

Twisted and Wrapped Wire Blossom by FusionBeads.com



Approximate finished length: 17.5 inches

Beads and other products needed for one necklace:

- 2 - 4mm Tahitian Swarovski Elements Crystal Pearls (PL5014)
- 1 - Matte Burgundy 3 Petal Lucite Flower Bead (LC0335)
- 1 - Matte Crystal Leaf Vintage Lucite Pendant (LC0422)
- 1 - Matte Fuchsia Plum Balsam Poplar Lucite Leaf (LC0256)
- 1 - 30x25mm Yellow Vintage Lucite Leaf (LC0351)
- 1 - Matte Olive 5 Petal Lucite Flower Bead (LC0196)
- 1 - Matte Dark Olive 3 Petal Lucite Flower Bead (LC0358)
- 1 - Matte Light Olive Balsam Poplar Lucite Leaf (LC0258)
- 1 - Size 15 Silver Lined Transparent Spring Green Round Japanese Seed Beads (SB3278)
- 12 inches - 2mm Sterling Silver Cable Chain (CN0241)
- 1.25 inches - Sterling Square Wire Cable Chain (CN0250)
- 1 - 10mm Sterling Silver Round Toggle Clasp (SS3863)
- 1 gram - 3.3mm Sterling Silver 19 Gauge Open Jump Ring (SS3941)
- 3 - 5.5mm Sterling Silver 21 Gauge Oval Open Jump Rings (SS3994)
- 2 inches - 18 Gauge Sterling Silver Half Hard Wire (SW0114)
- 4 inches - 24 Gauge Sterling Silver Half Hard Wire (SW0117)

Tools needed to complete the necklace:

- Round nose pliers
- Chain nose pliers
- Wire cutters
- Hypo Tube Cement (TL1202)

Beading Techniques needed to complete the necklace:

- Opening and Closing a Jump Ring
- Simple Loop
- Wire Wrapped Link

Instructions to complete “Twisted and Wrapped Wire Blossom” necklace:

Step 1

Using a 2-inch length of 18 gauge wire, make a simple loop (see Simple Loop Technique) at each end of the wire. Using chain nose pliers, bend the wire randomly once. This wire will form the base of the pendant assembly.

Step 2

Anchor a 4-inch length of 24 gauge wire near one end of the base wire by wrapping it about five times.

Step 3

String the Lucite leaf pendant onto the 24 gauge wire. Loop the wire back up and through the pendant's hole. Hold the pendant, pull the wire back down over the base wire, and wrap twice around the base.

Step 4

String one Lucite five-petal flower, one 4mm Tahitian crystal pearl and one size 15 seed bead. Trim the wire, leaving about one quarter-inch above the seed bead. (Keep the remaining wire for following steps.)

Step 5

Grasp the very tip of the quarter-inch of wire with chain nose pliers. Rotate the pliers to form a loop that sits right on top of the seed bead. Squeeze the loop closed, and trim any excess wire.

Step 6

Grasp one end of the wire from Step 4, and wrap it around the base of the flower as if you were making a wrapped link (see Wire Wrapped Link Technique). Secure the wire. (The space is tight, so don't worry about being tidy.)

Step 7

Pull the long end of the wire down over the base, and wrap around the base five times. Trim the excess wire under the flower.

Step 8

String the Lucite leaf and the Lucite poplar leaf. Holding the leaves, pull the wire back down over the base. Wrap the wire around the base three times.

Step 9

Anchor the base wire in one hand, and hold the leaves in the other hand between thumb and forefinger. Keep twisting until the wire is completely twisted down to the base.

Step 10

String one Lucite three-petal flower and three size 15 seed beads. Hold the beads on the wire about one half-inch from the base. Pull the wire tightly back through the hole of the Lucite flower, creating a tight loop with the seed beads.

Step 11

The wires should be lying parallel to each another. Wrap the wire around the base five times to secure it.

Step 12

Hold the base in one hand to anchor it, and grasp the flower securely with the other. Twist the wires in the center of the flower until they are completely twisted down to the base. Manipulate the wire to move the beads into the correct position if needed.

Step 13

String a Lucite poplar leaf. Loop the wire over the base, and wrap around the base six times.

Step 14

Hold the leaf between your thumb and forefinger and twist, anchoring the base with the other hand. Twist until the wire is twisted all the way down to the base.

Step 15

String one Lucite three-petal flower and one 4mm Tahitian crystal pearl. Hold the beads $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch away from the base on the wire, and loop the wire back through the flower.

Step 16

While still holding the beads, loop the wire around the base about three times.

Step 17

Anchoring the base in one hand, grip the flowers with the other, and twist until the wire is wrapped all the way down to the base.

Step 18

Continue wrapping the wire around the base until it reaches the second simple loop at the end. Squeeze the wraps more tightly by using your thumb. Cut the end of the wire with wire cutters.

Step 19

Use chain nose pliers to squeeze both ends of the wires tightly against the base. No wires should be sticking out. Apply a small drop of Hypo Tube Cement to the ends of the wire, and let it dry completely. This will help prevent the ends of the wires from snagging.

Step 20

Cut two 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch lengths of 4.5mm square wire cable chain. Open the simple loops at the ends of the base using chain nose pliers, and attach the chain. Close the loops.

Step 21

Cut two 6-inch lengths of 2mm sterling chain. Open two jump rings (see Opening and Closing a Jump Ring Technique). Use one jump ring to attach one end link of the 2mm chain to one end link of the 4.5mm chain. Repeat to attach the other ends of the two chains. Close both jump rings.

Step 22

Open two jump rings. Use one jump ring to attach the loop on one side of the toggle clasp to one end of the necklace and the other jump ring to attach the loop on the second side of the clasp to the other end of the necklace. Close both jump rings.

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