

## Bloomin' Beads Pendants



Gemstones, crystals, sterling silver  
and Soft Flex stringing wire.

Skill Level: Advanced

Project time: 3-4 hours

Prerequisite: This project focuses on making the bloom pendants that go on a multiple-strand necklace. To learn how to make the necklace we recommend [Tricks of the Trade](#) as a prerequisite, which is available as VHS, DVD or text-based CD. For your shopping convenience, we've added the tools and materials that you'll need to create the necklace base. You must also be proficient at wire-wrapping to create the flowers' bails.

This garland of flowers is simply and devastatingly beautiful. No need to get your hands dirty or worry about them wilting on you! Wearing these flowers will make you feel young at heart no matter what your age. What are *your* favorite colors of flowers?

Our Bloomin' Beads necklace is constructed using the finest materials available at [www.beadshop.com](http://www.beadshop.com). Please be aware that we make every effort to stock the materials that you see in this step-by-step instruction. However, because we scour the globe to find our products, availability can not be guaranteed. We hope you find learning with us fun and valuable!

## BLOOMIN' BEADS PENDANTS RECIPE

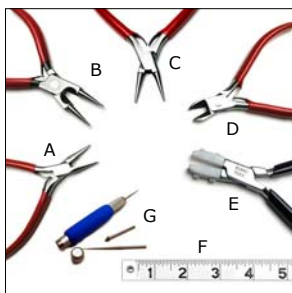
Hi! I'm BettyBead,

I will be your guide throughout this project. If you are an advanced beader you are going to love this project! When making petals out of briolettes its all about how many it takes to complete a circle. In this project you have the opportunity to customize your palette and blooms by using your experience (prerequisites) plus a pinch of this and that. Besides incorporating the flowers into a multi-strand necklace, strike out on your own: what if you turned them into single pendant pieces or brooches?



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### Ingredients for the Bloom'in Beads Pendants



#### TOOLS NEEDED

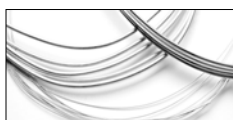
- A. Needle-nose chain pliers
- B. Rosary or
- C. Round-nose pliers
- D. Wire cutters
- E. Wire straightener (optional)
- F. Tape measure
- G. Bead reamer (optional)

#### STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

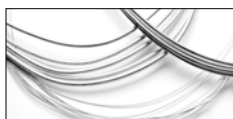
- Prerequisites (not included)
- Tricks of the Trade (DVD, VHS etc.)
  - Expertise in wire-wrapping
  - Expertise in playing with beads!
- 30 Steps to making Bloomin' Beads Pendants



- 3 7 mm Soldered (jump) rings
- 3 10mm Soldered (jump) rings



- 5' Sterling silver wire, 30 gauge



- 2' Sterling silver wire, 22 gauge



- To make the middle (largest) flower
- 6 16mm Flat briolettes for the bottom tier
  - 6 12mm Plump briolettes for the middle tier
- We grabbed a few extra of each to add to the strands



- To make the left side flower
- 6 10mm Plump/round briolettes for the bottom tier
  - 5 12mm Flat/broad briolettes for the middle tier
- We grabbed a few extra of each to add to the strands



- To make the right side flower
- 6 More of the 12mm Plump briolettes for the bottom tier
  - 6 8mm Plump/round briolettes for the middle tier
- We grabbed a few extra of each to add to the strands



- 3 Beads for flower centers
- We used a 9mm pearl and two 6mm gemstones

## PREREQUISITE SHOPPING LIST

When your shopping for your bloom supplies, you may want to pick up some extra items to create your matching multi-strand necklace strands.

### Ingredients for Making a Matching Multi-Strand Necklace



#### ADDITIONAL TOOLS NEEDED

Crimping pliers  
Scotch tape  
(not pictured)



#### PREREQUISITE

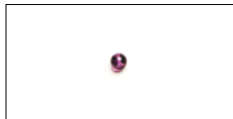
Tricks of the Trade  
Expertise in wire-wrapping  
Expertise in playing with beads!



1 Spool of .014 Soft Flex or comparable stringing wire



1 Sterling silver clasp with flower motif or equivalent



2mm Assorted beads or size 11 seed beads



Assorted gemstone strands in similar colors and materials as the blooms



2 Pony beads



2 8mm Swarovski bicone crystals  
This size nests into most pony beads



4 2x2 Sterling silver crimp beads



Assorted crystals  
Assorted sterling silver beads and beadcaps



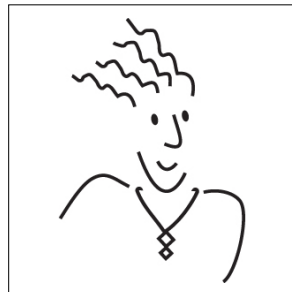
This finished Bloomin' Beads Necklace is 16" in length. If you prefer it longer, add length as described in Tricks of the Trade.

