

## Chunky Wire-Wrap Bracelet



Skill Level: Intermediate

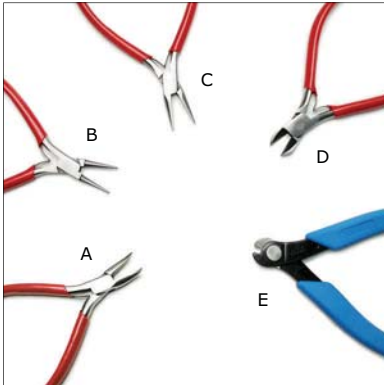
Project Time: 3-4 hours

Prerequisite: Wire Nirvana I, Earring Construction or basic wire-wrapping skills.

Learn how to cluster your pearls, gemstones and metal beads together to create a chunky wire-wrap bracelet. Wire-wrap onto chain for an elegant gem charm piece.

# CHUNKY WIRE-WRAP BRACELET RECIPE

## Common Ingredients



### TOOLS NEEDED

- A. Bent-nose chain pliers
- B. Round-nose pliers
- C. Needle-nose chain pliers
- D. Wire cutters
- E. Heavy duty wire cutters

### INSTRUCTIONS INCLUDE

#### Part 1

Opening a Jump Ring

#### Part 2

Preparing the Embellishments

#### Part 3

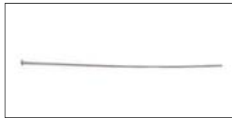
Separating the Clasp

#### Part 4

Putting Together the Bracelet



- 2 Sterling silver or gold-filled oval jump rings



- ~100 2" Sterling silver or gold-filled head pins



- ~25 Various sterling silver, gold-filled, Thai silver or Vermeil bead caps



- ~25 Various Thai silver or Vermeil daisy spacers



- ~50 4mm and 6mm Swarovski olivine bicone crystals



- ~50 Various freshwater pearls



- 1 Clasp of your choice



- 1 ft. 22-gauge or 24-gauge sterling silver or gold-filled chain

## **PART 1: Opening a Jump Ring**



**Step 1**  
Notice the split in the jump ring at 12:00



**Step 2**  
Grip one side of the jump ring with your bent-nose chain pliers and the other end with your needle-nose pliers.



**Step 3**  
Rock the needle-nose pliers toward you, opening the jump ring.



**Step 4**  
Repeat for the second jump ring. Then, set them aside.

## **PART 2: Preparing the Embellishments**



**Step 4**  
Repeat. Make some of each.



**Step 1**  
Arrange your beads, spacers and bead caps on your headpins in a variety of ways.

Above shows daisy spacer and bead cap.



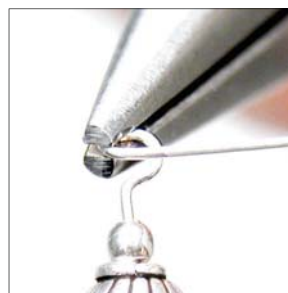
**Step 2**  
With just a daisy spacer.



**Step 3**  
With just a bead cap.



**Step 5**  
Follow the "Wire-Wrapping Using a Heap Pin" Technique Review to start a loop.



**Step 6**  
Open the loop carefully using your needle-nose pliers.



**Step 7**  
Repeat for all of your headpins with beads and embellishments.

### **PART 3: Separating the Clasp**



**Step 1**  
If your clasp is joined together with a jump ring, open the jump ring and separate the two pieces of the toggle.



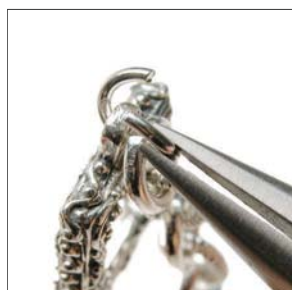
**Step 2**  
Remove the jump ring to use the clasp. Your clasp is now in two pieces and ready to be attached to the chain which will form the bracelet base.



### **PART 4: Putting Together the Bracelet**



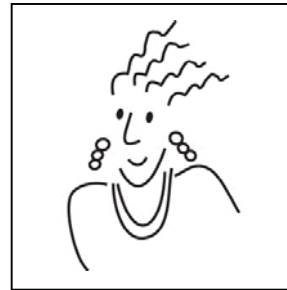
**Step 1**  
Using heavy duty wire cutters, cut approx. 6-8 inches of chain, depending on the hang you want from your wrist. Remember, adding beads to the chain will make it tighter.



**Step 2**  
Grab one opened jump ring and hook it into the first link of the chain then the clasp.



**Step 3**  
Close the jump ring by carefully rocking it closed until the two ends are flush together.

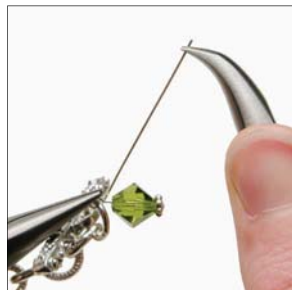


**Step 4**  
Repeat steps 2-3 for the opposite link of the clasp on the other end of the chain.

**Step 5**  
Hook the open circle of the wire-wrapped loop onto the closed jump ring.



**Step 6**  
Hold onto the opened loop with your needle nose pliers using your non-dominant hand.



**Step 7**  
Using bent-nose pliers in your dominant hand, grab the straight end of the head pin and close the open loop.



