

SWAROVSKI ELEMENTS

- Crystal Beads
- Crystal Pendants
- Crystal Components
- Crystal Pearls
- Crystal Sew-On Stones

BEADS

- Artist Beads
- Cubic Zirconia Beads
- Fire Polished Glass Beads
- Glass Beads
- Lampwork Glass Beads
- Large Hole Beads
- Lucite Beads

JAPANESE SEED BEADS

- Round Seed Beads
- Seed Bead Shapes
- Delicas by Number
- Delicas by Color

NATURAL BEADS

- Freshwater Pearls
- Gemstone Beads
- Wood, Shell, Horn, Bone, Resin

METAL BEADS

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

CHARMS AND PENDANTS

- Silver Charms
- Gold Charms
- Pewter Charms

Techniques: Wire Wrapping

A wire-wrapped loop is one of the most secure ways to connect beads and findings. Learn this basic wireworking technique, and you'll be making jewelry like a pro.

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Materials

- Bead(s) with a center drilled hole
- Head pin

Tools

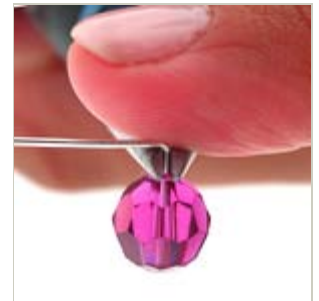
- Round Nose Pliers
- Chain Nose Pliers
- Wire Cutters



Step 1
String a bead or beads on the head pin. Remember to have at least an inch of wire above the last bead.



Step 2
Using the tips of your chain nose pliers, grab the wire directly above the beads.



Step 3
With your finger, push the wire to a 90° angle.

Brass Charms
Copper Charms
Collage Pendants
Vintage Groove

Pendants
Buttons

SILVER COMPONENTS

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

GOLD COMPONENTS

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

PEWTER COMPONENTS

Findings
Clasps
Ear Wires
Links, Caps, Components

BRASS COMPONENTS

Findings
Clasps
Ear Wires
Links, Caps, Components

COPPER COMPONENTS

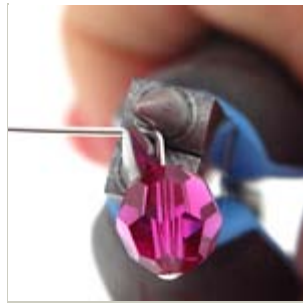
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BASE METAL COMPONENTS

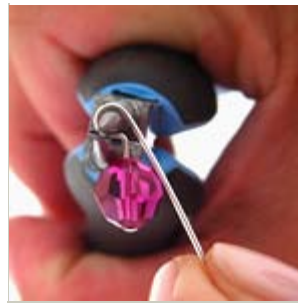
Findings
Clasps
Ear Wires
Links and Components

STRINGING MATERIALS

Chain
Wire
Beading Wire
Beading Thread



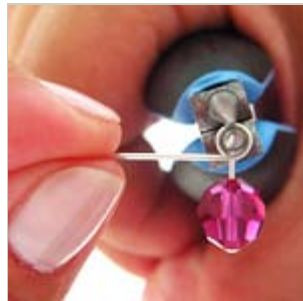
Step 4
Using your round nose pliers, grasp the wire right at the bend.



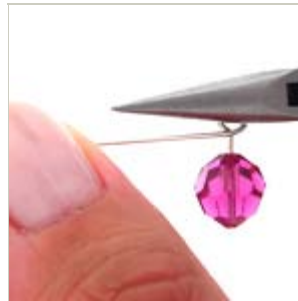
Step 5
Pull the wire around the round nose pliers until it is almost pointing directly down.



Step 6
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 7
Continue pulling the wire around the nose of the pliers until the loop is completely round.



Step 8
To then wrap the loop, grip the loop with the chain nose pliers and grip the wire with your fingers.



Step 9
Wrap the wire around the head pin. Continue wrapping the wire down to the bead.



Step 10
Using the wire cutters, cut off the extra wire as close as you can to the beads.



Step 11
Tuck the remaining tip of wire with your chain nose pliers so there are no sharp pieces of wire sticking out that can snag on clothing.

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