Lariat –

Supplies needed -

1 – silk cord, size 6 – your color choice
2 – 7” chain
4 – 3” head pins
2 – crimp beads
2 – crimp covers
148 – 5mm rondelle shape bead – rose gold color
14 – 4mm faceted coin shape bead – hematite color
10 – 2.5mm bicone crystal bead
6 – 6mm round shape bead – blue
2 – 8mm round shape bead – clay color
2 – 8mm round shape bead – beige

I enjoy creating lariats because you don’t need any findings and you can wear the lariat so many different ways. Hope you enjoy this.

To begin we are going to start with the wire wrapping. Take one head pin and place one crystal, one rondelle, and one 6mm round blue bead. Begin the wire wrapping – when you make the loop, bring the head pin through the chain at one end. Continue wire wrapping making sure you have the chain within the loop. Trim the excess wire and use chain nose pliers to close up the cut end of the wire. Repeat this three more times with the additional chain.

Now to start the lariat – tie a knot at the end of the cord (not by the needle). String on one crimp bead, string on the chain about 4” from the end. Bring the needle back through the crimp bead and bring the crimp bead down to the knot making sure the chain is secure. Crimp the crimp bead and give it another crimp with chain nose pliers to make it more secure. Trim the excess cord (PLEASE TRIM THE RIGHT CORD – NOT THE ONE WITH THE NEEDLE). Tie a knot right up to the crimp bead using the Easy Knotter instructions.

String on the beads in this order –

Set one - 1-cystal, one 8mm clay bead, one rondelle, one 8mm round beige, one rondelle, one 6mm round blue bead, one crystal
Set two - 7-4mm faceted coin shape bead
Set three – 1 – crystal, 140 rondelle beads, 1-crystal
Repeat Set Two
Repeat Set one – only backwards, start with one crystal, one 6mm round blue bead, etc.
Now to start knotting – Bring down set one beads to the knot – create a loop for the knot past the first set of beads – bring the beads and cord through the loop. Place the loop on the post and pull until the beads are right up to the post. Take the next bead and bring it down to approximately 2 inches before the post. With the cord in one hand and the beads in the other hand, lift the knot off the post and have the knot rest on the Easy Knotter.

With the cord in one hand and the bead in the other hand, take the bead that is in your hand and bring it down to the knot in one quick movement while holding onto the cord. This will close the knot right up to the bead.

We will be using the ¼” measurement for the lariat. Using the instructions above, let the bead hang and create the loop for the knot. Place the knot on the post and pull until the previous knot is at the 1/4” measurement. With your index finger and thumb lift the knot off the post and hold the knot and pull the cord with your opposite hand.

For set number two, we are going to be doing the ¼” spacing between the beads. Bring one bead from set two to the knot you just created and using the instruction above, create the loop for the knot, bring the beads through the loop and place it on the post and pull until the bead and cord are up to the post. Take your next bead and bring it down to approximately 2 inches before the post. With the cord in one hand and the bead in the other, lift the knot off the post and have the knot rest on the Easy Knotter. With the cord in one hand and the bead in the other hand, take the bead in your hand and bring it down to the knot in one quick movement while holding onto the cord. This will close the knot right up to the bead.

Continue knotting the rest of the beads from set two using the ¼” measurement and ending with an ¼” measurement.

For the next part of the lariat, we are going to be knotting without the spacing.

Bring down all the beads from set number three. Using the instructions above, knot right after the last bead making sure it is nice and tight.

To finish the lariat you are going to repeat the pattern from the opposite side using the instructions above starting with the ¼” measurement.

After you completed your last knot, string on one crimp bead and chain about the 4” mark on the chain. Bring the needle back through the crimp bead and pull until it is up to the last knot. Crimp the crimp bead and use your chain nose pliers to give it an extra crimp for extra security. Trim the excess cord and attach the crimp cover and enjoy!

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