**Step 8**  
Wrap the straight end of the head pin around the base just below the loop. (refer to Steps 15-16 in the "Wire-Wrapping Using a Head Pin" Technique Review)



**Step 9**  
Using wire cutters, trim the excess wire from the base of the wire-wrap.



**Step 10**  
Tuck the sharp end against the base to prevent it from scratching and snagging clothing.

#### **PART 4: Cont' Putting Together the Bracelet**



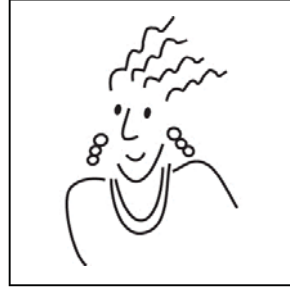
**Step 11**  
Wire-wrap a bead unit on every other link in the chain.



**Step 12**  
Fill in the gaps, so there's one on every link of the chain.



**Step 13**  
Add one more to each link.



**Step 14**  
Repeat until you reach the desired fullness.



**The finished piece...**

# LEARNING TO MAKE WIRE-WRAPPED LOOPS



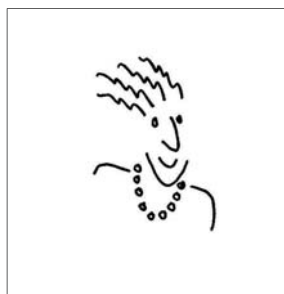
## To practice this link, you will need:

- Bent-nose chain pliers
- Needle-nose chain pliers
- Round-nose pliers or rosary pliers
- Wire cutter

## For supplies gather:

- 5" 24-gauge round wire
- 2 Small spacer beads
- 4 8mm Beads

Example of a wire-wrapped loop with two beads and a spacer.



Imagine that the wire-wrapped loop is the head of a little person like me, and the wrap is the scarf.

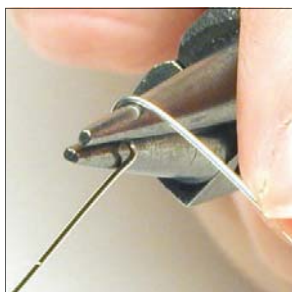


The head and scarf sit on the shoulders of the bead. The first thing you have to do is form my head!



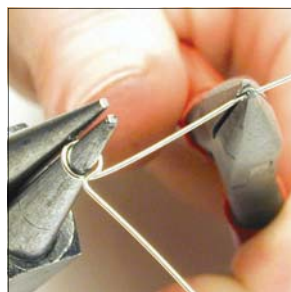
### Step 1

- a) Holding the needle-nose chain pliers grab the wire about one inch from the end.
- b) Using your finger, bend the short end of the wire at a right angle.
- c) Switch to rosary pliers.



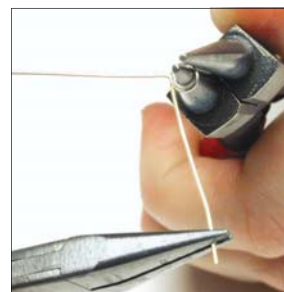
### Step 2

- a) Place the tips of the rosary pliers above and below the short wire at the right angle.
- b) Use your finger to begin pushing the short end of the wire over the top plier cone.



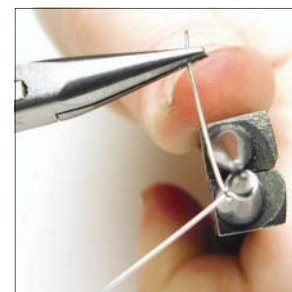
### Step 3

- a) Switch the rosary pliers to your non-dominant hand.
- b) Use the needle-nose chain pliers to complete the round loop.



### Step 4

- a) Center the loop on top of the long wire.



### Step 5

- a) Starting at the base of the loop, begin wrapping the short wire around the long wire.
- b) Complete three full turns of the wire.



### Step 6

- a) Using the wire cutters, clip off excess wire.
- b) Using the bent-nose chain pliers, press down the end of the wire so it isn't sharp.



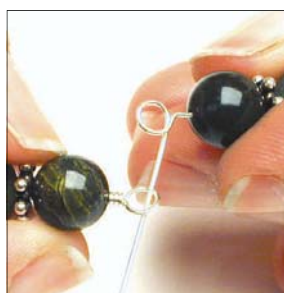
### Step 7

- a) Slide beads onto the wire.



### Step 8

- a) Use the tip of the needle-nose chain pliers to grab the wire against the bead.
- b) Use your finger to push the wire into a right angle.
- c) Switch to rosary pliers.
- d) Repeat steps 2-4 to complete loop.



### Step 9

- a) To link units together, slide one loop into the other.

Don't forget to link wire wraps together before completing the second wire-wrap.



### Step 10

- a) Hold the loops steady with the needle-nose chain pliers.
- b) Starting at the bottom of the loop, begin wrapping the short wire around the long wire.
- c) Continue wrapping until you've reached the bead.
- d) Repeat step 6.