



A tigertail necklace is probably the quickest and easiest stringing technique.

Materials:

Beads as desired (see design gallery 601 for supplies for this necklace)
4 x crimp beads
2 x small beads, e.g. 2mm or 3mm round metal ball, seed bead, 4mm pearl
1 x clasp and tag/extension chain as desired (2 part magnetic clasp used here)
60cm tigertail

Tools:

Chain nose pliers
Bead board or bead mat (optional)
Bull dog clip (or fold back clips)

Approx. time to complete necklace: 15minutes (does not include time to plan your bead layout)

Finished length: 46cm (inside edge), on me this sits just at the base of my neck (not too tight). Work out your preferred length and adjust tigertail and beads.



Instructions:

1. String on beads as desired and check length is correct allowing for the clasp.

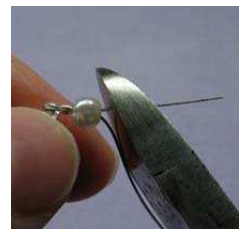
String on a crimp bead, a small bead and another crimp bead, then through the loop on a clasp. Feed the tigertail back through the last crimp bead. Push the crimp bead as close to the clasp as possible, just leaving a small loop.



2. Using chain nose pliers, squash the crimp bead until it is secure.

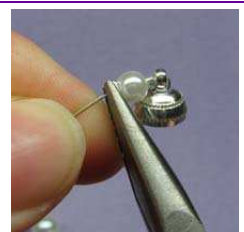


3. Feed the tail back through the small bead and trim as close as possible (you want to hide this tail under the next crimp bead).



4. Feed the crimp bead up to the small bead and over the tail end. Squash until secure.

Feed the beads up to the clasp you have just attached.





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5. On the other end, string on a crimp bead, a small bead and another crimp bead, then through the loop on the other half of your clasp, tag, or extension chain. Feed the tigertail back through the crimp bead and then the small bead.



Close the clasp so the necklace is as if you were wearing it (this ensures it is not too tight).

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6. Gently pull the tail until there is only a small loop



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7. Using chain nose pliers, squeeze the crimp closest to finding securely closed.



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8. Open the clasp and lay necklace straight, this will give you a little slack to work with.

Trim tail as close as possible to small bead (again you want to hide this tail under the next crimp bead).



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9. Squeeze remaining crimp bead closed over the final bit of tail.

Note here you can see a few millimetres of slack. This means when the necklace is closed the beads sit firmly together but not being pushed tightly against each other.



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10. The finished clasp.

