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1.One of my favorite chokers is the one with a bell on it. A few months ago I was surfing Instagram, and I saw a blogger posting pictures dressing in an attracting style to me. The blogger has short and pink hair with short bangs which look similar to my hair, and wearing cat-eye make up. Then I clicked on her home page, I found out she actually make lots of accessories by herself. Then I chose this bell choker.



2. Flashback to my 10th grade in high school, when I first got obsessed with chokers: I simply wanted one to look cool and rebel. At that time, I just had a hair cut that is short and straight, just above my neck, and straight-cut bangs above my eyebrows. A lot of people told me that I look like Mathilda from the famous movie *Leon The Professional* and that's also why I started to pay attention to chokers. So two days after the haircut, I payed nine bucks for this velvet black plain choker on Amazon.



3. After I started buying chokers for different outfits, I noticed that lots of stores like Pacson, Urban Outfitters has began sell chokers. Maybe I started this trend first, I thought. I went to high school in Bangor, Maine, where I had nothing to do for fun, only go to Bangor Mall. I went there after Senior year's midterm with my friend, and we searched for cool stuff in American Eagle, and I found a choker with a line of black lined flower shapes, it's soft and elastic, I purchased it without any hesitation. And that was one of the few chokers I still kept since then.



4. The one with black and white flowers is quite different from the others, it was made of different materials, plastic. I got it few months ago in New York Cities's Urban Outfitters. I picked them just for a simple reason, I really needed something cute rather than cool for cute dresses that have bright colors or with floral designs on. Most of my chokers are cool or sexy.



5. I bought this daisy choker the same day in the same store with the black and white flowers. It was autumn when I bought them, I think it would suit me in spring. But I was so afraid that it would be out of stock in waiting such a long time. And the other reason is I didn't have one with this design which two thin strings with a daisy right in the middle connecting the two ends of the strings.



6. A month ago, I went back to the website where I got the bell choker, I wanted to see what's new, and I found the black velvet with a black bow and a pacifier. I thought it is cool and cute and a bit sexy in a way, that the combination of the two elements are both eye-catching and rebel. I actually asked my boyfriend to buy it for me, but I couldn't wait for that long then I just bought it myself.



7. I love to match different styles of chokers with outfits. And I love to show my tattoos with them in photographs. So I took pictures of myself when I have those on me. The one with a black off-the-shoulder crop-top and a choker with two silver rings was taken in my apartment in New York during Christmas. I took it is simply because I felt my make-up and outfit were perfect that day, and I love it when the tattoo of flowers under my collarbone is fully showing. I feel confident because choker and tattoos are two of the favorite things of myself and I feel protected.



8. This polaroid was taken by my roommate, I gave her the polaroid and told her do whatever you want with it, and then it turned out to be this. I was wearing my favorite bell choker and a long-sleeved low-cut shirt. I like this picture because I think the style is like Mathilda from the movie *Leon The Professional*, a girl with shorthair and bangs wearing choker and crop-tops all the time. The only thing I don't like in this polaroid is that my chin shows two layers and makes me look fat.



9. We always hold parties in our apartment here in New York, we gather together nearly once a week with these who are close and comfortable to hang out with, so we don't get lonely. I don't remember who took this polaroid. I'm wearing the black and white flower shaped choker and probably dancing in this picture. My head turn away and not showing my face, I actually don't remember what I was doing in this picture. But I like it that my choker is standing out and eye-catching.



10. This polaroid was taken the day after I got my "wave" and Aquarius tattoo on my left arm. I usually takes a long time until a tattoo is completely done, I mean you have to wait days for the skin to peel off and heal. So I though it would be nice have a picture of it. I was wearing my daisy choker, but I don't feel myself cute much in this picture.