

BE MER-MAZING NECKLACE by Meredith Roddy



Learn how to make a custom bezel with wire and create a UV Resin pendant to make a mermaid inspired necklace

SUPPLIES:

- Multicolor Metal Starfish Beads, 14mm
- Antique Silver Fish Mix Metal Beads
- Silver Starfish Mix Metal Beads, 14mm
- Aqua Mix Clear Glass Beads, 6mm
- Silver Scallop Metal Beads, 13mm
- John Bead Retro Blue Mixed Czech Glass Seed Beads, 8/0
- Blue Moon Studio™ UV Resin Craft Resin Tape
- Blue Moon Studio™ UV Resin Craft Hard Type Resin, 2oz.
- Blue Moon Studio™ UV Resin Craft White Curing USB Lamp
- Blue Moon Studio™ UV Resin Craft Tint Mix 2
- 19 Strand Bright Bead Stringing Wire, 0.18", 30 ft.
- Artistic Wire®, Silver 20 Gauge
- Silver Crimp Tubes
- Wire Guardian™
- Findings Variety Pack
- Nipper Tool
- Standard Crimper Tool
- Sparkle Bent Chain Nose Pliers
- Bead Mats
- Bail Making Pliers

STEP 1

Use the 20 gauge wire to create the mermaid tail form. Leave a tail of about 4 inches (10 cm) and make a wrapped loop at the top. Use the bail making pliers to create "U" shapes out of the 20 gauge wire.

STEP 2

Use a piece of resin tape to hold the mermaid tail form down. Place the "U" shapes within the mermaid tail form to make scales. Use the blue, yellow and pink resin tints to make "mermaid colors". Carefully fill in the mermaid form. Go slowly, and cure the resin often under the UV light to avoid having the resin leak out of the form.

STEP 3

Thread on one shell bead, one size 8 seed bead, and make a wrapped loop at the top of the mermaid tail.

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Pull about 24 inches of wire from the spool, and use the spool clip to hold it in place. Do not cut the wire from the spool. String up your design. Make sure you start and end with a size 8 seed bead.

STEP 4

Thread on one crimp tube, one size 8 seed bead, one wire guardian, and one tag. Thread the beading wire around the wire guardian, through the size 8 seed bead, through the crimp tube, and use the crimping pliers to crimp the crimp tube in place. Trim the end of the wire about an inch and thread it back through the beads to hide it. Slide the beads down to the crimped part of the necklace. Leave an extra 3 inches of wire and snip it from the spool.

STEP 5

Thread on one crimp tube, one size 8 seed bead, one wire guardian, and one lobster claw clasp. Thread the beading wire around the wire guardian, through the size 8 seed bead, through the crimp tube, and through several of the beads in the design. Use the crimping pliers to crimp the crimp tube in place. Snip the excess wire.