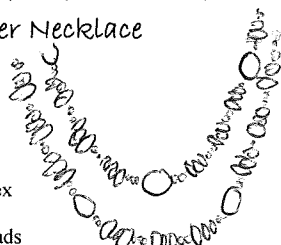


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PROJECT OF THE MONTH!  
Flapper Necklace



Ingredients

- 1.5m – 2m of Softflex
- Crimps
- 3-4 types of seed beads
- 1 strand of semi-precious chips
- 20-30 feature beads
- Clamp

**Softflex is a laminated wire, similar to tigertail. The difference is that tigertail is 7 strands of wire laminated together and Softflex is 49 strands of wire laminated. This means that Softflex is very flexible, doesn't kink like tigertail can and has a lovely drape, making it perfect to use in this Flapper necklace.**

Recipe

1. Clamp the Softflex approximately 10cm from one end.
2. Work out a pattern using your chips, seed beads and feature beads.

Tips

- Chips look great when grouped together in odd numbers i.e. 3, 5 or 7.



- Feature beads can be used after every cluster of chips for a really full and chunky necklace.



- Or use feature beads after every 3 clusters of chips for a finer necklace (this also helps with your budget!)



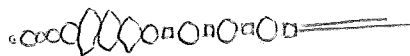
- Seed beads can be threaded on randomly or in a pattern. Making a wave by increasing and decreasing the size of the beads gives a really interesting effect.



- Spacers or washers can be used next to your feature beads to make them stand out more.

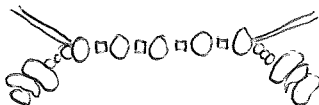
3. When you have only 10cm of Softflex left, or if you have reached the desired length of your flapper necklace, you need to thread on 4 crimps.

4. It is a good idea to thread the crimps between beads to space them out and give you a more polished finish.



Remember to either use large seed beads or feature beads in between your crimps because 2 strands of Softflex need to fit through them.

5. Take the clamp off and thread the other end of wire through the last few beads and the 4 crimps.



6. Pull the Softflex so there are no gaps and then squash the crimps. Make sure the Softflex is pulled so tightly that it doesn't hang well. Cut the excess Softflex.

ENJOY!