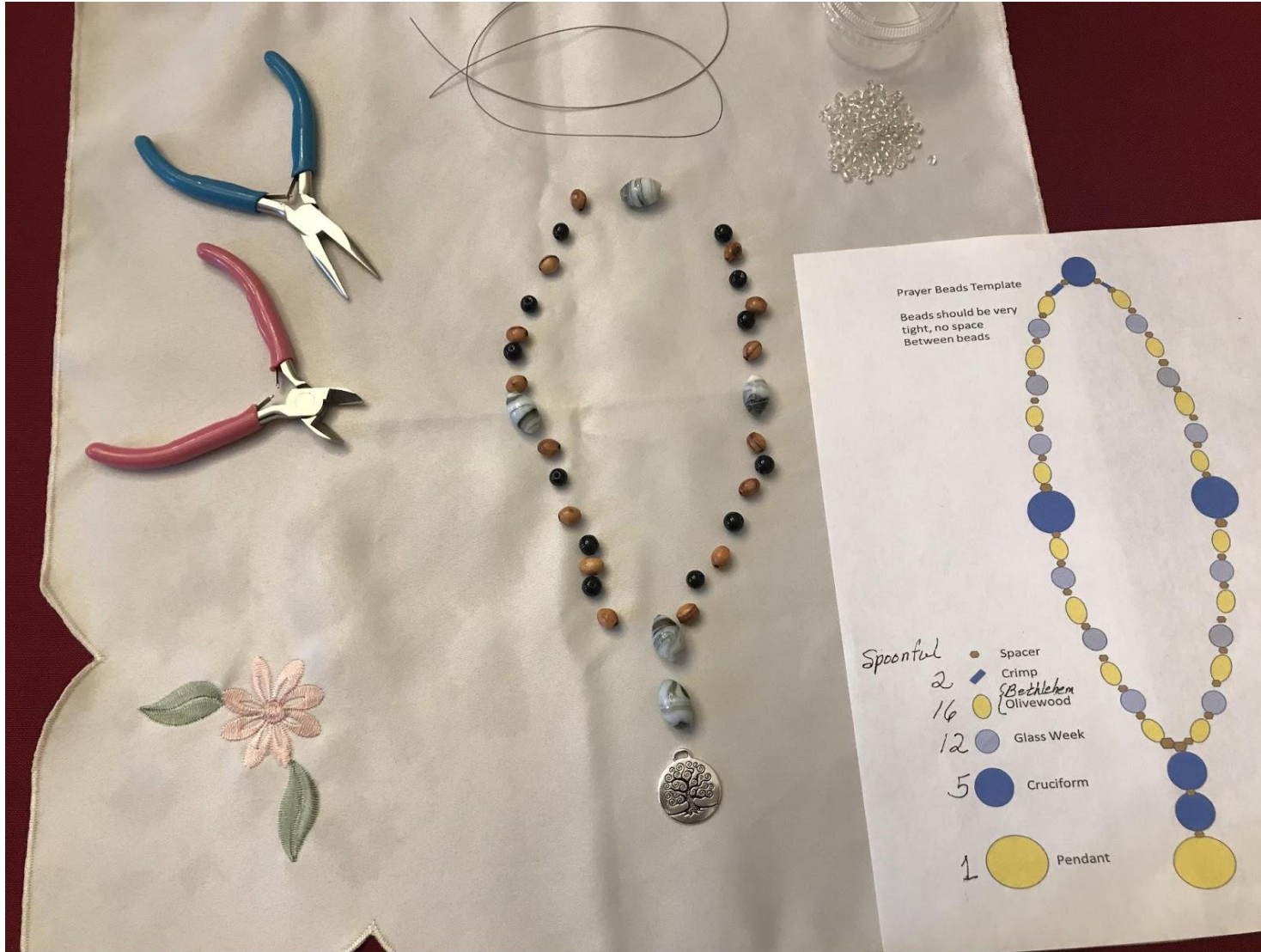


# How To Make Prayer Beads





Welcome to making prayer beads and thank you for participating with us.

You will find them very easy to make once you have done one set.

First step is to check that the inventory within your kit is correct.

- Place a cloth on the table to prevent the beads from rolling off.
- Place your kit in the configuration of the prayer beads drawing
- Get the blue crimper and pink cutter out of your tool kit along with the wire.

