



## CHEVRON GEMDUO NECKLACE

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Dynamic Chevron Duos and GemDuos play well together in a fun-to-make pendant.

**Skill level:** Skilled beginner and up

**Techniques:** Working with two-holed beads, working with two needles, ending thread

**MATERIALS** for a 22 inch necklace with a 2.25 inch pendant.

86 ChevronDuo beads

60 GemDuo beads

3 grams 11° seed beads

Fireline 6 lb.

2 closed jump rings

2 open jump rings

Clasp

2 Size 10 needles

Thread zap or scissor

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**NOTE:** Sew IN or face IN means towards the center of a component. OUT means sew or face away from the center of a component.

## TOP PENDANT COMPONENT

### FIGURE 1

1. Work counterclockwise. String six GemDuos on a 26-inch thread. Sew through all beads again to snug up, but not so snug that the GemDuos do not lie flat. Knot tail to working thread forming a circle, leaving a 4-inch tail. Sew through two GemDuos, (to avoid starting a new path directly from a knot, which could weaken your stitching) reverse direction and sew through the outer hole of the GemDuo exited. String the tail on a needle, secure in beads, and trim.

### FIGURE 2

2. You should be working clockwise. String a Chevron Duo point facing in through the left leg. String a GemDuo (face up) and four 11°s. Sew in through the second hole of the GemDuo and Chevron Duo right leg. Sew through the next GemDuo. This Chevron/GemDuo will be the top of your pendant.

**NOTE:** Pay attention -- you do not add 11°s to the GemDuos where the straps will connect.

3. String a Chevron Duo point facing in through the left leg. String a GemDuo and sew in through the other GemDuo hole without adding 11°s. Sew in through the Chevron Duo right leg, and through the next GemDuo.

4. Repeat Step 2 around to add three more GemDuos with 11°s to three Chevron Duos. Pull each stitch snug.

5. Repeat Step 3 adding a Chevron Duo and GemDuo without 11°s.

6. Sew again through the first Chevron Duo, GemDuo, and 11°s added this step. Continue to sew in through the GemDuo and right leg of the first Chevron Duo.

### FIGURE 3

7. String an 11° and sew out through the left leg of the next Chevron Duo. *Do not sew through the inner ring of GemDuos.* Follow existing thread path through the GemDuo, 11°s and in through the right leg of the Chevron Duo. Repeat around to add a single 11° between Chevron Duos. The 11°s will sit slightly over the tips of the Step 1 GemDuos.

8. Secure thread in beads and trim. Set aside.

## **BOTTOM PENDANT COMPONENT FIGURE 4**

**NOTE:** You also connect the two components in this step. Pay attention where you will share 11°s between top and bottom pendants, and the position of the GemDuos without size 11°s.

**9.** (Figure 4, black thread) Repeat Steps 1-2 with 11°s on all GemDuos, but connect to the top component by sharing two of the four bottom 11°s from the top component: Exiting the GemDuo inner ring from Step 1 (Figure 4, a) string a Chevron Duo point in through the left leg (Figure 4, b). String a GemDuo and one 11° (Figure 4, c-d). Sew through the middle two 11°s at the bottom of the other component (Figure 4, e). String an 11° (Figure 4, f). Sew in through the GemDuo (c), the right leg of the Chevron Duo (b), and through the next GemDuo in the inner ring (Figure 4, g).

**10.** (Figure 4, red thread) Repeat Step 2 to add the outer round of Chevron Duos and GemDuos with four 11°s on EVERY GemDuo. Follow the existing thread path through the connection beads to exit IN through the top Chevron Duo right leg in the bottom component again.

## **FIGURE 5**

**11.** Add the inner 11°s following Step 3.

**12.** Secure thread in beads and trim. Set aside.

**TIP:** Use this chance to sew into the top component, further securing the connection beads before ending thread.

## **MAKE STRAP 1**

### **FIGURE 6**

Refer to the illustrations for bead orientation.

Remember to check that all holes are open before using any multi-holed beads.

**13.** Fold a 48-inch piece of thread in half. Make a Lark's Head knot around a closed jump ring by feeding the loop where the thread folds through a closed jump ring, and pulling the ends through the loop. Adjust so the thread ends are an even length. Lay your threaded jump ring on your mat. String a needle on each thread.

**14.** On one thread string three 11°s, a Chevron Duo point up (towards the jump ring), a GemDuo and a Chevron Duo point down. On the other thread string three 11°s and sew through the other leg of the first Chevron Duo, through the open hole of the Gemduo, and the other leg of the second Chevron Duo.

**15.** Work bit by bit on both threads, or work the entire length on one thread and then the other. Repeat Step 14 for 18 pairs of Chevron Duos. End with three 11°s on each thread and

a Chevron Duo point up. TIP: Use fewer pairs of Chevron Duos for a shorter length.

### **ATTACH STRAP 1 TO PENDANT LEFT SIDE**

Make sure beads in the strap are snugged up and do not loosen during the attachment steps. The strap end Chevron Duos fit over the Pendant GemDuos without seed beads.

