



Designer Elizabeth Larsen evokes an exotic sea creature with this high-contrast necklace. Her elegant method of wrapping snow jade beads with tendrils of black, spiraled wire makes a stunning piece.

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MATERIALS

- 148 round white jade beads, 6 mm diameter
- 84 round white jade beads, 8 mm diameter
- 36 round white jade beads, 10 mm diameter
- 20-gauge round sterling silver wire, 12 feet (3.7 m) long, for the jump rings
- 24-gauge round black wire, 134 feet (40.8 m) long, for the wrapped bead loops
- 1 fancy “wave”-style clasp
- Hypo cement adhesive for nonporous surfaces

TOOLS

- Knitting needle, 2.75 mm (size 2 U.S.)

FINISHED LENGTH

- 17 inches (43.2 cm)

INSTRUCTIONS

1 Using the 20-gauge silver wire and the knitting needle, make 274 jump rings. Link the jump rings two by two to make a chain 15 inches (38.1 cm) long. Attach each half of the clasp to either end with jump rings. Set the chain aside.

2 Cut a piece of black wire 6 inches (15.2 cm) long. Using round-nose pliers, form a loop at one end. Add a white jade bead to the wire, then form a second loop. Hold this second loop with a pair of flat-nose or needle-nose pliers and loosely spiral the remaining wire around the bead with your free hand. Fasten the wire around the base of the first loop with one full wrap, then cut off any extra wire. Use needle-nose pliers to secure the end of the wire snugly around the base of the loop and secure it with a dab of glue. Figure 1 shows the finished element. Repeat for each bead. Depending on the bead’s diameter, you may need more or less than 6 inches (15.2 cm) of wire for each.

3 To attach the beads to the chain, start at one end of the chain. Open a jump ring in the first pair, slip on two 6-mm wire-wrapped beads by their loops, and close the jump ring. Open the other jump ring from the same pair, attach it to the same loops of the wrapped beads, and close it. Repeat for all the pairs of jump rings, first attaching half the 6-mm beads, then half the 8-mm beads. Attach all the 10-mm beads, then the remainder of the 8-mm ones, and finally, the rest of the 6-mm beads.

FIGURE 1

