



REPURPOSING AN OLD NECKLACE- NECKLACE OR DOUBLE BRACELET OF GOLDSTONE BEADS & BUTTONS

THIS PROJECT RE-PURPOSED A 1950s GLASS BEAD NECKLACE

WHAT YOU WILL NEED

- An old necklace
- Matching or complementary buttons. For this project, complementary sew-through buttons were selected and used in pairs (Mediums: two groups of six and a group of eight. Small: 30 small shirt buttons). Six shanked buttons.
- Needle
- Stretchy beading cord. This allows the necklace to go over your head or twist into a double bracelet.
- Nail polish or hot glue (optional)

BUILDING YOUR NECKLACE

1. Gather your supplies.
2. Cut your necklace apart.
3. Arrange your buttons and beads on a towel, piece of flannel, or another soft surface that will prevent them from rolling about.
4. If you need a bit of help getting the thread through your beads, you can coat an inch of the end with nail polish to stiffen the cord. Or, put some hot glue on the cord and immediately smooth it thin.
5. Cut a piece of stretchy jewelry cord about six inches longer than the finished necklace. A 15- or 16-inch necklace folds into a comfortable double bracelet.
6. Very softly tie a bead or button about two inches up from one end.
7. Use the other end to start stringing your necklace/bracelet.
8. Following the pattern laid out with your buttons and beads until you reach the desired length of your necklace.
9. Remove the starting bead/button that you used to anchor the necklace. Tie the two ends together in a square knot.