16. Using one strap thread (Figure 7 black thread) sew through one pendant GemDuo without seed beads, through the Chevron Duo, and through the outer hole of the inner ring GemDuo (Fig. 7, a-b).
17. Sew back into the inner hole of the same GemDuo (b), through the inner hole of the next GemDuo (c) [not labeled in illo], and back through the outer hole of the same GemDuo. The working thread should meet the other strap thread.
18. Follow Steps 16 and 17 with the other strap thread (Figure 7 red thread) in the opposite direction.
19. Gently pull each working thread one at a time to snug the beads in the strap and the strap to the pendant. One at a time, secure each thread in the strap following existing thread paths. Make a half hitch two times along the way before ending, and trim thread.

### **MAKE AND ATTACH STRAP 2**

20. Repeat Steps 13-19.

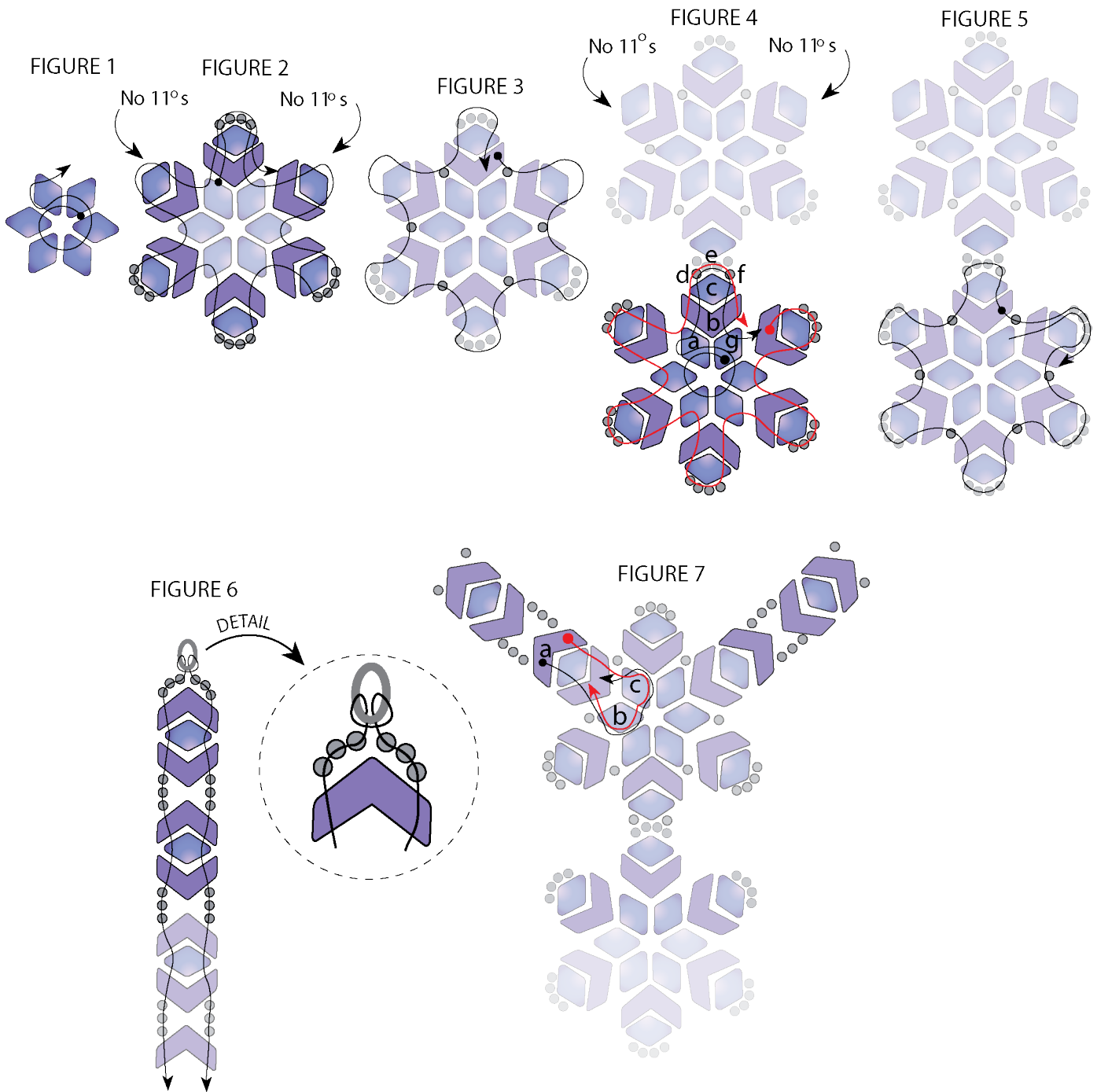
### **CLASP**

21. Use open jump rings to attach your clasp to the closed jump rings on the strap ends.



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