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Tendril Necklace

What You Will Need
Coil of memory wire
Tiger tail wire
Crimp beads
13 x grey Czech glass oval beads
13 x silver Czech bicone beads
26 x jet Czech fire polished beads (for the tendrils)
Further jet Czech fire polished beads for the memory wire

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

Fig 1

1. First cut the individual strands of tiger tail wire that will be used to create the tendrils. We have used 3 x 15cm strands, 4 x 13cm strands, 4 x 10cm strands and 2 x 8cm strands (fig 1).

2. Next we add the beads to each of the tendrils. To do this squish a crimp bead onto the very end of the first strand of wire and add a grey oval bead and a jet fire polished bead before crimping them in place (fig 2).

Fig 2

3. Add another crimp bead onto your strand and thread the tiger tail back through the crimp before squishing to create a small loop in the middle of the strand of tiger tail (fig3). Add another crimp, a jet fire polished bead, a silver bicone bead followed by a final crimp onto the remaining end of your strand of tiger tail. Squish the crimps to secure the beads in place on the very end of the tiger tail wire (fig 4). This is your first tendril complete.

Fig 3

4. Repeats steps 2 and 3 for all the strands of tiger tail so that you have 13 complete tendrils.

5. Thread one of the three longest (15cm) tendrils onto your piece of memory wire and then a jet fire polished bead either side (fig 5). Then add a medium (13cm) tendril onto each side followed by a jet fire polished bead on both sides. Next add a small (10cm) tendril to each side followed by two more jet fire polished beads. Repeat this pattern with another long, medium and small tendril each side separated by jet fire polished beads. Finally to finish add the very shortest (8cm) strands onto each end.

Fig 4

6. Finally to complete the design add further jet fire polished beads all the way around the rest of the memory wire and make a little loop at each end of the wire to secure.
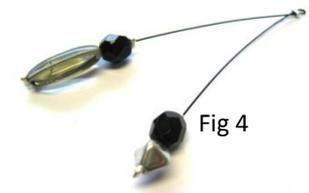
Fig 5