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Rosette Neckloce

Make a statement with fabric, chain, and ribbon

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ccessorize your neckline with a sewn necklace made from fabric, chains, and encased sequins. Crushed panné won't fray so it's easy to sew, and chiffon adds a bit of texture to the piece. Make the entire necklace from one color, or choose several coordinating colors for a more dramatic look.

Create the rosettes by gathering a fabric circle around a sequin. Sequins were used to add a bit of sparkle to the sheer chiffon pieces. You can also use beads to create the center; just make sure your fabric circles are large enough to gather behind the bead to cover it entirely.

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Supplies

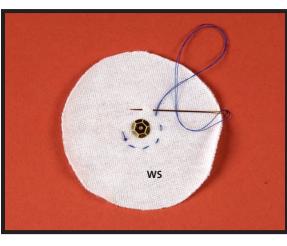
- Buckram
- Chain, %-inch-wide
- Chiffon fabric in white and cream, ½ yard
- Crushed panné in white and cream, ½ yard
- Fabric glue
- Gold sequins, %-inch-wide
- Hand needle
- Pinking shears
- Ribbon, ¾-inch-wide, % yard
- Rotary cutting mat
- Scissors
- Thread
- Optional:
- > Olfa circle-cutting rotary cutter

Make the rosettes

Create the rosettes from fabric circles. For the blossom, gather the circle around a sequin. You can adjust the rosette size by changing the fabric circle and sequin size.

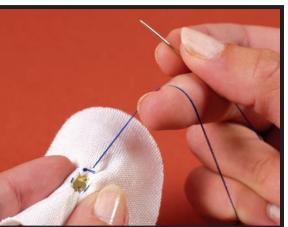


1 CUT THE FABRIC. Cut out circles from the panné and chiffon. The Olfa circle-cutting rotary cutter makes cutting fabric circles easy and quick. From each fabric, cut 10, 2³/₄-inch-diameter circles and two, 1⁷/₈-inch-diameter circles.





about ¼ inch away from the sequin. Don't knot off.

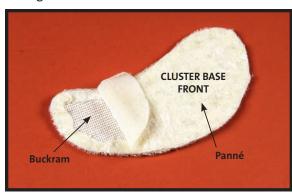


GATHER THE ROSETTES. Pull the thread to gather the rosette around the sequin. Knot off the thread to secure the gathering.

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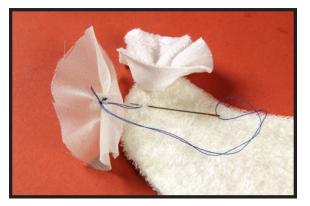
Assemble the necklace

Hand-sew rosettes to the cluster base and to each other to form a rosette chain. Then, handsew a chain to link the necklace pieces together. For an easy closure, use silk ribbon threaded through the chain ends.



1 CUT OUT THE CLUSTER BASE. Enlarge the template on page 95 on a photocopier. Cut one each from the buckram and panné. Add a ¼-inch seam allowance to your template, and cut that template from the panné.

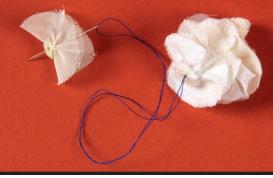
ASSEMBLE THE BASE. Center the buckram on the larger panné piece's wrong side, and glue it in place. Wrap the panné raw edges around the buckram, and glue them in place. Place the smaller panné piece over the buckram, and glue it in place, as shown at left.



3 ATTACH THE ROSETTES. Arrange the larger rosettes on the base, and hand-sew them in place until the base is covered in rosettes.



5 ATTACH THE METAL CHAIN. Handsew the metal chain to the rosette cluster and the rosette chain.



4 MAKE THE ROSETTE CHAIN. Hand-sew a chain of rosettes together along their centers. Knot thread and sew through a smaller rosette's center. Sew through a second rosette center and repeat, as shown above, to form a small rosette chain.



(6) ATTACH THE RIBBON TIES. Cut the ribbon into two equal lengths. Thread one ribbon through the last link in the metal chain at either end of the necklace and knot it in place.



To change the necklace length, simply adjust the chain and ribbon lengths.



Copy the template below to create the cluster base for the Rosette Necklace. We copied ours at 200 percent.

