

PROJECT:  
**NECKLACE PENDANT**

Art Bites necklaces are uniquely personalized and are inexpensive to make! They make great gifts, prizes, mementos, or create a fun project for the children to do. Make it a family affair and spend quality time being creative together.

*Carefully read and understand all instructions before beginning.*



Make your necklace  
pendant reversible!

**Recommended Supplies:**

Find these items at [www.jerrysartarama.com](http://www.jerrysartarama.com)

- Art Bites 2x2" Canvas Boards (Jerry's #88326)
- Turner Acryl Gouache Smart Set (Jerry's #V17677)
- Dahle Vantage Scissors, 6" Grip (Jerry's #65225)
- Acurit Precision Craft Knife (Jerry's #87301)
- Creative Mark Cutting Mat (Jerry's #53338)
- Mountain Peak Handmade Lokta Paper (Jerry's #86951)

- Beste One Stroke 1/2" Brush (Jerry's #72389)
- SoHo Acrylic Gloss Gel (Jerry's #87661)

**Additional Supplies Needed:**

Find these items at a local craft store

- Jewelry clasps and necklace findings

Gather all needed supplies. Paint or draw your design on the Art Bite. Be sure to paint the edges to match your design or extend the artwork over the side to seal the side and give it a finished, clean look. In this example, we will be covering the Art Bite with Mountain Peak Lokta decorative paper to create a beautiful, handcrafted necklace pendant.

**STEP 1:** Select a decorative paper from the paper pack that compliments your design and colors. You can also paint it a flat color if desired, but the decorative paper gives the wearer the opportunity to have a pendant that can be worn as two different designs.



**STEP 4:** Coat both sides and edges of the Art Bite pendant with at least 2 coats of Gloss Gel, allowing each side to dry completely before coating next side. This will protect the pendant from dirt, moisture, and body oils. It will not waterproof the pendant, but will make it somewhat water resistant.



**STEP 2:** Carefully coat the back of the Art Bite (logo area) with SoHo Gloss Gel, paying careful attention to the edges and corners to ensure proper coverage. Place the Lokta decorative paper over the back, smoothing the paper out from the middle to the edges with your fingertips to get rid of any air bubbles. Turn the Art Bite face up and take a damp paintbrush then carefully remove any excess gel from the edge (this will make it easier to trim excess paper when dry). Allow Art Bite to dry completely.

**STEP 5:** Place pendant on the self-healing cutting mat and determine the placement of the bail (the jewelry clamp that will hold your pendant to the necklace). The middle point of the top edge or a corner is best (see examples for both styles). Mark the location for the hole with a pencil or your cutter blade tip, being sure to take into consideration the depth the bail will need from the edge of the pendant to the hole. Use the craft knife's sharp point and spin it slowly, drilling a hole into the Art Bite. Be sure it is deep enough so you can see the hole through to the other side. Flip the Bite over and repeat on the other side. The hole should be just large enough for the bail prongs to fit through.



**STEP 3:** Place the dried Art Bite face up on the self-healing cutting mat, and carefully trim the excess paper off the edges, being careful not to scrape or cut the painted edges.

**STEP 6:** Fit the bail over the necklace cord and the edge of the Art Bite pendant and guide into the pre-drilled hole. With your index finger and thumb, slowly pinch the bail wings together to push prongs into the hole. Push closed until it is deep enough where bail leaves a clean looking finish yet still has easy movement. If it is pinched or appears jammed, you will need to loosen the bail. Use a pair of pliers if you find it difficult to pinch together with your hands.

