

SPECIAL SECTION

READY-TO-WEAR HARDWARE



While we're past considering hardware stores a male stronghold, we probably don't really think of them as our beading muses, either. The following projects may change this perception. With primary materials — washers, O-rings, nylon cord, rubber tubing, and window film — straight off the home-improvement shelves, the *BeadStyle* staff designed jewelry pieces that are fun and fashionable, but not campy. Only you will know they didn't come from a boutique.



Light Effects window film and O-ring necklace and earrings



Washer bracelet



Rainbow twine / nylon cord bangles



Rubber washer and O-ring necklace



1 Cut a 3-in. (7.6cm) piece of wire. Make the first half of a wrapped loop (Basics, p. 110) at one end. String a #18 O-ring and complete the wraps.



2 Using a tapestry needle, pierce two holes through the top of a 57mm rubber washer, as shown.



3 String the washer on the wire and fold the edges of the washer. Make the first half of a wrapped loop.

Attach a #18 O-ring and complete the wraps.



4a Cut a 3-in. (7.6cm) piece of wire. Make the first half of a wrapped loop at one end. Attach the #18 O-ring and complete the wraps. Repeat on the other side.

4b Pierce two holes in a 25mm rubber washer as in step 2. Repeat with another 25mm washer. String the first washer on the wire. Turn the second washer upside down and string it on the wire. Make the first half of a wrapped loop. Attach a #13 O-ring to the loop and complete the wraps. Repeat on the other side.



5a Cut a 3-in. (7.6cm) piece of wire. Make the first half of a wrapped loop at one end. Attach the #13 O-ring and complete the wraps. Repeat on the other side.

5b Repeat step 4b, substituting a #41 O-ring for the #13 O-ring.



6a Cut a 3-in. (7.6cm) piece of wire. Make the first half of a wrapped loop at one end. Attach the #41 O-ring and complete the wraps. Repeat on the other side.

6b Repeat step 4b, substituting a #78 O-ring for the #13 O-ring.



7 Attach an alternating pattern of #41 and #78 O-rings to each side until the necklace is within 1 in. (2.5cm) of the desired length, ending with a #78 O-ring.



8 On one end, attach a #13 O-ring. To clasp the necklace, pull the #13 O-ring through the #78 O-ring. ♣



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SupplyList

- 57mm rubber washer
- 12 25mm rubber washers
- 2 #18 (30mm) rubber O-rings
- 3 #13 (22mm) rubber O-rings
- 8–10 #41 (14mm) rubber O-rings
- 8–10 #78 (11mm) rubber O-rings
- 48–58 in. (1.2–1.5m) 18-gauge half-hard wire
- tapestry needle
- chainnose and roundnose pliers
- diagonal wire cutters

EDITOR'S TIP

Check the fit as you build the necklace so you don't have to remove any O-rings. My necklace is 18 in./46cm.