

## DIY TURQUOISE CERAMIC HEISHI BEAD NECKLACE

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Easy



20 minutes

## How to make an elastic heishi necklace?

Nothing could be easier than a piece of jewelry made of elastic thread! No need for a clasp. This is a perfect tutorial for beginners who want to make jewelry for the first time. Plus, it's a creative activity that will work for adults and children as young as 8 years old. You can organize a creative summer workshop that will satisfy everyone. However, there are a few rules that must be followed to prevent your necklace from breaking quickly. First of all, you should know that even if the elastic thread is very practical, it is also a thread that does not have a very long life, regardless of the brand or type of elastic thread. You will be able to keep it for an average of 2 to 5 years depending on the use you make of it and the way you store the jewel.

The plastics used for these wires deteriorate with heat, UV, contact with chemicals and alcohol present in cosmetics, sea salt, chlorine, limestone, etc. If you want to keep your necklace as long as possible, don't bathe with it, don't store it in direct sunlight, but rather in a jewellery box in the shade (but all this is also valid for jewellery in general). Otherwise, just assume that you will need to replace the wire regularly, every 2 years for example.

You will also need to pre-stretch the wire before you make the final knot. Most of these wires will relax a bit after a few days. The best thing is to force them to stretch beforehand so that you don't have this concern once the collar is finished.

In this tutorial, we used ceramic heishi beads. We also have polymeric heishi beads which are more colorful, lighter and available in different sizes. It all depends on your jewelry preferences. Colorful or handmade?

## Which material to use for DIY turquoise ceramic heishi bead necklace?

### SUPPLIES



Round jumpings open 5x0.8 mm Gilded with fine 24K x25  
Ref. : ACC-560  
Quantity : 1



5x4mm Heishi style ceramic tube beads - Turquoise Green mat x20  
Ref. : ACR-424  
Quantity : 1



5x4mm Heishi style ceramic tube beads - Pigeon Blue mat x20  
Ref. : ACR-427  
Quantity : 4



5mm worked Round beads - Fine Gold Plated x5  
Ref. : ETA-219  
Quantity : 4



6x3mm Flower beads - Fine Gold Plated x10  
Ref. : ETA-239  
Quantity : 1



Elastic thread 0.5 mm Stretch Magic Griffin Transparent x 25m  
Ref. : FCU-726  
Quantity : 1



19x17mm Zamac sunflower pendant - Fine Gold Plated x1  
Ref. : PEND-950  
Quantity : 1

### SUPPLIES



Kit of 3 pliers in Perles & Co pocket Pink x1  
Ref. : OUT-335  
Quantity : 1



Jewel Glue Hasulith 30ml  
Ref. : OUTIL-007  
Quantity : 1



Scissors 25cm x1  
Ref. : SEW-336  
Quantity : 1

## steps

### ★ Step 1/3

Cut 1.2 m of wire and fold it in half. In this necklace, we're going to double the elastic thread, as the beads are a bit heavy, but a bigger thread would be harder to tie at the end. Fold it in half, tie a knot on the side of the loop to prevent the beads from slipping out of the wire, then string the same beads as in the photo. The turquoise beads are framed by single washers and the duck blue beads are interspersed with double washers. Depending on your neck or head size, you will need to adjust the length of the thread and the number of beads. This version is for a small head size (54 cm).



### ★ Step 2/3

Untie the knot at the end and cut the loop so that you have two pieces of wire on each side of the pearl necklace. Make a triple surgeon's knot with the 4 pieces of wire, knotting them as if the two pieces of wire on each side were one wire. If you don't know what a surgeon's knot is, we invite you to go and see our technical sheet in the link. It is made like a simple knot, but instead of winding the wires once, you wind them twice.

Also tighten the collar from the inside by pulling it slightly. Cut the wires 1 mm from the knot, then put jewellery glue on them. Put the gold bead on the knot before the glue dries, so that the knot is hidden. Wait 24 hours before wearing it.



### ★ Step 3/3

If you have jewelry clips, you can add a pendant in the center with an open ring. If you don't have any, you can thread a pendant that already has a ring in the right direction beforehand as explained before.



Result

