

# Tassel Necklace



I decided to end this year on a creative note. Since tassel necklaces are a hot fashion accessory right now, why not make one? I didn't buy any of the components-just went "foraging" in my bead collection. Check out your old costume jewelry that you don't wear anymore or pieces that are broken but still have good beads. Or if you have a thrift shop nearby, you can find some very cool necklaces and bracelets for very little money.

## Supply List:

- Serger cone thread
- Decorative threads (*optional*)
- Beads
- Cardboard
- Super Glue

Here's how I made mine. You can change the look and length to suit your preferences. All of the settings are variable. Check your owner's manual for suggested settings.

## Serger Set-Up

**Chain stitch:** stitch length 3.0mm or **Rolled hem stitch:** stitch length 2.5

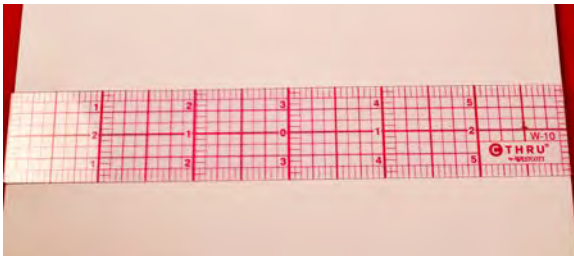
**Needle:** serger cone thread

**Chain Looper:** I combined 3 threads using a [thread palette](#): pearl crown rayon, jean stitch thread and a spool of all-purpose thread

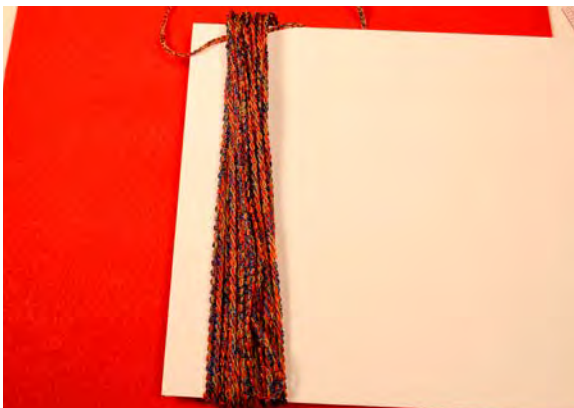
**Note:** If your serger won't chain off in cover/chainstitch mode, set it up for a 3-thread rolled hem stitch. (Check your owner's manual for best stitch length settings)



- Stitch 11 yds, of chain. The chain will be kinky and curly. Press with steam. This straightens out the crinkles and the stitches will be smooth and uniform.
- Cut off two 18-inch pieces of chain and hold aside.



- Determine how long the tassel will be and cut a piece of cardboard to that width.



- Wind the chain around it. If you want a thicker tassel, just stitch off more chain and add it. It doesn't matter that it's two separate pieces of chain.

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- Before removing from the cardboard, slip one 18-inch piece of chain under the tassel top and tie tightly. Add a dot of super glue to the knot and allow to dry.



- Slide off the cardboard and wind the other 18-inch pieces tightly around the tassel.



- Using a double-eye needle or bodkin, slide the end under and clip off any excess.

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- Add beads, buttons or any other charms as desired.

*Tip: I secured each knot with super glue. Seam sealants don't work as well for this application.*



- The final step was to add a silver chain from another necklace. If you don't have a chain that's the perfect length for your outfit, create one on your serger!



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