

# Soft Flex

## Branching Out Necklace

Design by **Nealay Patel**

Dimensions: 21" Necklace

Beginner Project

### Materials

Mini Bead Mix from  
Jesse James Beads - 1 set

14mm Decorative Beads from  
Jesse James Beads - 2 pcs

Trios Extreme Metallics Beading Wire Set  
(Extreme 24K Gold Plated, Metallics Copper,  
Extreme Champagne) - 2ft each color

2x2mm Soft Flex Crimp Tubes,  
Copper - 35 pcs

Soft Flex Craft Wire, Silver - 2ft

SilverSilk Capture Chain, Silver Style - 5 ft

SilverSilk Double-Strand End Caps,  
Silver Plated Brass - 4 pcs

SilverSilk Triple-Strand End Caps,  
Silver Plated Brass - 2 pcs

4mm Jump Rings - 2 pcs

Clasp - 1 set

### Tools

Nylon Jaw Pliers

Round Nose Pliers

Chain Nose Pliers

Flush Cutters

Crimpers

Straight Pins

### Instructions

*Branching Technique:*

**Step 1:** Cut three 5" lengths of capture chain. Line them up and place a straight pin through them to keep them stacked.

**Step 2:** Use a beading awl to widen the knit through each of the three chains.

**Step 3:** Cut a 3" length and a .5" length of beading wire. String one crimp at the end and string the shorter beading wire through the crimp then crimp it. *Note: It helps to cut the beading wire at an angle when stringing it.*

**Step 4:** String one 3mm bead through the beading wire and string it through the knit holes.

**Step 5:** String one 5-7mm bead and one crimp.

**Step 6:** Cut a 2" length of beading wire and string it through the crimp. Crimp and string one decorative bead repeat this step with the third color of beading wire.



### Inspiration

I wanted to make a necklace that was inspired by branches and flowers. Soft Flex® Wire was the perfect material to use to make this vision come to life and SilverSilk® made for the perfect canvas. This design can be altered in many ways when you learn this technique.

### Econo-Tip

Czech glass beads in similar colors will make an equally beautiful sparkle.

### Tips/Facts

Don't worry about the knit wire fraying! The stitched wires can be cut to the perfect size without any wires unraveling or fraying.

*Instructions continued on next page.*

## Branching Out Necklace Instructions Continued

*Assembling:*

**Step 1:** Remove any straight pins and attach the triple strand end caps

**Step 2:** Use craft wire to make a simple loop on each side of the decorative bead and attach them to the triple strand end caps.

**Step 3:** Cut two 1ft-length of capture chain and attach double strand end caps to both ends.

**Step 4:** Repeat step 3 to make a second necklace rope and attach them to the decorative beads and toggle to finish.

### Nealay Patel's Bio

I exercise my craft in designing, educating and publishing various jewelry works. My checklist of accomplishments includes writing three jewelry-making books, hosting workshops at many trade shows, making television appearances on **Beads, Baubles and Jewels** and **Jewel School** on Jewelry Television Network, maintaining brand, SilverSilk & More, and guest designing for Jesse James Beads. Aside from my dedication to the craft industry, I work full-time as an art director in my hometown, Tulsa, Oklahoma.



Watch Nealay Patel show how to make the **Branching Out Necklace** on "A Breath Of Fresh Air", episode 2709 of **Beads Baubles and Jewels** on your local public television station. This season started on January 24, 2019. Check your local listings for air times.

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