



Silver Bezel Cabochon Necklace

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Try your hand at this easy to make silver bezel cabochon necklace by Sharon Philogene. You don't have to use amber gemstones, but can use laborodite or amethyst instead!



Why not try making our silver bezel cabochon bracelet by Sharon Philogene.

Project tutorial available at Cooksongold.com



What you'll need:

<i>Sterling Silver Bezel Cup 10mm x 11</i>	NVJ 543
<i>Filigree Cup</i>	NVJ 553
<i>Amber Cabochon 10mm x 12</i>	61AB BPMU
<i>Sterling Silver Plain Oval 3 belcher x 16 inches</i>	WVB B00
<i>5.5mm Jump Rings x 2GM</i>	NVH D55
<i>Filigree Clasp</i>	NVF 805
<i>Polishing Kit</i>	999 6603
<i>Nushine Silver Liquid Polish</i>	998 038
<i>Bezel</i>	999 AJG
<i>Rubber Block</i>	999 7151
<i>Flat Nose Pliers</i>	999 695

Before you begin...

Take the bezel cups and polish them with a sterling silver liquid polish using a polishing mop on your micro motor. Wash them in hot water with washing up liquid to remove any polish. Here we've polished the bezels as the amber gemstones, used in the example, can be damaged by some types of polish.

Step 1

Setting the gemstones

Place the gemstone of your choice into the bezel cup, but note that you may need to gently open up the prongs to insert the gemstone. Next, place the bezel on a rubber block to help keep the bezel still. Using a bezel pusher start to push the prongs in gently on one side then turn the bezel around and do the opposite side.

Now do the two remaining sides. Don't push down too firmly at first, as you want the gemstone to be set equally.

After all the prongs are pushed in gently go over them again pushing harder this time to make sure all the prongs are firmly in place.



Step 2

For the solderer's only!

If you are able to solder this step is for you! If not jump to step 3.

Take one of the bezel cups and solder on a jump ring the same size as the two loops already attached to the bezel cup (3mm) to the centre of the bezel. This is so we can add another two bezel cups that will dangle from the freshly soldered central jump ring.

Position the jump ring in place by using a third hand and reverse tweezers, then add flux and some easy solder. Solder the jump ring in place then pickle the bezel cup and polish.

Step 3

Putting the pieces together

When you have enough bezel cups set (nine should be enough), add one more bezel cup to dangle from the centre cup. Lastly, add a bezel cup with only one loop to finish.

You need to join the bezels together using heavy 5mm jump rings, making sure to open the jump rings by twisting away from you not pulling apart, and ensuring the jump rings are closed tightly.



Step 4

The finishing touches

Add some belcher chain to the ends of the necklace using the 5mm heavy jump rings. If you're using the clasp shown make sure to make the side with the clasp slightly shorter.

I have added 9mms of chain to the clasp side and 10mms to the other side for a 16-inch necklace. Add the large clasp using two 5mm jump rings and one 5mm jump ring to the other end of the chain, and a larger 7mm heavy jump ring to finish the necklace. Don't forget to polish using a polishing cloth!

