

Sodalite Tassel Necklace



designed by Molly Schaller for Halcraft USA
using Bead Gallery® beads
available exclusively at Michaels Stores

Materials:

10473054	5 strands	Bead Gallery® 10mm sodalite rounds
10471477	5	Bead Gallery® silver plated bead caps
506199	1	Sedona sodalite connector
10443406	2	Beadalon® #6 white silk beading thread w/needle
10386323	1	brown deerskin lace
10193633	5"	20 gauge silver Artistic Wire®

Tools:

10302215	Beadalon® wire nippers
10443524	Beadalon® chain-nose pliers (2)
10443525	Beadalon® round-nose pliers

10443518 Beadalon® knotting tool

Tip: If using beads with smaller holes, only one silk cord is necessary.

Time to create: 2 hours

Instructions:

To Create the Tassel...

1. Remove deerskin lace from card and stretch to remove kinks.
2. Wrap lace around fingers or a piece of cardboard to create the tassel. The length of the tassel is the height of the cardboard; the more times you wrap the lace, the thicker the tassel.
3. Cut a 5" piece of wire and make an uneven U shape with one side about 1" long and the other 4" long.
4. Pass the wire through the loop of the laces so that the dip of the U cradles the loops of lace.
5. Make a wrapped loop to hold the lace in place and trim the end of the wire.
6. Slide the bead cap onto the long wire. Make a wrapped loop sliding on the sodalite connector and trim excess wire.
7. Cut and trim the loops of the lace to create the tassel's fringe.

To Create the Necklace...

8. Remove two strands of #6 silk cording with needle from the card. Stretch before using to remove kinks and prevent post-knotting stretching.
9. String half of the sodalite rounds—minus 5—to about 6" from the end of the silk cord. String 1 bead cap, 1 sodalite round, 1 bead cap, and 1 sodalite round. Check the design to be sure you like it before knotting.
10. Use the knotting tool to make a knot after every bead, sliding the beads down as you go. When you get to the bead cap, make a knot before the first bead cap, slide the cap, the next round, and the second cap. Make another knot and slide the center sodalite round up to the knot.
11. Pass through the top loop of the sodalite connector and back through the center sodalite round. Repeat the pattern on the other side of the necklace, stringing beads and knotting after each one.
12. Pass through the first bead you strung so that the necklace is symmetrical. Four strands of silk should emerge from the bead.
13. Holding all ends of the silk as one, make an overhand knot with the knotting tool. Trim excess silk cord.