

# "Spring" necklace

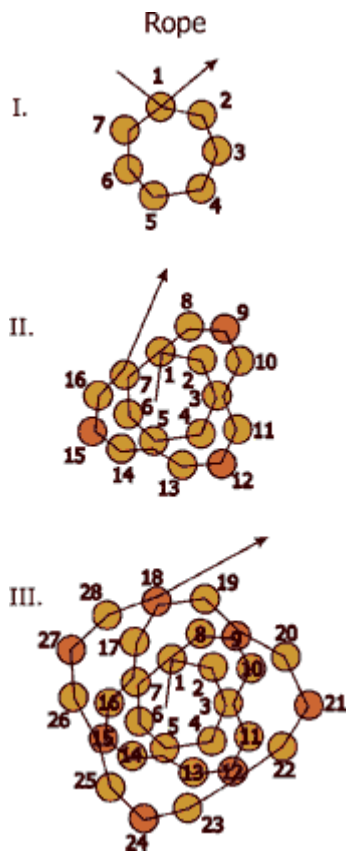


## Materials needed:

30 g of brown seed beads, size 11 (main color for the rope)  
15 g of light brown seed beads, size 11 (accent color for the rope)  
20 g of pink seed beads, size 11 (for branches)  
about 50 beads to embellish branches (optional).

## Estimated Time:

6-8 hours depending on your experience.



## Instructions:

We'll start by creating a rope. String seven beads leaving a 7" tail (we'll use it to attach the clasp) and form a circle by bringing a needle through bead 1.

String beads 8, 9, and 10 and bring a needle through bead 3.

String beads 11 - 13 and bring a needle through bead 5.

String beads 14 - 16 and bring a needle through bead 7.

Note that beads 9, 12, and 15 are your accent color beads.

String beads 17 - 19 and bring a needle through bead 9.

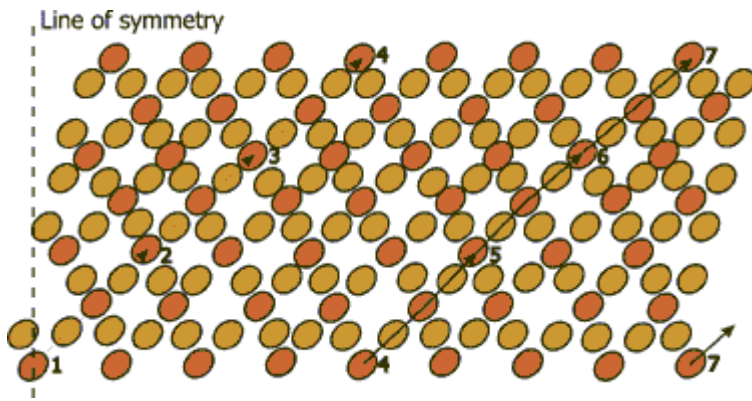
String beads 20 - 22 and bring a needle through bead 12.

String beads 23 - 25 and bring a needle through bead 15.

Continue beading in the same manner until the desired length is reached.

To attach the clasp use the diagram on the right. Use the thread you have left, when you started beading the rope, which is coming out of the bead 1. Bring the needle through the hole in the clasp cap, string one bead, bring the needle through the hole in the clasp, go back the same path and bring the needle through bead 7. Make another loop through the clasp and bring the needle through bead 5. Make the third loop through the clasp, go back to the rope and weave the thread around to finish it off.





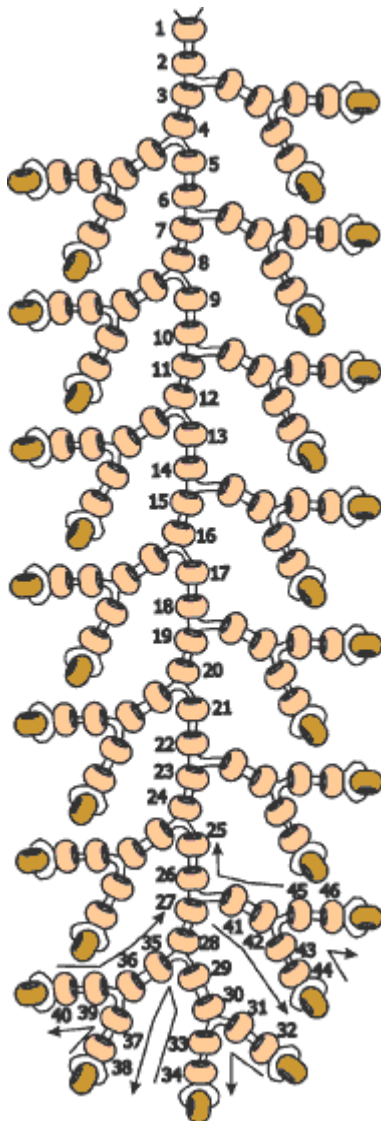
**Attaching the branches:**

For coral branches you will need to use more rigid thread, so the branches won't be just hanging down. I use thin fishing rod, and it works well for me. The diagram on the left shows the flattened image of the rope you just made. The bead 4 at the top is the same as bead 4 at the bottom. Attach a new thread to the center of the rope (bead 1 on my diagram).

Create the first branch from the bead 1. Then following the path on the diagram above get to the bead 2. Your path will look like a spiral around the rope, and you will be attaching branches to every other accent bead on your path.

- The first branch will be 32 bead long.
- The next three branches (bead 2, 3, and 4) will be 24 bead long.
- The next three branches (beads 5, 6, and 7) will be 20 bead long.
- The next three will be 16 beads long
- The last three branches will be 12 bead long.

When you are finished with all thirteen branches, weave the thread around to finish it off. Attach a new thread to the central bead 1 and make twelve more branches on the other side of the necklace. You can embellish one or two ends of each branch with slightly bigger beads of your choice. Keep in mind, that it will weigh down the branches, so you want to use light beads and not too many of them.



**Making a branch:**

I am providing a diagram for the central (32 bead long) branch. You can use the same diagram for all the other branches. For example to make 24 bead long branch start from the bead 9 and follow the diagram, to make 12 bead long branch start from the bead 21.

Start by stringing 32 pink beads (pb) and 1 accent color bead (acb), which is the same as the main color of the rope, then bring a needle through 32 and 31 pb (making a 2-bead step up). String 2 pb and 1 acb, bring a needle through two pb, and make another 2-bead step up bringing a needle through 34 and 33 pb. Make 2-bead step up on the main branch bringing a needle through 30 and 29 pb. String four pb and one acb, than make a 2-bead step up. Continue beading following the diagram until you come to the pb 1.