



This creative project was shared by the National Button Society.

# BONE OR PEARL BUTTON NECKLACE

Using sew through buttons—those with holes—any button size and material can be used to make this necklace. A pearl version is shown below.

This necklace is made with similarly sized buttons, but a variety of sizes can be used. The outcome is limited only by your imagination!

For this project, a stiff thread is used. For a shorter necklace which can stretch over the head, use a stretchy jewelry cord.

## MATERIALS & TOOLS

88 bone buttons (for a 25-inch necklace)

176 beads (optional)

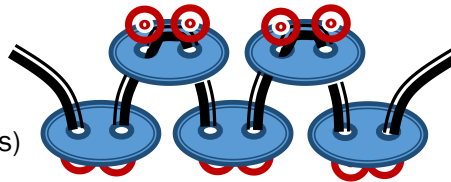
Heavy duty button/carpet thread or equivalent  
for a shorter necklace with no closure, use stretching jewelry cord

Needle

Needle nose pliers

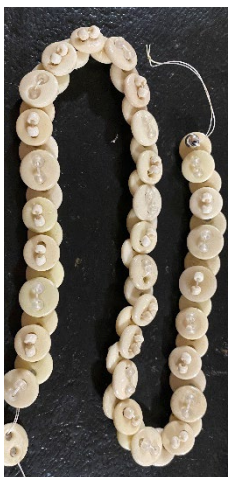
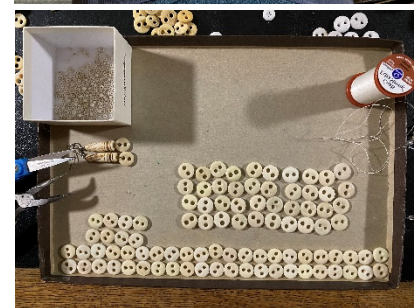
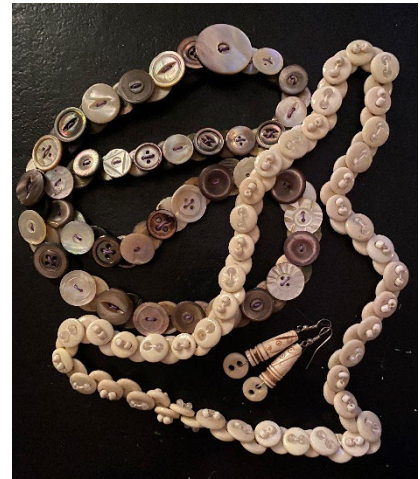
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Pointed scissors (to remove strings)



## LET'S DO IT!

1. Remove strings and wires from buttons
2. Sort the buttons into pairs of matching sizes.
3. For use of a double-strand, cut a 70-80 inch length of thread to allow for comfortable extra.
4. Thread the needle and tie a large bead about three inches from an end. This will provide a "stop" while you are stringing the buttons and a length of string to complete the loop at the end of our project.
5. Following the diagram at right, thread through a button, then two beads, and down through another hole in the button. If you use 4-hole buttons, use holes on opposite corners.
6. Thread into the back of the next button, through two beads, and down.
7. Continue in this sequence until you have achieved the length desired.
8. Remove the starting bead and tie a snug square knot with the thread.



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