

Wire Wrapping Beads

Step 1: Cut a length of wire. My suggestion is to cut off more wire than you think you will need. You can always cut it off, but can't add more! Once you have done a few wraps you will have a better idea of how much wire you will need to use.

Step 2 (Picture 1): Use your round nose pliers to turn about 1/2" of the wire toward itself so the end is facing the rest of the wire. Make a "U" with one side much longer than the other.



Picture 1



Picture 2

Step 3 (Picture 2): Keep twisting the wire until you form a loop.

Step 4 (Picture 3): Hold the loop in your pliers and use your fingers to wrap the short side of the wire onto the long side.

Step 5 (Picture 4): Add your beads. In this project I added one Grossularite chip, then one seed bead, then one Grossularite chip for a total of 3 beads.



Picture 3



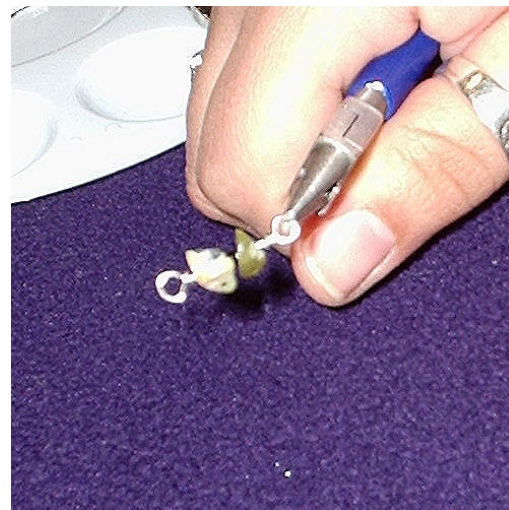
Picture 4

Step 6 (Picture 5): Working on the other side of the wire, you are then going to go up about 1/2” from the last bead and make a “U” then make the “U” into a loop then twist the tail of the wire down towards the beads.

Step 7 (Picture 6): You have just made your first wrapped link! Use your wire cutters to cut off any excess wire and move on to the next link! At this time I use my straight nose pliers to straighten and flatten my loops. TIP: If you can’t get the wire cut close enough to your work with a wire cutter or end nipper, use a nail clipper!



Picture 5



Picture 6



This necklace is the finished product!!