

Light As A Feather Knotted Tassel Necklace



designed by Molly Schaller for Halcraft USA
using Bead Gallery® beads
available exclusively at Michaels Stores

Materials:

10401586	96	Bead Gallery® 6mm blue aventurine rounds
10320820	1	Bead Gallery® large silver plated oval connector
10393700	2	Bead Gallery® silver plated Bali spacers
10140072	1	Bead Gallery® 10mm white carved bone round
10393271	1	Bead Gallery® 6/0 pink glass seed beads
10393333	1	Bead Gallery® silver plated feather charm
10321742	1	Bead Gallery® 9x30mm silver plated wing charm
10443016	3	Bead Landing™ 7mm jump rings
1026983	1	Bead Landing™ blue hemp cord
10160902	1	DMC® embroidery floss pack
10193636	6"	20 gauge silver Artistic Wire

Tools:

10390893	Memory wire finishing pliers or round nose pliers
443525	Chain-nose pliers
121919	Wire cutters
10443518	Beadalon Knotting tool
	Loctite Super Glue Gel

Tip: Mix it up with different colors of bead rounds or focal beads, and try using the same tassel technique to make a tassel out of leather lace for lots of tassel fun!

Time to create: 2-3 hours

Length of necklace: 30" not including tassel

Instructions:*To Create the Tassel...*

1. Remove paper from embroidery floss, keeping floss in the loop.
2. Wrap floss around fingers until about 24" of floss is left. Cut floss.
3. Cut an 8" piece of floss from the 24" piece and pass it through the loop of the embroidery floss. Tie the loop in a square knot. Wrap remaining 16" piece of floss around the floss so that it creates a tassel. Tie a knot, dab a bit of glue on the knot and trim ends of floss.
4. Cut the loops of the floss to create the tassel's fringe.
5. Cut a piece 6" piece of wire and make a U shape with one side being about 1" long and the other 5" long.
6. Pass the wire through the loop of the tassel so that the dip of the U cradles the loops of tassel.
7. Make a wrapped loop to hold the lace in place and trim the end of the wire.
8. Slide the white bone round and the pin 6/0 bead onto the long piece of wire. Make a loop and pass the wire through one of the loops of the oval connector. Make a wrapped loop and trim end of wire.
9. Open a jump ring and attach it to the feather charm. Repeat for the wing charm.
10. Open the third jump ring and slide onto it both of the charm jump rings as well as the top loop of the oval link.

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11. Remove the hemp cording from the card. Stretch before using to remove kinks and prevent post-knotting stretching.

12. Tie a simple overhand knot about 2" from the end of the cord, at the very end of the 2m lengths of cord.
13. String a 48 blue aventurine rounds.
14. Slide the first bead all the way down the cord to the knot.
15. Make an overhand knot and use the knotting tool to slide the knot as close as possible to the bead.
16. Use the thumb part of the tool to press the knot off the tool and next to the bead as close as possible.
17. Repeat this step for each of the strung beads, working your way down the prestrung beads.
18. When you get to the last bead, make a knot and then string the silver spacer, the jump ring from the top loop of the oval connector with the tassel, and the second silver spacer.
19. String 48 blue aventurine rounds.
20. Knot remaining beads as before.
21. Finish the necklace by tying an overhand knot at the end of the necklace, holding all both strands of cord as one.
22. (Optional) You may also add a clasp by using clamshell closures at the ends of the necklace with the clasp of your choice. Just string a clamshell with loop at the beginning and end of your necklace. Close the finding over the knot and add a clasp.