



BUTTONS ADORN A BEADED CHOKER

THIS PROJECT RE-
PURPOSED A 1970s
BEADED CHOKER

WHAT YOU WILL NEED

- An old necklace
- Matching or complementary beads. For this project, 43 black beads were used
- Black glass or other shanked buttons. For this project, 8 faceted small buttons and 11 imitation needlework ball buttons were used.
- Needle
- Strong button or carpet thread

BUILDING YOUR NECKLACE

1. Arrange your buttons and beads on a towel, piece of flannel, or other soft surface that will prevent them from rolling about.
2. Thread your needle. I used a double strand of carpet thread, tying the ends together in a knot
3. Starting at the center of the necklace and working towards one end, attach your string to the edge of the necklace at the center.
4. Following the pattern laid out with your





This creative project was shared by the National Button Society.

buttons, string your beads for the center of the necklace onto the needle. Next run the needle through the button shank and return the needle back up through the beads. For the center dangle, I put three of the imitation needlework buttons at the end.

5. Run the needle through the necklace beading over to the next place for your next dangle of beads and buttons. Repeat the process for each bead and button dangle, tying off your thread when you have completed this side of the necklace.
6. Starting again at the center, work the dangles towards the other end of the necklace and tie off the thread.



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