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How
to

Make a Rosary

Bead caps can be added on each side of the Our Father beads for decoration.

Each of the 5 Decades has 10 smaller beads (6mm – 8mm) separated by 2 or 3 seed beads.

Basic Supplies for all rosaries

- 53 Small beads, usually around 6 to 8mm for Hail Mary beads
- Six Larger beads – 8 to 12mm for Our Father beads
- One Rosary Center or (2-to-1 connector)
- One Crucifix or cross
- 12 bead caps if desired for the Our Father beads

For a rosary made with flexible beading wire and crimp beads you will need:

- About 4 feet flexible beading wire (3 ft. for the main rosary, and 1 ft for the center and crucifix).
- 4 crimp beads
- Size 8/0 seed beads for spacers

For a rosary made with chain and bead links you will need:

- About 8 – 10 Inches of Chain
- 22 gauge wire OR 59 22-gauge eyepins

PUTTING IT TOGETHER

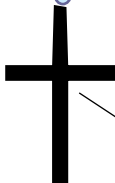
Beads are strung or linked together according to the diagram.

If using beading wire, the longer length of wire is crimped to the two top corners of the rosary center, with the shorter length crimped at the bottom of the rosary center and to the crucifix.

A typical pattern separates each Hail Mary bead with two or three seed beads, and the Our Father beads with three or four beads to help set them apart.

If using chain and bead links, a short length of chain is often used on either side of the Our Father beads.

Rosary
Center



Crucifix

