

Make This Faux-Metal Necklace out of Regular Card Stock and Perfect Pearls!



My friend, Suze Weinberg sent me a bracelet made from real shells and I wanted a matching necklace, so I came up with this paper version. It's hard to believe this necklace is made from card stock, Perfect Pearls, and a few jewelry findings. It's super lightweight and comfortable to wear, and could be made in any color. This faux-shell treatment is soft and luminous and could be used for lots of other projects other than jewelry.

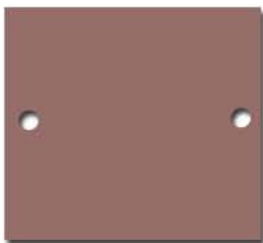
Supplies:

- 1 1/2" black cardstock squares (cut 3-5 depending on the paper weight)
- 1 1/4" black card stock squares (cut 6 - 10 depending on the paper weight)
- 1 1/4" cream cardstock circles (cut 3 - 4 depending on the paper weight)
- 3/4" cream card stock circles (6 - 8 depending on the paper weight)
- Perfect Pearls (Pewter, Pearl & Copper)
- glue stick (our favorite is Pioneer)
- acrylic glossy medium
- water color pencils
- assorted wood, silver and small stone beads
- ribbon crimps, jump rings, and clasp
- black or brown suede cord or other flat ribbon
- 16 or 18 gauge wire
- 24 or 26 gauge wire

Directions

1. Layer and glue together the black squares to the desired thickness. You should have 3 squares; one that is 1 1/2" square and two that are 1 1/4" square.

2. Apply the "Faux Hammered Metal" technique to the squares. This technique can be found on the website in the "How To" section. There are written instructions and a video.
3. Make two stacks of the cream cardstock circles and glue them together to the desired thickness.
4. Apply the "Paper Shell" technique to the circles. This technique can be found on the website in the "How To" Section.
5. Allow all the pieces to dry thoroughly.
6. Mix a little Perfect Pearls/Copper into some acrylic gloss medium to form a metallic paint and paint the wood beads. Allow the beads to dry.
7. Punch two holes in each of the squares, directly across from each other.



8. Glue the faux shell pieces on top of each square and wrap with 24-26 gauge wire. String some small beads (I used stone) onto the wire before wrapping the squares.
9. Attach the finished squares to 16-18 gauge wire by creating a loop in one end of the wire and attaching that to one side of the largest square. String the 3 beads on.



10. Next, attach the smaller squares to either side of the largest square.
11. Finish by attaching the suede or ribbon, using a ribbon crimp to tie up the loose ends. I used a double strand of suede and one crimp, but you could even use chain. Attach the clasp.

