
Create Your Own Floating Pearl Necklace

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The floating pearl necklace is one of the most popular looks in jewelry. This delicate looking necklace gives the impression that the pearls are suspended along the neckline. Needless to say, this necklace can make heads turn.

Depending on the material used to create it, the price of a floating pearl necklace can be anywhere from \$35 all the way up to \$410. However, you can create your own floating pearl necklace at a fraction of the cost, with a little patience and a bit of work.

Gathering Your Materials

The first step in the creation of any project, including making a floating pearl necklace, is to gather your material together in one spot. Some of the materials you will need are a wire cutter, crimping pliers, a nail file, 20 to 24 gauge wires, and of course, your favorite type of pearl beads. Freshwater pearls often have a smoother texture and are much easier to obtain than saltwater pearls. Most amateur jewelry makers choose freshwater pearls when making a necklace of this type.

Building Your Necklace

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The second step in creating a floating pearl necklace is to plan out how you want your necklace to look. Do you want a single strand for your floating pearl necklace, or perhaps two? If you feel like a challenge, three or even four floating strands are possible and look wonderful.

We will only cover creating a single stranded version. Keep in mind though, by twisting strands together with a few simple crimp beads, and wire twists, it is quite easy to create a floating pearl necklace with multiple strands.

Creating a single strand floating pearl necklace is quite simple. Take your 24 gauge wire and cut it to approximately twice the length of the necklace you want. Place your first pearl at the location on the strand that you desire. While holding the pearl in place, string two crimp beads on either side of it.

Take your crimping pliers and slowly add pressure to the crimp beads until they pinch the wire surrounding the pearl, locking it in place. Repeat this process at each of the chosen pearl locations until you have produced the desired effect. Attach a clasp by stringing and twisting the wire through the loop on the clasp. Finally, trim off the excess wire, file down the rough edges, and you're done! Creating your own floating pearl necklace is that easy.

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