



Cluster – Chunky Crocheted Necklace

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 1 at 1:00. We will meet at the home of Maureen Mapes. She will send out an e-mail providing her address and directions.

For our project we will be doing a wire crochet necklace. This will be a little simpler version of the wire crochet necklace we did in November 2011 taught by Gail Clark. Wire crochet provides a pretty effect and we have beaders who were not in the group in 2011 so it will be fun to repeat this technique. I have purchased a book called Wired Jewelry and if you all like this necklace there are many others to choose from using knitting, French knitting, crochet and twisting in wire. I have attached a picture of the necklace I made for this project. It is a 22” necklace.

Supplies needed:

**66 ft. of 28 gauge wire**

**Crochet Hook**—this requires a little explanation.

3mm – size D hook is what the book calls for but I find this too small to work with.

5mm – size G or H hook is what we used in the last project so some of you may have one already.

5 ½ mm – size I hook is the one I used and feel more comfortable with.

**I would recommend either the G,H or I size hooks.** If you have one in this size range I would recommend trying to use it rather than purchasing another one.

**Selection of beads** – this is an opportunity to use up odds and ends as long as they create a tonal mix. The book recommends putting them in a bowl and stringing them randomly. **I used approximately 31 beads per strand – we will be making 3 strands.** I found that when you put them in the bowl and stir them up you immediately see whether you have a complimentary mix. I pulled some out that just didn’t seem to fit the color story. I used beads of different shapes, materials, and sizes ranging from 4mm up to 14mm. I only used about 5-6 total of the largest size randomly spaced throughout the necklace.

This necklace is made with a simple chain stitch. If you have never crocheted, don’t worry, it is very easy and you will pick it up quickly.

**Supplies needed for finishing:**

6 inches of 20 gauge wire

2 jump rings

2 crimp tubes

6 inches of beading wire

2 cones medium to large

2 small spacers or beads

1 clasp, toggle or lobster would work well

We may not get to the finishing stage on the first session depending on how long it takes us to crochet our 3 strands and if we don't we will complete the finishing at the following meeting or I will describe the finishing and you can do it on your own.

**Tools:** Wire cutter, Round nose pliers, Chain nose pliers, Crimping pliers – I would just bring all your tools.

I love this look and am excited about making another one. Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Pat Hacker