



Champagne Necklace

by Jamie Hogsett

Scattered pearls, wrapped with wire to sparkling ribbon, appear to bubble up like champagne in a glass flute. With six tiers of festive streamers, glints of silver, and subtly colored pearls, this bib-style necklace lends a festive air to any occasion.



FINISHED SIZE:

19 3/4" (49 cm) (shortest strand)



MATERIALS:

- 45 assorted white, gray, mauve, peach, and lavender 6x8mm pearls
- 2 sterling silver 20x25mm cones
- Sterling silver 14mm box clasp with pearl inlay
- 156" of 3/4" wide nylon ribbon
- 135" of 24-gauge sterling silver wire
- 8" of 22-gauge sterling silver wire
- Craft glue



TOOLS:

- Tape measure
- Scissors
- Wire cutters
- Chain-nose pliers
- Round-nose pliers
- Crimping pliers



TECHNIQUES

Knotting, wireworking



Step 1: Cut the ribbon into six pieces, one each of the following lengths: 21", 23", 25", 27", 29", and 31."

Step 2: Use 4" of 22-gauge wire to form a wrapped loop using the widest part of the round-nose pliers. Repeat to make a second loop.

Step 3: Pass one end of the shortest ribbon through one of the loops. Use the end of this ribbon and the end of the next shortest ribbon to tie an overhand knot. Repeat with the other loop and the other ends of the ribbons.

Step 4: Repeat Step 3 with the two middle lengths of ribbon, then the two longest lengths.

Step 5: Place a drop of craft glue on each knot and let dry.

Step 6: Use one wrapped loop wire to string 1 cone, making sure to conceal the knots in the cone. Form a wrapped loop that attaches to one half of the clasp. Repeat for the other half of the necklace.

Step 7: Use 3" of 24-gauge wire to string 1 pearl. Center the pearl on the wire and bend both ends up 90°. Use your nondominant hand to hold the pearl and a section of the shortest ribbon together. Use your dominant hand to wrap one end of the wire around the ribbon as tightly as possible to secure the pearl in place. Repeat to wrap the other end of wire.

Step 8: Repeat Step 7 to add a total of six pearls each to the three shortest strands of ribbon, eight pearls each to the next two longest strands, and nine pearls to the longest strand.

RESOURCES:

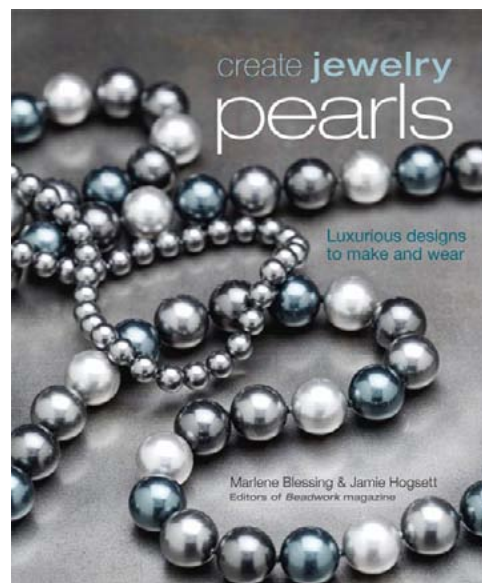
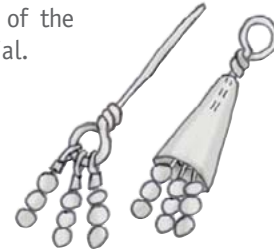
Ribbon: Oak Grove Yarn, Desert Sand colorway; *Pearls:* Ayla's Originals, www.aylasoriginals.com; *Clasp and Cones:* Pacific Silverworks, www.pacificsilverworks.com

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Cones

Use cones to finish a multistrand piece. Attach each strand of beads to a wrapped loop or an eye pin. Use the wrapped-loop wire to string the wide end of a cone, covering the ends of the stringing material.

Form a wrapped loop at the tip of the cone that attaches to a clasp.



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