

## HOW TO MAKE JEWELRY WITH SHELLS?

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After being locked up at home for a while, summer is finally here! We take advantage of the sun, we perfect our tan (with a sun cream index 50 preferably!), and for some lucky people, we leave a few days at the seaside!  
But even if it is not your case, do not worry! Perles and co has decided to do everything to make sure that you too can enjoy the iodized sea spray and fine sand. We offer you a selection of shell pendants or mother-of-pearl charms to give yourself a little vacation feeling, as if you were on the beach. Add them to homemade jewelry, taste the laziness and listen to the soft whisper of the waves.

### 16 trendy DIY ideas to make with seashells

- An eyeglass chain to keep your sunglasses around your neck with elegance and style. Super practical for the airheads who are always looking for their glasses. With this chain, never be afraid to lose them again!
- A choker necklace alternating cowrie shells and colored seed beads.
- A shell bracelet with golden thread covered cowries.
- A 100% natural shell earrings with its shell and rattan fan.



- A surfer style necklace for a casual summer look.
- A 3 in 1 jewel that is at the same time a phone jewel, an original necklace and a multi-row bracelet.
- Shell earrings with Miyuki Delicas beads and spinning tops.
- A long necklace made of mother of pearl and acai seeds from Brazil. It will give a bohemian touch to any outfit.



- A bracelet made of seed beads that imitates a coral reef.
- A coral and gold pendant, like a dream catcher hanging from a necklace. Coral is a protected species, as it is endangered, so we suggest you replace it with dyed sea bamboo.
- A lucky charm necklace with a St. Lucia eye pendant and mother-of-pearl Heishi discs made from real shells.
- Mother of pearl shell earrings. The half-moon or half-circle is a shape that is found a lot lately in jewelry. Carved in mother-of-pearl with iridescent reflections, these pendants make us travel. Here, it is the simplicity that highlights the beauty of the material.



- A surfer style shell necklace with Heishi beads and Cauri shell. This tutorial allows you to combine two trends stars of the summer: the shells and Heishi beads. These beads go perfectly with shells such as cowrie shells. And in particular heishi beads in bright colors (fuchsia, turquoise ...).
- A bracelet shell cauri with heishi discs and shells cowrie. A heishi bracelet with dyed cowrie spacers with even brighter colors. These colorful jewels will be popular with young people, but also with older people for their nostalgic side, because as we know fashion is an eternal restart!
- A bracelet with a hyper trendy message. Its advantage? It turns into a necklace as soon as you get tired of wearing it on your wrist.
- And don't forget your little feet! Think about making this pretty macramé anklet.



### How to clean your shells to use them as jewelry?

How about using the shells you picked up on your last walk on the beach? We will explain how to prepare your shells to use them in the creation of DIY costume jewelry.  
First of all, never pick up a shell that is not already dead in order to protect nature and check the laws of the place where you are, as it may be forbidden to pick up certain types of shells, just like pebbles and sand.  
Let the shells dry in the sun outside for several days or even weeks so that the smell of the sea can dissipate and the algae and concretions dry and become brittle.  
Clean the shells with an old toothbrush and dishwashing liquid or baking soda. If they are very dirty, soak them in spirit vinegar for 30 minutes, then rinse. Be careful not to break the shells or leave them too long in the vinegar, which attacks the shell's calcium content.  
Let dry. You can make your shells shine with vegetable oil applied with a cloth.  
To drill them, you can use a dremel drill with a very small bit, and enlarge the hole with a bigger and bigger bit.

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