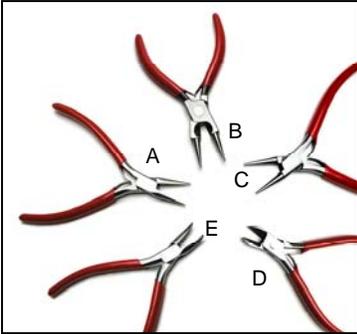# The Bead Shop ™

Designing with Briolettes

Skill Level: Intermediate
Prerequisite: Beginner Briolettes

Learn the different ways to wire-wrap your briolettes and re-define what you already know! Join Claudia and learn how to add briolettes to every project!

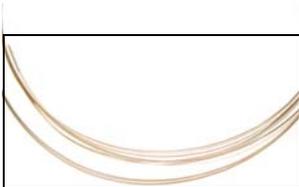# Ingredients for the Designing with Briolettes

TOOLS NEEDED

A. Needle-nose chain pliers
B. Rosary or
C. Round-nose pliers
D. Wire cutters
E. Bent-nose pliers

16-24 briolettes shaped beads

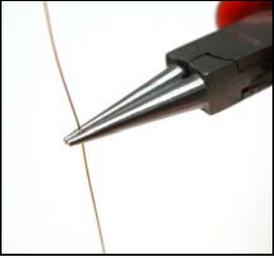10 feet 28-gauge sterling silver or gold-filled wire

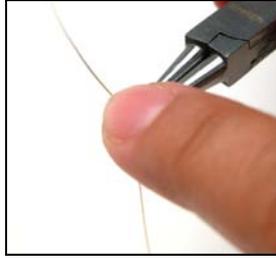Approx. 14-18 inches sterling silver or gold-filled chain

A sterling silver or gold-filled clasp of your choice

Part 1: Wire-Wrapping Your Briolettes

Step 1
Cut a piece of wire approx. 3-4 inches long. Hold the wire in between the noses on your round-nose pliers. The top wire should be about an inch long.

Step 2
Bend the top of the wire over your pliers, using your finger.

Step 3
Take the wire out of the pliers, twist your pliers so they are perpendicular with the ground and place the wire in between the plier noses.

Step 4
With your fingers, take the short wire and bring it over the top plier nose.

Step 5
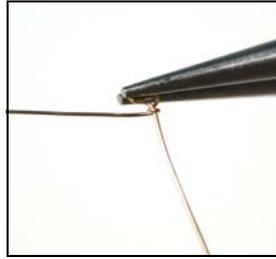Take the loop out of the top plier nose and place it around the bottom plier nose.

Step 6
Bring the same wire underneath the bottom nose of the plier. You have now created a complete loop.

Step 7
Hold the loop with your round-nose pliers and the short wire with your bent-nose pliers.

Step 8
Wrap your wire 3 times around the longer wire, starting from the bottom of the loop. Trim the excess wire from the wrap.

Step 9
Slide on one of your briolette gemstones.

Step 10
Follow steps 1-8 on the other side of your briolette.

Step 11
Follow steps 1-10 to create another wire-wrapped briolette. Before closing off the second loop, thread your previously wrapped briolette onto the wire.

Step 12
Holding the unclosed loop of your briolette with your round-nose pliers, wrap your wire three times, just underneath the loop.

Step 13
Follow steps 1-12 until you have a strand of 7 wire-wrapped briolettes. Keep the wraps on both sides unwrapped
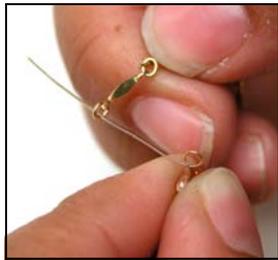
Step 14
Repeat steps 1-13 so you have an identical strand of 7 wire-wrapped briolettes.

Part 2: Desigining with Briolettes

Step 14
Cut a piece of chain about 2-3 inches long.

Step 15
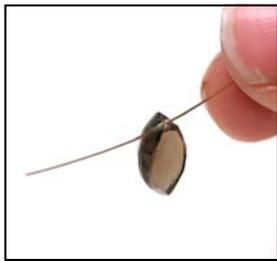Slide the last link of chain onto the loop on one of your briolette strands.

Step 16
Holding the loop with your round-nose pliers and the wire with your bent-nose pliers, wrap around the wire 3 times.

Step 17
The chain should look like this at the end of your wire-wrapped briolette strand.

Step 18
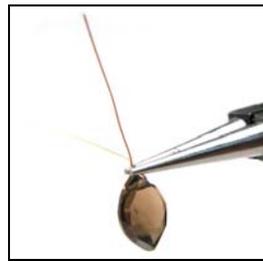Follow steps 15-16, wrapping your other strand onto the same chain link.

Step 19
String a briolette onto a 3-4 inch piece of wire.

Step 20
With your fingers, fold both wires up around the top of the briolette.

Step 21
At the top of the briolette, hold both wires with your round-nose pliers.

Step 22
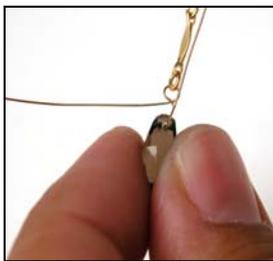With your finger, bend the wire back at a 90 degree angle.

Step 23
Turn your pliers so they're perpendicular with the ground.

Step 24
Bring the bent wire up and over the top nose of the plier.

Step 25
Take your loop out of the top plier and put it in the bottom plier nose. Wrap the wire underneath the pliers.

Step 26
Slide your briolette onto the bottom link of your chain.

Step 27
Holding the loop with your round-nose pliers, wrap your wire 3 times just below the loop. Cut off any excess wire

Step 28
Repeat steps 19-27, adding your briolettes to the chain. We added 2 on each link, and only 1 to the bottom link.

Step 29
Slide a piece of 6-inch (depending on the total length of the necklace) chain onto one of the unclosed loops on the briolette strand.

Step 30
Hold the loop with your round-nose pliers and wrap 3 times. Cut off any extra wire.

Step 31
Repeat steps 29-30 to add chain to the other end of your wire-wrapped briolette strand.

Step 32
Repeat steps 1-8 to add a clasp to your chain. Remember, before closing the loop, thread one side into the chain and the other into the jump ring or clasp. Do this on both chains.

Congratulations!
You have completed a beautifully designed briolette wrap necklace!