The First Necklaces

The necklace is one of the most widespread and appreciated ornaments in the world, also thanks to the countless models in which it can be made, which make it an extremely versatile jewel, almost with certainty that it was among the first ornaments worn by humans since the Neolithic, perhaps as a religious symbol, since many artifacts have been found

within funerary

complexes.

In ancient times, necklaces were made with organic materials, such as animal bones and teeth, woven skins, feathers, plants and shells. One of the first known examples was found in a tomb in central Europe, and can be dated between 4200 and 3400 BC. But we will have to wait for the Bronze Age to see the first necklaces made of metal appear: among the oldest finds we find a torque a Celtic choker, widespread in



