

Victoriana Bracelet/Necklace

Victoriana is a simply elegant silk cord bracelet or necklace embellished with beads. Delicate in appearance, the silk cord is very strong. The only stitch used is the crochet chain. Choose your favorite beads and jump right in!



Cord: One card silk bead cord with needle attached, size 4 (0.60 mm), 2 meters. This is enough for 2 bracelets or one necklace.

Gauge: Not critical.

Crochet hook: US size B/1/2.25 mm, or size that is comfortable for you with this cord.

Notions for each bracelet or necklace: 2 bead tips (clamshell knot covers), 1 lobster claw or round spring clasp, 1 split ring.

Tools: Pliers to close clamshell. Optional: Awl, tweezers.

Skill level: Beginner.

Size/Finished measurements: Completely up to you; necklace can be up to 20" long.

**Materials,
illustrated:**

Bead cord
Crochet hook
Hardware shown
(top to bottom):
2 bead tips
Spring clasp
Lobster clasp
Split ring
(Beads not shown)



Instructions –

String beads onto thread using attached needle. I like to alternate large and small beads, but you are the boss of your project! My bracelets usually use 7 small and 7 larger beads, but it is best to string a few extra beads in case you need them for length. For a necklace, string 20 of each size. The beads you string first are the beads that will be crocheted first.

Begin with a slip knot about 3 inches from end of cord (furthest from needle). Chain 2. Slide first bead up to hook, chain 1 catching this bead. Chain 2. Slide next bead up to hook, chain 1 catching this bead. Continue in this manner until work measures one inch less than desired length (6 inches for me), ending with chain 2. Cut cord leaving 3 inch tail, pull tail through last chain stitch.

Insert one end of cord through bead tip/clamshell, from outside to inside of the sphere. Tie 3-4 overhand knots, one atop the next, so that knots are bulky enough to not slip back through the bead tip. You can use an awl or a needle to slide the knot down as close to the bead tip as possible, and tighten it by pushing against the knot with tweezers. Trim cord close to knots, and close bead tip to form sphere. (Pliers make this easier.) Repeat for other end. Attach clasp (I prefer lobster claw; it's more secure) to one bead tip and close hook. Attach split ring to other bead tip and close hook. Enjoy!

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