



Broad collar necklace

Egypt, Late Dynastic–Ptolemaic Period (650–30 BCE), KM 2001.1.2

This necklace is made of gold and faience beads with small amulet figurines attached along the bottom. Faience is a type of ceramic, but is not made from clay. It is mostly crushed quartz or sand, mixed with lime and salt. The most common color is blue to green, which comes from copper and cobalt in the materials. Blue and green were important colors in Egyptian culture because they were related to the Nile, regeneration, and rebirth.