



## Floating Necklace



### What You Will Need

- 20 x beads. We have used a mix of different beads or you can use the same beads all the way round.
- 2 x lengths of Tiger Tail
- 1 x lobster clasp
- 2 x jump rings
- Crimp beads

In addition you will require cutter pliers, a pair of flat nosed pliers and a pair of round nose pliers.



Fig 1.



Fig 2.



Fig 3.



Fig 4.



Fig 5.

1. Cut two pieces of tiger tail at least 3 inches longer than the desired length of your necklace.
2. Crimp your two strands of wire onto a jump ring (Fig 1). To do this thread the crimp bead onto the two strands of wire, then add the jump ring and bend the wires back through the crimp bead and squish it closed using your flat nose pliers. Trim off the excess wire.
3. Sort your beads out into two piles of 10 beads – a pile for each strand of wire (Fig 2).
4. On the first strand thread on a crimp bead and then start to thread on your chosen beads from your first pile with two crimp beads in between each bead (Fig 3). Finish with one loose crimp bead after the last bead (Fig 4) and crush a final crimp bead on the very end of the wire to stop all your beads and loose crimps falling off.
5. Repeat step 3 with your second piece of wire and second pile of beads.
6. Now you have two strands with loose beads separated by crimps and both secured with a crushed crimp bead at each end. In order for one strand to sit below the other we need to make it 1 inch shorter than the other. Decide which is to be the shorter strand and trim both wire accordingly making sure none of the beads fall off.
7. Open another jump ring and add a lobster clasp before closing the jump ring (Fig 5). Attach this to the end of the wires in the same way as you started (Fig 6). You should now have a necklace with one strand sitting below the other.
8. We can now start crimping the beads into place. Lay your necklace down on the bead mat and position your beads along each wire first (Fig 7). You should have a crimp bead for either side of each bead. We find that working to a random pattern with irregular spaces between each of the beads is both easy and effective.
9. Once you are happy with your design you can start to crimp your beads into place.



Fig 6.



Fig 7.