This necklace and pair of earrings show “grapes” in a range of varietals; they can also be made using just one color.

Make a jewelry set cute enough to eat

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**materials**

both projects
- Fireline 6 lb. test
- beading needles, #12
- chainnose pliers
- roundnose pliers
- wire cutters

necklace 16 in. (41 cm)
- 3 or 4 mm fringe drops
  - 90 color A (garnet AB)
  - 90 color B (Montana blue AB)
  - 90 color C (ruby AB)
  - 90 color D (amethyst AB)
  - 90 color E (topaz AB)
  - 90 color F (yellow AB)
  - 90 color G (green AB)
- clasp
- 19 in. (48 cm) cable chain with 2.2 mm links
- 42 1½-in. (3.8 cm) 20–22-gauge head pins
- 4–6 mm jump ring
- 2 4–6 mm split rings

pair of earrings
- 3 or 4 mm fringe drops
  - 30 color A (garnet AB)
  - 30 color G (green AB)
- 6 in. (15 cm) cable chain with 2.2 mm links
- 4 1½-in. (3.8 cm) 20–22-gauge head pins
- 2 4–6 mm jump rings
- pair of earring findings

Chardonnay, pinot grigio, pinot noir, merlot, and shiraz... Create realistic-looking grape clusters, making beaded beads with fringe drops, then attach them in a necklace for a delectable accessory.

**step by step**

**Beaded beads**

[1] On 18 in. (46 cm) of Fireline, pick up four color A 3 or 4 mm fringe drops, leaving a 6-in. (15 cm) tail. Tie them into a ring with a square knot (Online Basics and figure 1). Sew through all the beads again, pulling the thread to hide the knot inside a bead, and trim the tail.

[2] Pick up three As, and sew through the A your thread exited at the start of this step and the next A in the ring (figure 2).

[3] Pick up two As, and sew through the first A added in the previous step, the A your thread exited at the start of this step, and the next A in the ring (figure 3).


[5] Sew through the last A added in step 2. Pick up an A, and sew through the first A added in the previous stitch, the next A in the original ring, the last A added in step 2, and the A just picked up (figure 5).

[6] Sew through all four outer As (figure 6), and end the thread (Online Basics).

[7] Make six beaded beads in each of the following colors: A, B, C, D, E, F, and G.
Grape clusters
[1] On a head pin, string two As, a color A beaded bead, and an A (photo).
[3] Repeat steps 1 and 2 for the remaining beaded beads, stringing the corresponding color fringe drops in step 1.

Necklace
[1] Cut a 17-link piece of chain and a 16-in. (41 cm) piece of chain. Open a jump ring (Online Basics), and attach an end link of the 17-link piece of chain and the center link of the 16-in. (41 cm) piece of chain.
[2] Attach a color A grape cluster to the remaining end link of the 17-link piece of chain, and complete the wraps.
[3] Attach five more color A grape clusters to the remaining links of the 17-link chain, skipping two links between each grape cluster.

Earrings
[1] Make a color A “Grape cluster” and a color G “Grape cluster.”
[2] Cut a 2-in. (5 cm) piece of chain, and attach a color A grape cluster to one end of it.
[3] Cut a 1-in. (2.5 cm) piece of chain, and attach a color G grape cluster to one end of it.
[4] Open a jump ring, and attach the remaining end link of each piece of chain and an earring finding.

Make two grape clusters for each earring.

Make 9–12 clusters for a 6–8-in. (15–20 cm) bracelet.

DESIGN OPTIONS:
• Make this design with a single grape color.
• Accent the grape clusters by attaching 10 x 12 mm Czech glass leaves to the design.