Let's begin with the larger, center bloom. We will make the bottom tier first.

**Step 1**  
Using the wire cutters, cut a 20" length of the 24-gauge sterling silver wire.

**Step 2**  
Slide on and center 6 16mm flat briolettes onto the sterling silver wire.

**Step 3**  
Take one end of sterling silver wire and gently feed it back through the briolettes from the opposite direction.



**Step 4**  
a) Continue feeding the sterling silver wire through the rest of the beads.  
b) Keep the ends even in length.

**Step 5**  
Slowly tighten the circle so that the briolettes are touching but not overlapping.



**Helpful Hint**  
Be gentle with your sterling wire so you don't kink or break it.

**Step 6**  
Lay a 10mm soldered ring on top of the bloom. Make sure the ring isn't so small that it falls through the bloom's hole.

**Step 7**  
To join the soldered ring to the bloom you will be "sewing" them together. Make sure the soldered ring stays centered and the briolette petals lay flat.

**Step 8**  
a) Take one sterling silver wire and bring it through the soldered ring.  
b) You will be working clockwise around the flower.



**Step 9**  
a) Loop the sterling wire between two briolettes.  
b) Bring the wire back through the soldered ring.

**Step 10**  
Repeat steps 7-9 all the way around the bloom until you've reached the beginning.

**Step 11**  
a) Repeat steps 7-10 using the other wire tail.  
b) This time, work counter-clockwise.  
c) Do not cut the tails!

**Step 12**  
a) To make the middle tier, use 6 of the 12mm plump briolettes.  
b) Use the 7mm soldered ring  
c) Repeat steps 1-11.

**Step 13**  
Snip and tuck both sterling silver wire tails.



**Step 14**

- a) Stack the tiers.
- b) Use one sterling silver tail to "sew" the two tiers together just like in steps 7-10.



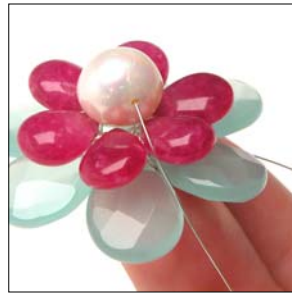
**Step 15**

Add a plump pearl or bead to the other sterling silver tail.



**Step 16**

Make sure the holes of the pearl are horizontal (parallel with the tiers).



**Step 17**

Bend the sterling silver tail (with the pearl) around the outside of the bloom.



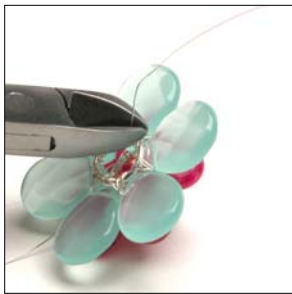
**Step 18**

Nestle the wire between the briolette petals.



**Step 19**

- a) Loop the end of the wire tail around the bottom tier's soldered ring to "sew" them together.
- b) Use your judgment: If it doesn't feel solid, sew some more!



**Step 20**

Snip and tuck both of the sterling silver wires.



**Step 21**

- a) Using the wire cutters, cut a 7" length of the 22-gauge sterling silver wire.
- b) Fold the 7" wire in half to resemble a u-shape.



**Step 22**

Capture both soldered rings with the u-shaped wire.



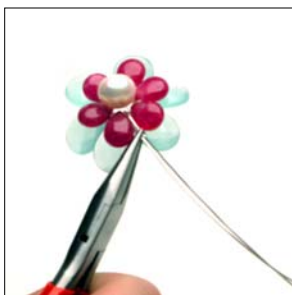
**Helpful Visual Hint**

Here is another view of where, exactly the u-shaped wire is going.



**Step 23**

Make sure your bloom is flat and solid feeling before you get ready for the final step.



**Step 24**

Use your needle-nose chain pliers to hold the wire and finish wire-wrapping your bail.



**Step 25**

The wire-wrapped bail will later slide into position on the strand that you will design.



**Step 26**

Repeat steps 1-25 to make the left side flower.



**Step 27**

Repeat steps 1-25 to make the right side flower.



**Step 28**

Lay out 3-5 strands worth of beads depending how lush you want your necklace to be.

**Step 29**

Be conscious of how the background frames the blooms. Is the background too visually busy so that your flowers get lost in the foliage?

**Step 30**

When you are satisfied string your necklace together a la Tricks of the Trade.

We hope you enjoyed this advanced project. I certainly enjoyed teaching you how to make it!

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