

Halloween Bling



Skull Bracelet (or Anklet or Goth Choker....)

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You will need 2 shuttles, thread whatever size you like, beads to fit the thread, and a set of bracelet clasp findings.

First, determine how many of your beads make the same width as a 6 ds chain. Consider that a “set” of beads. You will move up that many beads on the threads from both shuttles between skull motifs. On both shuttles you will need as many sets of beads as there will be skulls, plus two sets between the shuttles. If you don’t know how many skulls you will be making, just load a bunch of beads. (With size 20 or 30 thread, I make 9 skulls for an average adult bracelet.) If you don’t want any beads, then chain 8 ds between skulls.

Bracelet

Wind 2 shuttles CTM with beads on both shuttles and two sets of beads between the shuttles.

In the center of the thread between shuttles, between the 2 sets of beads, make a lark’s head knot around your bracelet finding. (Pull up a loop of thread through the finding, and put both shuttles through the loop.) Then move up a set of beads on each thread next to the finding. (If you want to add your finding later, just make a loop with 2 sets of beads.)

First Skull:

Ch: 1

SCMR: {Ch: 4 SS

R: 6 clr SS

Ch: 6} close SCMR, RW SLT

Ch: 33 vsp 5 RW
 R: 6 + (to space between SCMR and R) 4 clr RW
 Ch: 2 vsp 12 vsp 2 +LJ (to base of SCMR) turn SLT
 Ch: 2 +LJ (to vsp) 16 +LJ (to vsp) 2 +LJ (to base of R)
 Ch: 1, move up set of beads on both threads, 1

Following Skulls:

*SCMR: {Ch: 4 SS
 R: 6 clr SS
 Ch: 6} close SCMR, RW SLT
 Ch: 5 + (to prev Skull) 28 vsp 5 RW
 R: 6 + (to space between SCMR and R) 4 clr RW
 Ch: 2 vsp 12 vsp 2 +LJ (to base of SCMR) turn SLT
 Ch: 2 +LJ (to vsp) 16 +LJ (to vsp) 2 +LJ (to base of R)
 Ch: 1, move up set of beads on both threads, 1

Repeat from * for desired length, omitting the vsp on the cranium of the last skull. Cut threads, tie to other finding and hide ends by carrying back down through beads.

For an anklet or choker, increase the number of skulls to the length desired.

Skull Earrings

2 shuttles CTM with 2 sets of beads on Shuttle 2

R: 6 clr
 SR: 6 / 4 RW
 Ch: 19 SS, Slide up one set of beads, then with Shuttle 2 make a lock join around the earring finding. Slide up the the other set of beads, switch shuttles, and resume chain.
 Ch: 19 RW
 R: 6 + (to space between R and SR) 4 clr RW
 Ch: 2 vsp 12 vsp 2 +LJ (to base of SR) turn SLT
 Ch: 2 +LJ (to vsp) 16 +LJ (to vsp) 2. Cut and tie to base of R.

