

Bridal Bauble Choker

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“A successful marriage requires falling in love many times, always with the same person.” —Mignon McLaughlin

This is a beautiful, vintage accessory for brides to wear. It is simply made with Kreinik metallics, touched off with an antique button.

Gauge: 8 stitches = 1 inch; 7 rows = 1 inch

Skill level: intermediate

Finished size: 29 inches long x 1 1/4 inches wide



Materials needed:

- 1 spool (100m) Kreinik Silk Serica® 8000 Soft White
- 1 spool (100m) Kreinik Ombre™ 3200 Pearl
- 1/2 tube size 8 hex beads in silver
- 1 antique button from your grandmother, relative or friend
- sizes 2 and 6 steel crochet hooks
- “Big Eye” bead needle
- 1 large snap
- needle and matching thread

Instructions:

Stitches used:

Note: the choker is worked holding 1 strand of Serica and 1 strand of Ombre together.

Bead Chain (bch) — With slip knot on hook, pull up a bead close to hook, yo, pull loop through; *pull up another bead, ch; repeat from * indicated number of times.

Bead Double Crochet (bdc) — Yo, insert hook into indicated stitch; (pull up 1 bead close to hook, yo, pull through 2 loops) twice.

Bead Double Triple Crochet (btrc) — Yo twice, insert hook into indicated stitch; (pull up 1 bead close to hoo, yo, pull through 2 loops) 3 times.

Bead Double Triple Crochet (bdtrc) — Yo hook 3 times, insert hook into indicated stitch; (pull up 1 bead close to hook, yo, pull through 2 loops) 4 times.

Bead Popcorn (bpopcorn) — Work 5 bdc in indicated stitch, remove hook from last bdc and insert it in top of 1st bdc; sl st last bdc to first bdc; ch 1 to lock.

To Begin: Holding both strands together, with size 2 hook, ch 11.

Row 1 — Sc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in next ch; *sc in next ch; dc in next ch; repeat from * across; ch 1, turn. (10 stitches)

Row 2 — Sc in 1st dc; dc in next sc; (sc in next dc, dc in next sc) across; ch 1, turn. (10 stitches)

Repeat Row 2 until choker is 14 1/2 inches long or length to fit snugly around neck. Fasten off.

Bauble: String 17 inches of beads on Ombre only. With size 6 hook, ch 5; join with sl st to form ring.

Work 2 bch; in ring work 7 bdc, 2 btrc, 1 bdtrc, 2 btrc, 5 bdc; ch 18 (2 1/4 inches); attach ch to center lower edge of choker with sl st; sl st in each ch back to bauble being careful not to twist ch; sl st in 1st bdc on back of bauble; ch 6, sl st in btrc on opposite side of back of bauble; ch 12 (for curlicue); 4 dc (no beads) in 4th ch from hook; 5 dc in next ch and each ch to end. Fasten off.

With back of bauble facing, sl st in last ch of ch 6 across back of bauble; 2 bch, 5 bdc popcorn in same space; sl st in next bdc on bauble. Fasten off.

With back of bauble facing, join Ombre with sl st in base of ch at top left of bauble; sl st in next stitch to left; 5 bdc popcorn in same stitch on bauble; sl st in same stitch at base of ch to anchor. Fasten off.

To finish: Sew 1 side of snap to each end of choker, one on right side and one on wrong side. To block choker, pin it to a padded board and cover with a damp towel. Let it dry overnight. Sew antique button to center front of choker.

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