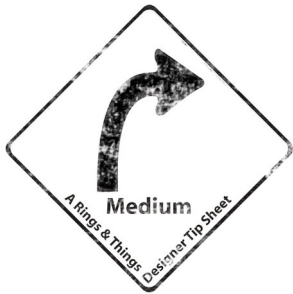


"Greek Ice" Necklace

As seen in the Gemstone Ad series 2005



Suggested Materials:

<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Stock</u>
12	#24-980-26
2	#41-550
1	#50-493
2	#41-250-3
2	#37-036-5
2	(see below)
14-18	(See below)

Name

Rectangle SmartBeads
Sterling fold-over crimps
30" Sterling snake necklace chain
Crimp tubes with rings
Tri-bails
Marquise gemstones
Large-hole gemstone rounds



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Variation gemstone suggestions:

- 21-000-gcn-25 or 29 Various tip-drilled marquise beads
- 21-001-gcn-01 or 02 Various large-hole 6 or 8mm gemstone rounds
- TIP: Any gemstone 6mm or larger can be used along the chain of this design.
Just use a power bead reamer to enlarge the hole to 2.5mm.

Tools:

- Flush cutters
- Side cutters
- Small file (to file off rough edges)
- Chain-nose (non-serrated) pliers
- Possible: Bead Reamer for SmartBeads

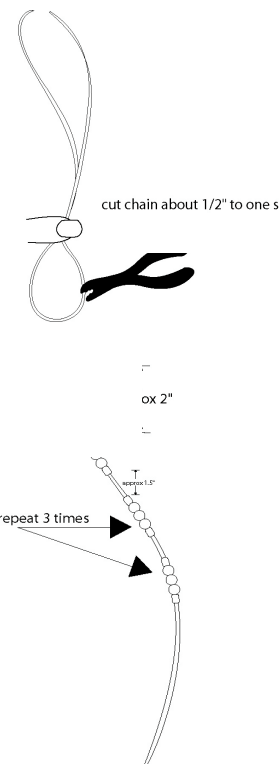
Safety note: Glasses or safety goggles are recommended, when cutting small bits of metal.
Note: Snake chain is a bit fragile. Sharply bending the chain will kink it.

To make this design:

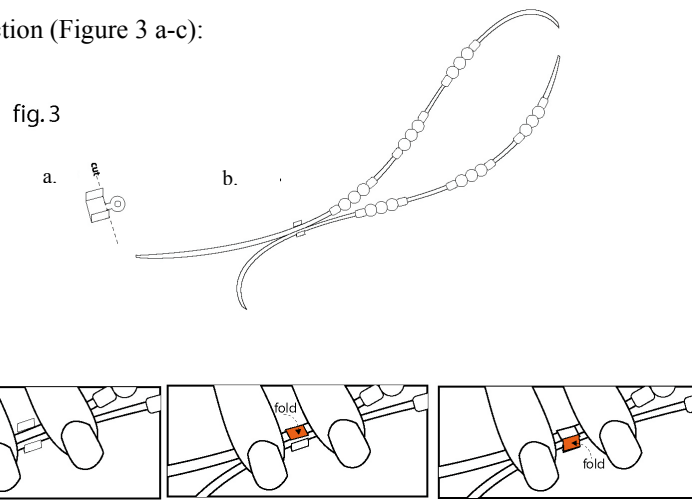
- Prepare the chain (Figure 1).
 - Decide roughly how long you want your necklace to be: where you want to start the top of the centerpiece. (where the strands meet above the dangles)
 - Hold your fingers at this center-point (most likely 8-9" from the clasp). This is where you will place a fold-over crimp (in step 3d).
 - Decide how you want the pendant pieces to hang. If you snip the chain in the exact center, the pendants will hang next to each other. We recommend cutting approximately 0.5" to one side of the center, so your pendant pieces are a bit offset.
 - Using flush cutters (for a smooth cut), cut the chain. Cutting at a 45° angle makes it easier to string the SmartBeads onto the chain.
 - String beads as desired, or follow this pattern (Figure 2):
 - String 1 SmartBead, 3 gemstones, and 1 SmartBead. The SmartBeads are a little difficult to fit onto chain this size. If fitting these on proves too difficult, a little help from a bead reamer may be required.
 - Repeat this pattern two times, so you have three sets of beads on this side, starting approximately 2" from the clasp, and with 1.5" between each set of beads. The SmartBeads make it easy to adjust the pattern to suit your preference at any time.
- Repeat this pattern on the other side of the chain.



fig. 1



3. Connect center section (Figure 3 a-c):



- Cut the loop off of the fold-over crimp. File off any rough edges (Figure 3-a). You will attach this to the chain just like folding a staple.
- Set crimp on table, in a good position to place the centerpiece of your chain.
- Decide precisely where on the necklace, you want the centerpiece to start. Set chain on table, into channel of crimp (Figure 3-b).
- Lay-check: Make sure that the clasp and crimp are centered relative to each other. Make sure that entire chain is nice and smooth (no twists).
- Set one finger on each side of crimp (Figure 3-c). Use flat-nose pliers to gently squeeze both sides of crimp slightly together, somewhat like a teepee. If the chain or crimp slides a bit, adjust back to proper placement (clasp centered at far end, no twists in chain)
- Gently slide one side of pliers' tips under crimp. Carefully fold one side of your crimp down over chain. Repeat on other side of crimp.

4. Create and attach pendants (Figure 4).

- Check length – do you like where the end pieces will fall? If desired, trim either or both sides before adding marquise beads.
- Put a drop of glue on one end of your chain. Slide crimp tube onto chain.
- Position loop so that when you attach your dangle, the marquise bead will hang straight (flat on the chest, not on its edge). Loop should be perpendicular to the table: it should look like an “I” not a an “O”.
- Crimp the tube, being careful not to over-crimp because that will crush the chain.
- Open a triangle bail. Slide one prong into marquise bead (if one end is longer, start with longer prong). Be careful so that you don't chip the marquise. Slide other prong of triangle bail into loop of crimp. Gently close triangle bail. Take your time, so you don't chip the marquise bead.
- Repeat 4a-4e with other crimp tube, triangle bail, and marquise.

