers or flat-nose jewelry pliers.
3. Set aside 4 nicely-matched black onyx beads for the center section.
4. String 6¾" (approx. 26) black onyx beads. Tuck the stray end of the stringing cable into the first bead.
Tip: Most gemstone beads are hand carved. If you encounter a few beads that are too irregular for the necklace, set them aside.
5. String ½" (approx. 10) heishi beads.
Tip: The heishi all curve subtly in the same direction. They will look best if you keep them in their original order. For a nicely balanced necklace, keep the curve facing the centerpiece of the necklace: ((((((center))))))
6. String 2 of the black onyx beads that you set aside for the center, then a final 5/16" (13-14) heishi beads, and finally the skull wheel.
7. Mirror this pattern for the other half of the necklace (5/16" heishi, 2 nicely-matched black onyx beads, ½" heishi, and 6¾" black onyx beads).
8. Check the length and balance. Do both sides of the necklace match? It's not too late to pull off half the beads and make adjustments as necessary.
9. Use wire cutters to cut off all but approx. ¾" stringing cable for finishing the necklace. Slide a crimp bead onto the final end, make a loop the same length as your first loop, run the end of the loop back into this crimp bead and hide the rest in your final black onyx bead. You might find that holding a side of the loop in your pliers helps stabilize the loop. Use flat-nose or crimp pliers to firmly crimp the crimp bead.
10. Use a jump ring to attach the small loop of a lobster clasp to one end of the necklace. Carefully close the jump ring (see cover sheet), so that the stringing cable cannot pull through. Attach a jump ring to the other end of the necklace, and carefully check to make sure the stringing cable cannot pull through. You're done!