

Materials List for Jewelry Beginners Technique-Stringing
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There are many choices on the market for beads. A discussion during the first class may help you decide, but if you know what you want, feel free to purchase ahead of time. I ask that students bring their own beads because your work will be a reflection of your own taste. This instructor will have her own jewelry designs displayed so that you get some basic ideas. Some designs will have focal beads, which do add to the piece. The instructor will also have books and reading materials for your use during the class. The clasps required may be base metals, plated or sterling silver, depending upon your budget. The instructor will provide the other findings, i.e., cording, jump-rings, crimp beads, etc., which will **not** be sterling silver, but will coordinate with most beads and designs that you choose. You may wish to choose your beads to coordinate into matching sets.

The instructor will have tools for you to share with a buddy in the class. If you choose, you may bring your own, if you have them, but it is not necessary. The instructor will also bring fleece mats to design your piece on, but if you have a design board, bring it in. Again, as with tools, it is not necessary for you to buy a set.

Other handouts include kinds of gems, their healing properties and mystical meanings, charts and basic techniques for jewelry making.

Class 1

Your excitement

Paper and pen for notes

You will learn about design concepts, kinds of beads available and color theory. In this class, we will get “warmed up” by making a pair of earrings. The instructor will provide the materials to make this pair.

Class 2

Beads of your choice for a bracelet

Clasp

Class 3

Beads of your choice for a necklace

Clasp