



CHEVRON DUO DAGGER COLLAR

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An elegant collar gets graphic with Chevron Duos. Add Dagger fringes for texture and detail.

TECHNIQUES TO KNOW: working with doubled thread, ending and adding thread

SKILL LEVEL: Advanced beginner

MATERIALS: for a 16-inch collar before clasp.

67 Chevron Duo beads
67 GemDuos
8.5g size 15° seed beads
8.5g size 11° seed beads
49 4mm rounds, pearls, or fire polish
7 daggers for embellishment
2 closed 4 or 6 mm jump rings
2 open 6mm jump rings
1 clasp
2 size 12 needles
6 lb. Fireline
Pliers to work jump rings
Scissors



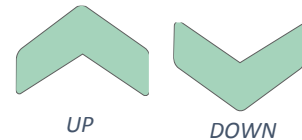
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TIPS:

- Pull thread snug with each stitch.
- Make sure all holes in multi-holed beads are clear and open before using.
- Make sure GemDuos are face up in each stitch as shown in the illustrations.
- Make sure both threads are pulled evenly when working with doubled thread.

BEAD ORIENTATION

CHEVRON bead orientation directions will say point “up” facing away or point “down” facing towards yourself as shown. Holes are called left or right leg.



GEMDUO orientation directions refer to “left” and “right” holes since there is only one way to have a GemDuo top side facing up.

CHEVRON SECTION

1. Cut a 4-yard piece of thread. String a needle to the middle and bring the tail ends together to work doubled. String a stopper bead (capturing both ends) leaving 8-inch tails.

FIGURE 1

2. With a chevron point facing down (towards yourself) sew up through the left leg. String a GemDuo left hole, two 15°, an 11°, and two 15°. Sew down through the open GemDuo hole and out through the other chevron leg (Figure 1, a-b).

FIGURE 2

3. String an 11°. With a chevron pointing up (away from yourself) sew down through the left leg (Figure 2a). String a GemDuo left hole, two 15°, an 11°, and two 15°. Sew through the open GemDuo hole and the other leg of the chevron (Figure 2, a-b). String an 11°.

FIGURE 3 (Shown shorter than actual length)

4. Repeat Steps 2 and 3 to make a strip of 67 chevrons; the longer line of 34 chevrons forms the inside curve of the collar. Keep the tension snug so no thread shows between beads.

Leave the needle end and stoppered tail threads alone for now. Use a bead stopper to hold the needle end close to the piece so the work doesn't loosen.

INNER CURVE EMBELLISHMENT

FIGURE 4

5. Count over 17 GemDuos along the outer curve from either end and mark the outer 11° by tying a spare thread loosely through it.

FIGURE 5

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6. String a new needle to the middle of a 2-yard piece of thread to work doubled. String a stopper bead on both threads leaving 8-inch tails.

7. Start at one end of the collar. Sew through the first set (Figure 5a) of two 15°, one 11° and two 15°s above the first GemDuo. String a 15°, a 4mm, and a 15° (Figure 5b). Sew through the set of seed beads above the next GemDuo (Figure 5c). This puts the new beads between GemDuos.

8. Repeat to string for a total of fifteen sets of the 15°, 4mm, and 15° between GemDuos working around the inner curve.

FIGURE 6

9. String a single 4mm between the next four GemDuos for a total of three single 4mm. These should flank and sit in the middle of the necklace marked with that piece of thread. This allows a curve in the necklace to lie nicely when worn.

10. String another fifteen sets of the 15°, 4mm, and 15° between GemDuos around the rest of the collar.

You should have two sets of tails/threads at each end of the collar. One exits the end chevron, and one exits the last set of seed beads above the last GemDuo.

CLASP

FIGURE 7

11. Remove the stopper bead from the tails exiting the chevron and thread on a needle. String six 11°s, a 4mm, an 11°, and one closed jump ring. Sew back through the last 11° strung and the 4mm (Figure 7, a-b). Pull beads snug.

12. Remove any stopper bead from the thread exiting the seed beads over the last GemDuo, and thread on a needle. String seven 15°s (Figure 7, c-d). Knot the tails together around the existing thread, pulling the two-tone loop snug. Weave the ends in to secure. Trim.

13. Repeat Steps 11 and 12 to add the closed ring at the other end of the collar. Attach your clasp with the open jump rings.



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- You may remove the spare thread marking the middle of the collar before Step 14, but I found it helpful to leave it until I began my middle dagger section to keep my place.
- Pull snug so no thread shows but allow ease so the daggers dangle nicely.
- Secure the thread in beads just above each completed fringe, because the other fringes will need their threads woven in and you want to leave room inside the beads.

14. String a stopper bead on a new 20-inch piece of thread, leaving a 5-inch tail. Sew through two 15°s and the 11° on the outer curve of the middle GemDuo marked by the spare piece of thread; be careful not to pierce the spare thread. Remove the spare thread if you have not already done so (Figure 8, a-b).

15. String a 4mm and an 11° three times (Figure 8, b-c). String five 15°s and an 11° two times (Figure 8, c-d). String five 15°s, a dagger, and five 15°s (Figure 8, d-e). String an 11° and five 15°s two times (Figure 8, e-f). Exit through the 11° and 4mm.

