

Memories of the Seaside Necklace

Did you go on holiday to the seaside, collect some shells from the beach, bring them home and now you're not sure what to do with them?

Then I have an answer - make a seashell necklace to remind yourself of your holiday.



You will need...

- 7 x shells
- 22 inches of medium weight chain
- clasp and tag
- 7 x headpins
- 2 x jump rings
- 56 x turquoise gemstone chips

To make holes in the shells you will need a pin vice – they not expensive (I bought mine from a local electronics store for about £5). They are great for drilling holes in awkward items - remember NOT to drill onto anything you don't want a hole in! I use an old breadboard. This is my pin vice.



Give the shells a good scrub to get them as clean as possible.



Drill a hole in the shells – hold the shell with one hand, position the drill tip where you want the hole and gently press the pin vice up and down to make a hole. I made the holes in my shells from the inside. I suggest you practice your technique on shells not destined for your necklace.



Attach the clasp and tag to each end of the chain with jump rings.

Take a head pin and add 5 turquoise chips, thread through the hole in the shell, add another 3 turquoise chips and then turn a loop in the wire but don't close the loop.

Find the middle link of the chain, attach your head pin and then close the loop.



Add all the other shells on headpins in the same way, counting links of the chain in order to space them evenly.



It's as easy as that...

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