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- Gold Beads
- Brass Beads
- Copper Beads
- Thai Hill Tribe Silver

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- Silver Charms
- Gold Charms
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- Copper Charms
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- Buttons

SILVER COMPONENTS

- Findings
- Clasps
- Ear Wires
- Links, Caps, Components
- Bangles and Rings
- Artist Findings

Techniques: Wire Wrapped Triangle Bail

Add a wire wrapped loop to a briolette style bead. This technique will allow you to use your briolette and drop shape beads as dangles off of necklaces, bracelets and earrings. Check out our Inspiration page for design ideas.

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Materials

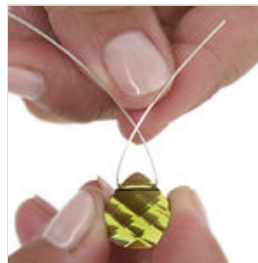
- Beads with a top drilled hole - briolette
- Sterling Silver wire - 24 gauge shown

Tools

- Round Nose Pliers
- Chain Nose Pliers
- Wire Cutters



Step 1
Cut a 4" piece of wire. Slide wire through the hole of the bead, leaving about 1 1/2 in. on the left side.



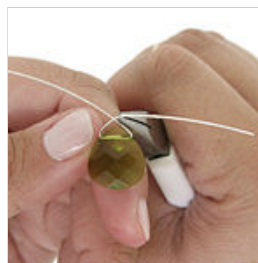
Step 2
With your fingers, bring the wires up - crossing the wires. The short piece should be in front of the longer piece.



Step 3
Using your fingers, form the wire to the briolette.



Step 4
Use the tips of your chain nose pliers to grasp the short piece of wire directly above where the wires cross.



Step 5
Bend the wire down to a 90° angle.



Step 6
Use the tips of your chain nose pliers to grasp the longer piece of wire directly above where the wires cross.

GOLD COMPONENTS

- Findings
- Clasps
- Ear Wires
- Links, Caps, Components
- Bangles

BRASS COMPONENTS

- Findings, Clasps, Earwires
- Links and Components

COPPER COMPONENTS

- Findings
- Clasps
- Links, Caps, Components

BASE METAL COMPONENTS

- Findings

STRINGING MATERIALS

- Chain
- Wire
- Beading Wire
- Beading Thread
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Step 7
 Bend the wire straight up, forming a 90° angle between the two pieces of wire.



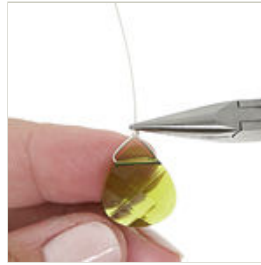
Step 8
 Grasp the triangle that was created with your chain nose pliers.



Step 9
 Wrap the short piece of wire around the longer piece about 1 1/2 - 2 wraps.



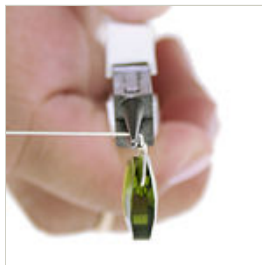
Step 10
 With your wire cutters, cut the short tail as close as possible.



Step 11
 Using the tips of your chain nose pliers, grab the wire directly above the wrap.



Step 12
 With your finger, push the wire to a 90° angle.



Step 13
 Using your round nose pliers, grasp the wire right at the bend.



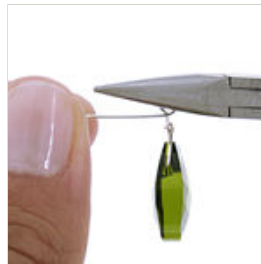
Step 14
 Pull the wire around the round nose pliers until it is almost pointing directly down.



Step 15
 Reposition your pliers by opening your round nose pliers (but do not pull the pliers out of the loop) and pivot your pliers so the bottom tip is on the top.



Step 16
 Continue pulling the wire around the nose of the pliers until the loop is completely round.



Step 17
 If you are attaching it to a chain or ring, this would be a good time. To then wrap the loop, grip the loop with the chain nose pliers and grip the wire with your fingers.



Step 18
 Wrap the wire around the base wire. Continue wrapping the wire down to the first wrap.



Step 19
Using the wire cutters, cut off the extra wire as close as you can to the wrap.



Step 20
Congratulations, you have now created a wire wrapped triangle bail!

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