

"Message in a Bottle" Necklace

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Suggested Materials:

<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Stock</u>	<u>Name</u>
22"	#61-890-06	Hollow wire mesh tubing, light blue
15.5"	#40-594	Sterling heavy footage chain
10	#37-515-A	Argentium® sterling silver head pin
2	#41-553	Sterling silver crimp tubes
22"	#61-813-19-87	.015" 49-strand Beadalon® Wire
6	#24-731-744	Bali sterling silver rings, large hole
6	#24-731-704	Bali sterling silver flower beads
2	#24-731-706	Bali sterling silver flower beads
2	#24-731-709	Bali sterling silver flower beads
1	#39-544	Sterling silver double-push lobster clasp
7	#20-642-01-036	Coin-shaped freshwater pearls, gray-blue
1 strand	#20-616-447	Rice shaped freshwater pearls, dark blue
1		*Lampwork "vessel" bead by Mollie Valente

Tools: Needle nose pliers, round nose pliers, crimping pliers, scissors

To make this design:

- Begin by assembling the components of your necklace.
 - Spacers: Using a head pin, attach a coin pearl to a large-hole sterling ring, so the pearl dangles freely. Repeat for a total of six.
 - Necklace extender: Cut a piece of chain, approx. 1.5" long. Attach a pearl.
 - Center piece: Cut a piece of chain approx. 1" long. Using head pins, attach three pearls to the first chain link. Add focal bead to the last link.
 - Cut Beadalon and mesh tubing, each 22" long. This will allow excess, that you will later trim. Thread the Beadalon through the mesh tubing. Cut a piece of chain 13" long, with round links on both ends.
- Hint:** To help thread Beadalon through mesh, insert a straw into the tubing. The Beadalon can then be threaded through the straw. Once done, remove straw.
- To assemble the necklace, you will be stringing pearls onto the Beadalon inside the mesh tubing, and beading spacers outside the mesh tubing.
 - Find the center of your necklace, and string the upper link of your hanging focal piece.
 - Complete the following pattern for each side of the focal piece to assemble your necklace: one pearl (inside the mesh tubing), one large-hole sterling ring with coin pearl (outside the mesh tubing). Repeat this three times total.
 - Complete the following pattern for the next section of the necklace: three pearls, one small Bali silver bead, five pearls, one small Bali silver bead, five pearls, one small Bali silver bead, nine pearls, round link from necklace chain end, five pearls, one medium Bali silver bead and one final large Bali silver bead.
 - To finish the ends, insert the mesh tubing and the Beadalon into a crimp tube, loop through the clasp, and thread the Beadalon back through the crimp tube. Pull tightly, and crimp. Cut off the excess, and cover with the adjacent Bali beads. Compress the entire necklace against this end and repeat the procedure, with the necklace extender, on the other side. Once crimped, cover with adjacent Bali beads, and reposition the beads evenly.