

# Celestial Sparkle

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This dreamy necklace of sparkling teardrops, crystals, and silver was inspired by a very practical dilemma: if you can only afford a single strand of beautiful borosilicate glass beads, what should you do with them?

## ★ FINISHED SIZE

16" necklace

## ⦿ MATERIALS

- 50 9mm green/blue variegated glass teardrops
- 10 6mm Montana blue Swarovski crystals
- 64 4x6mm Czech crystal teardrops
- 2 6x9mm Czech crystal teardrops
- 2 4mm silver spacers
- 2 3mm silver crimp covers
- 2 2mm silver crimps
- 1 27mm sterling silver star-shaped toggle clasp
- 17" blue .019 beading wire

## ✂ TOOLS

- Wire cutters
- Crimping pliers

## ★ TECHNIQUES

- Stringing

**Step 1:** Attach one-half the clasp to the beading wire with a crimp. Cover crimp with crimp cover. String 1 silver spacer, 1 small crystal teardrop, 2 blue/green teardrops.

**Step 2:** String 3 small crystal teardrops, 1 crystal, 3 small crystal teardrops, 5 blue/green teardrops. Repeat 3 times.

**Step 3:** String 3 small crystal teardrops, 1 crystal, 2 small crystal teardrops, 1 large crystal teardrop, 2 small crystal teardrops, 6 blue/green teardrops, 2 small crystal teardrops, 1 large crystal teardrop, 2 small crystal teardrop, 1 crystal, 3 small crystal teardrops, 5 blue/green teardrops.

**Step 4:** String 3 small crystal teardrops, 1 crystal, 3 small crystal teardrops, 5 blue/green teardrops. Repeat twice.

**Step 5:** String 3 small crystal teardrop, 1 crystal, 3 small crystal teardrops, 2 blue/green teardrops, 1 small crystal teardrop, 1 silver spacer. Attach second half of clasp to wire. Crimp. Cover with crimp cover.

#### Resources:

*Blue/green teardrops (#21101):* Sonoran Beads, 6501 E Greenway Pkwy, Suite 103-635, Scottsdale, AZ 85254; (480) 361-6405; [sonoranbeads.com](http://sonoranbeads.com)

*Clasp:* Bokamo Designs, 5609 W 99th Street, Overland Park, KS 66207; (913) 648-4296; [www.bokamo.com](http://www.bokamo.com)

*Crystal teardrops:* Beadin Path, 15 Main Street, Freeport, ME 04032; (877) 92BEADS  
[www.beadinpath.com](http://www.beadinpath.com)

*Crimp covers, crimps:* Fire Mountain Gems, 1 Fire Mountain Way, Grants Pass, OR 97526-2373; (800) 423-2319; [www.firemountaingems.com](http://www.firemountaingems.com)

*Wire:* Yes Beads, 140 East Flatiron Circle, Broomfield, CO 80021; (877) 303-1011; [www.yesbeads.net](http://www.yesbeads.net)

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