

Mac, Mom & Me



Mela

We've taken the classic macaroni necklace to the next level with this unique design. Easy to do, it features beads and a large coin purchased on a family outing to create a one-of-a-kind memento.

What's Needed:

Large Macaroni- Trader Joe's

20lb Black Twine - Bead Landing/Michael's

12 mm Beads- (26 pcs) Yellow Wooden w/Chinese Characters

Object Found- Large Asian Coin (focus item can be anything)

8" Non-Stick Scissors-Fiskars

How To Make It:



Be creative when selecting the beads, twine and pendant for your necklace. Each piece should be unique and reflect the person making or receiving it. The beads and coin we used were purchased in Chinatown (NYC) from a small shop beside our favorite noodle house. The pairing of our found items with the noodles creates a keepsake from a wonderful day spent together.



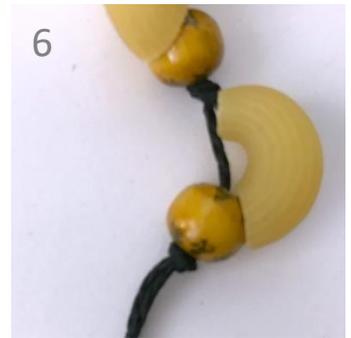
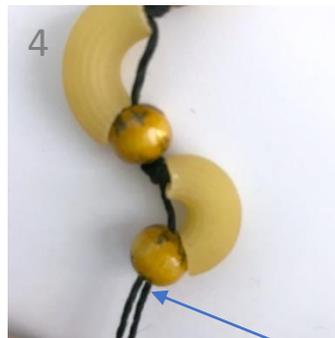
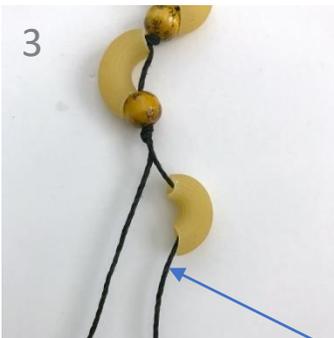
1. Begin by cutting two pieces of twine 40" long (*finished necklace will be 28" stretch out length/ 14" when worn-not including the coin*)

For a coin pendent, fold one piece of twine in half and attached it through the coins center hole with a slip knot. Pull twine tightly and arrange it so the long ends protrude from the top.



2. Slip a bead through both pieces of twine. Tie a knot on top of the bead to hold in place.

Separate the two pieces of twine. Center and lay the second piece on top. Thread a bead onto the two pieces of twine on the right and left sides. Hold each bead in place by knotting twine.



3. String the right side first. Begin by placing one piece of twine through a piece of macaroni. Slide the macaroni up the so it fits tightly against the knot.

4. Thread both pieces of twine through a bead. Push the bead up under the macaroni.

5. Holding the twine taunt, make a knot under the bead.

6. The macaroni and beads will now be held in place as they are setting between two knots.



7. Continue stringing the right side with macaroni. Our necklace has 8 pieces of macaroni and 9 beads.

Note: If making a slip-on necklace consider beading the entire length per side.



8. Bead the left side. Follow the instruction and beading pattern for the right.



9. To finish the necklace, string a set of three beads on each side. String one piece of twine through each bead leaving the other on the outside (like the macaroni). Tie a knot 1" between each bead. Tie a second 2" above the last knot on both sides.

This knot will create space between the last beads and the clasp.



10 To make the bead clasp, tie a loop knot on the left side. Cut off excess cord.

11. To attach the bead tie a knot ¼" above the last knot on the right side. Thread both pieces of twine through the bead. Knot the two pieces together. Cut off excess twine.

Slip bead through the loop to close.



Your Mela necklace is now finished.

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