



## encapsulated bead & knitted tube necklace

This design uses an easy technique to create long tubes of knitting into which beads can be inserted. The stitches are worked on large needles in shimmering metallic yarn to enclose even more shimmering beads of various sizes, stretching the tube to give an open lattice effect.



## materials

for the bronze necklace:

1  $\frac{7}{8}$ oz/25g ball metallic yarn,  
such as Rowan Lurex  
Shimmer or Yeoman Luxury  
Collection Starlight in bronze  
22 gold ball beads—  
5 large (30mm),  
10 medium (25mm),  
and 7 small (20mm)  
pair size 8 (5mm) double-  
pointed knitting needles  
blunt-ended yarn needle

for the gold necklace:

1  $\frac{7}{8}$ oz/25g ball metallic yarn,  
such as Rowan Lurex  
Shimmer or Yeoman Luxury  
Collection Starlight in gold  
19 silver ball beads—  
9 medium (25mm)  
and 10 small (20mm)  
pair size 8 (5mm) double-  
pointed knitting needles  
blunt-ended yarn needle

**note** • if you can't find metallic beads, use natural wooden ball beads spray painted gold or silver • the knots used in these necklaces are made with short lengths of metallic yarn, tied twice, very tightly, and on either side of each bead

**make** knitted tube: **cast** on 6 stitches. **knit** 1 row.  
\* **slide** the stitches along left-hand needle, without turning needles, up to the tip of the needle. **bring** yarn across back of work from left to right and pull tightly. **knit** next row. **repeat** from \* until work measures 30in/75cm for bronze necklace and 32in/80cm for gold necklace.  
**leave** stitches on safety pin with long end of yarn for grafting to cast-on edge.

for the bronze necklace: **tie** a knot  $\frac{1}{4}$ in/1cm from cast-on edge of knitted tube. **insert** a bead into knitted tube and push to the knotted end. **tie** a knot tightly on other side of bead. **repeat** with all other beads until one bead remains. **insert** last bead into tube. **join** tube by grafting together cast-on stitches and stitches on safety pin (see page 29). **tie** a knot across the grafting.

for the gold necklace: **tie** a knot  $\frac{3}{4}$ in/2cm from cast-on edge. **insert** a bead. **tie** tightly to enclose. **tie** another knot  $\frac{3}{4}$ in/2cm farther along tube. **insert** a second bead. **tie** tightly as before. **continue** adding beads, mixing sizes, leaving  $\frac{3}{4}$ in/2cm between each bead until tube is full. **tie** last bead. **join** tube by grafting cast-on stitches with stitches on safety pin (see page 29). **tie** a knot across the grafting.