

Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will have learned the basics of necklace jewelry making, including selecting materials, designing a necklace, and understanding fundamental techniques to create a beautiful piece of jewelry that can be worn or gifted.

Materials and Prep

- Beads (various colors and shapes)
- String or wire (for threading beads)
- Scissors (for cutting string or wire)
- Clasp (for fastening the necklace)
- Measuring tape (to determine necklace length)
- Pliers (if using wire)

Before starting the lesson, ensure that the workspace is clean and organized. Familiarize the student with the different types of beads and their uses, as well as the tools required for necklace making.

Activities

- **Bead Selection:**

The student will explore different types of beads and choose a selection that inspires them. Encourage them to think about color combinations and themes they would like to express in their necklace.

- **Designing the Necklace:**

Using a piece of paper, the student will sketch their necklace design. They should consider the arrangement of beads, the length of the necklace, and any patterns they would like to incorporate.

- **Assembling the Necklace:**

The student will then begin to thread the beads onto the string or wire according to their design. Remind them to leave space for the clasp and to double-check the length as they go along.

- **Finishing Touches:**

Once the beads are strung, the student will attach the clasp and make any necessary adjustments. They can also take this time to reflect on their design choices and what they learned during the process.

Talking Points

- "Choosing the right beads is like picking colors for a painting; it sets the mood for your entire necklace!"
- "When designing your necklace, think about what message or feeling you want to convey. Every piece tells a story!"
- "As you assemble your necklace, remember that patience is key. Take your time to ensure everything is perfect."
- "Don't be afraid to experiment! Sometimes the best designs come from unexpected choices."
- "Once you finish your necklace, think about who you might want to share it with. Jewelry

making is not just about creating; it's about sharing your art!"