You are ready to begin





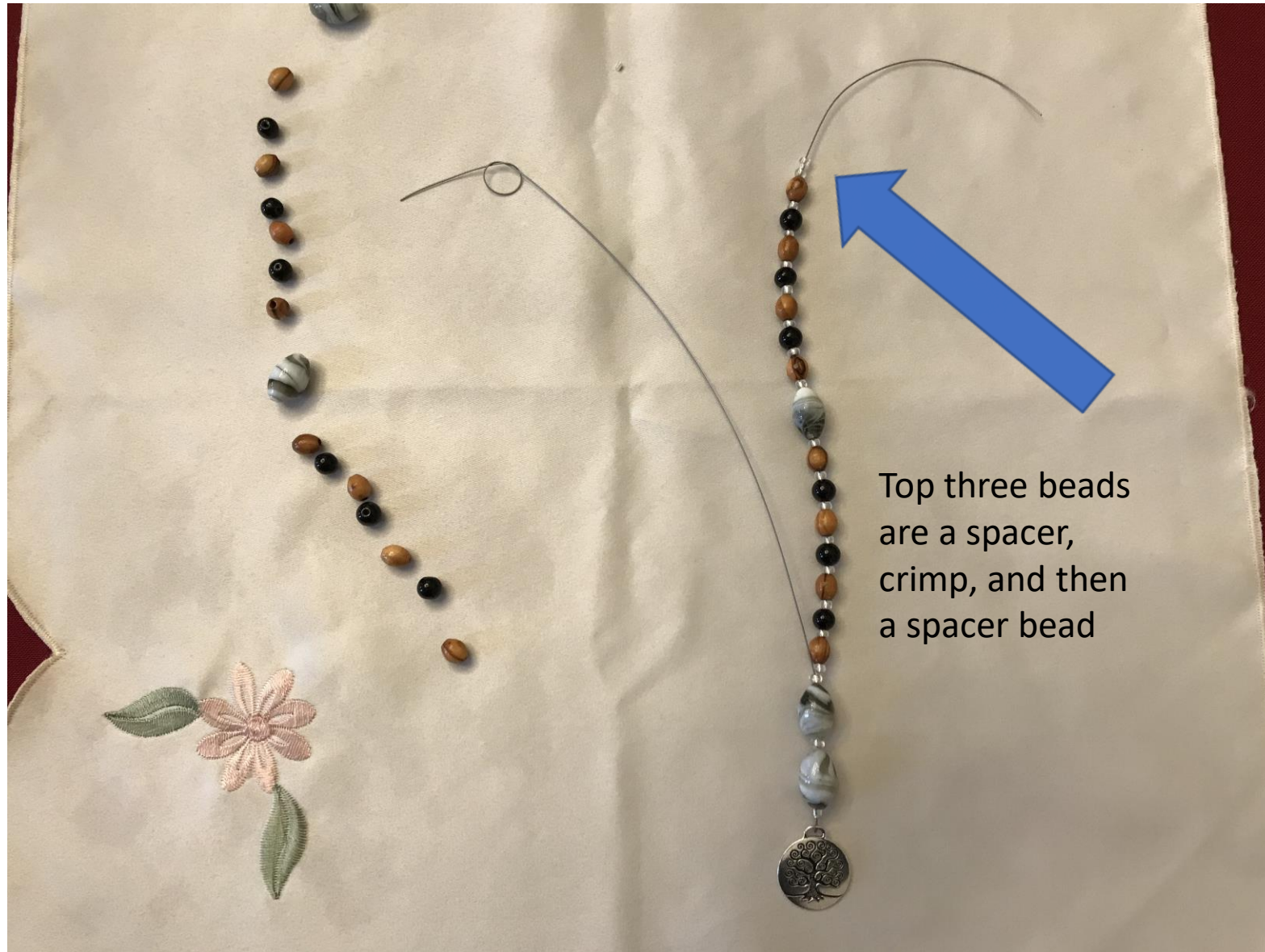
Begin by placing the pendant on the middle of the wire.



Next string the bottom 2 cruciforms

- Place a spacer bead (small loose beads) just above the pendant
- You will be stringing both wires through the beads in this section
- Then string both wires through the first cruciform
- Then both wires through another spacer bead
- Then the next cruciform
- And then both wires through a spacer bead.





Top three beads  
are a spacer,  
crimp, and then  
a spacer bead

Next do the right side of the prayer beads

- You now will be stringing beads on just one wire at a time.
- You begin by putting another spacer bead on the single wire.
- You follow with a wooden oval bead
- Then another spacer bead and then a glass bead.
- You repeat this process until you have strung 4 oval bead and three glass beads in rotating order. There will be a total of seven beads representing the days of creation.
- Make sure to place a spacer bead above this first group of seven beads and then put on the large cruciform bead.
- Then place another spacer bead and repeat the seven beads process again.
- At the top you place a spacer bead above the second set of seven beads, then get a crimp out of one of your tubes (gold, silver, gray, copper) and place on the string followed by a spacer bead.
- The top three beads will be a spacer, crimp and spacer bead (a litter hard to see in the photo to the left (refer to your graphic)



Then string the beads on the other single string of the prayer beads in the same way as on the first single string.





Now we will string the two single wires of the prayer beads together.

- The first step is to put the final cruciform on one of the single wires. If you are right-handed, I suggest you put it on the right wire and vice versa if left-handed. The top photo shows the cruciform in place.
- Then you take the single wire and place it through the top three beads and also through the first oval wooden bead (see next chart)
- Please make sure the wire goes through the small crimp. It is easy for it to be outside the crimp but inside the two spacer beads on either side.



You can see in the graphic that the wire is through the top three beads and the first oval bead.



Now you will take the wire that is still a single wire (the wire at the top on the left) in the top slide and string it through the top cruciform (see bottom slide), the three top beads and the first oval wooden bead as you did on the other side.

Again, take care that you get the wire through the crimp as you string along this next side.





Now you have the beads strung together make one set of prayer bead. See graphic.

The next step is the most important! Please make sure the beads are tightly pulled together and there is no space between the beads. Especially make sure they are tight near the pendant. Sometimes just pulling together at the top will leave them loose near the pendant. So pull the bottom two cruciform tight and work your way up the strings.

However, still leave enough slack so the cross will flop a little...not be too tight so the pendant is stiff on the string.



Then take your blue crimper pliers and squeeze the two crimps flat. This causes the crimp to hold in place. Crimp it as hard as you can to get a tight fit.

You can see in the bottom photo the crimp is flat.







Then take your pink cutter and cut the excess wire off as close as you can.

Any small excess wire can be popped into the spacer bead between the oval and glass bead. It will snap right into the slot.



Now you are an expert prayer beads maker!

It is soothing and spiritual to make prayer beads and wonderful to gift them to others.

There are so many wonderful stories of how the power and peace of prayer while using prayer beads have helped so many in times of trouble.

May the peace of our Lord be always with you