FIGURE 9

16. Exiting the 4mm, string five 15°s, an 11°, and five 15°s. String a dagger. String five 15°s, an 11°, and five 15°s (Figure 9, a-b). Sew through the next 11 and 4mm. String five 15°s, an 11°, and five 15°s. String a dagger. String five 15°s, an 11°, and five 15°s (Figure 9, c-d). Sew through the next 11°, 4mm, through the 11° and other 15°s at the other side of the GemDuo first exited in Step 14 (Figure 9, d-e).

17. Secure the thread in the beadwork, making half hitches a couple times around existing thread. Trim. Remove the stopper bead and repeat to secure and trim the tail thread.

SINGLE DAGGERS

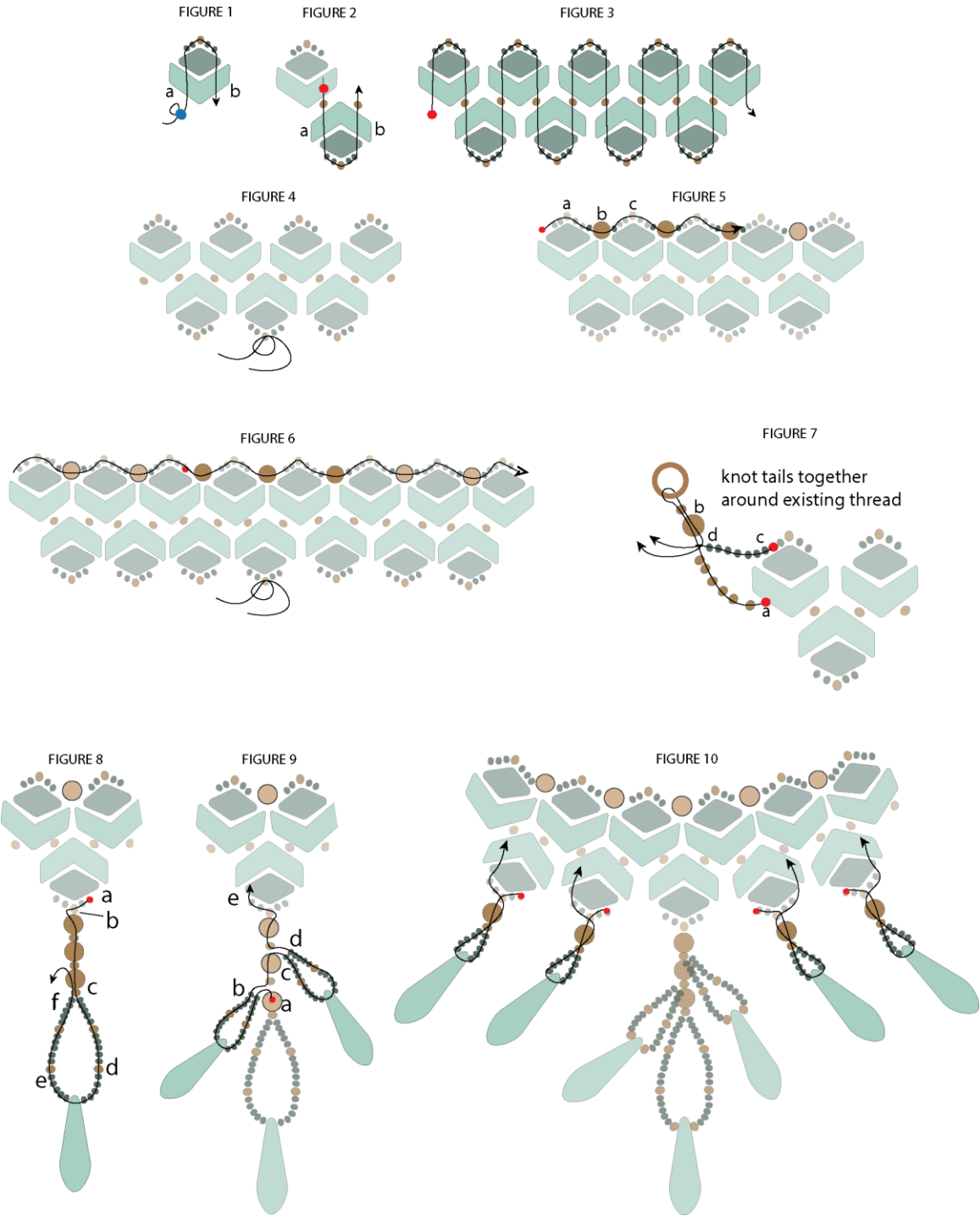
FIGURE 10

18. On a new 12-inch piece of thread string a stopper bead leaving a 5-inch tail. Sew through two 15°s and the 11° on the outer curve of the next GemDuo over from the middle one. Work to the left or right side of the necklace, it doesn't matter which side is done first.

19. String a 4mm, an 11°, five 15°s, a dagger, and five 15°s. Sew back through the 11° and 4mm. Sew in the opposite direction through the 11° exited in Step 18, and through the 15°s on the other side of the GemDuo. Secure the thread in the beadwork, making half hitches a couple times around existing thread. Trim. Remove the stopper bead and secure and trim the tail thread.

20. Repeat Steps 18 and 19 to add a second dangle next to the one just completed, and two dangles on the other side of the middle daggers.

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