

Santa Fe Knotted Tassel Necklace



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

Materials:

10100865	76	Bead Gallery® 8mm zebra stone rounds
10290560	1	Bead Gallery® large amber agate oval
10322385	1	Bead Gallery® silver plated bumpy bead cap
10121133	2	Bead Gallery® 4mm silver plated rounds
10393700	2	Bead Gallery® silver plated Bali spacer
106X-101	2	Beadalon® #6 brown silk w/attached needle
257596	1	dark brown deerskin lace
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 embroidery floss 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 deerskin lace from card and stretch to remove kinks.
2. Wrap lace around fingers until about 12" of cord is left. Cut lace.
3. Cut a piece 6" piece of wire and make a U shape with one side being about 1" long and the other 5" long.
4. Pass the wire through the loop of the laces so that the dip of the U cradles the loops of lace.
5. Make a wrapped loop to hold the lace in place and trim the end of the wire.
6. Use the 12" piece of lace to wrap around the top of the tassel. Make a knot so that the ends of the lace are trapped inside each other. Add a few drops of glue on either side of the knot where the lace is tied and let dry.
7. Slide the bead cap and oval bead onto the long wire. Make a wrapped loop and trim excess wire.
8. Cut the loops of the lace to create the tassel's fringe.

To Create the Necklace...

9. Remove two strands of #6 silk cording with needle from the card. Stretch before using to remove kinks and prevent post-knotting stretching.
10. Holding both strands of the silk as one, tie a simple overhand knot about 2" from the end of the silk, at the very end of the 2m lengths of cord.
11. String 36 zebra stone rounds.
12. Slide the first bead all the way down the cords to the knot.

13. Make an overhand knot and use the knotting tool to slide the knot as close as possible to the bead.
14. Use the thumb part of the tool to press the knot off the tool and next to the bead as close as possible.
15. Repeat this step for each of the strung beads, working your way down the prestrung beads.
16. When you get to the last bead, string 1 silver round, 1 silver spacer, the loop from the tassel with the oval bead, 1 silver spacer and 1 silver round.
17. Make a knot with the knotting tool and string 36 more zebra stone rounds.
18. Knot remaining beads as before.
19. Finish the necklace by tying an overhand knot at the end of the necklace, holding all four strands of the silk as one.
20. (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.