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Beaded Wire Globes



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Happy (almost) Holidays!

It's crunch time for us crafters, isn't it? Once November hits it's not only the days that are shorter but our holiday prep time is, too! Kate gets us into gear today with some great handmade decorations that would look great on the tree or in a garland. With gleaming wire and sparkling beads, these are sure to make you...

Merry and Bright!

Let's bead! If you'd like to bypass the chitchat...
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Grab some balloons and get your wire ready...this is gonna be a blast! This is a project that can really follow our mantra here at beadshop.com, "you do you." Make these in whatever size suits you, with whatever wire suits you, with whatever beads suit you.

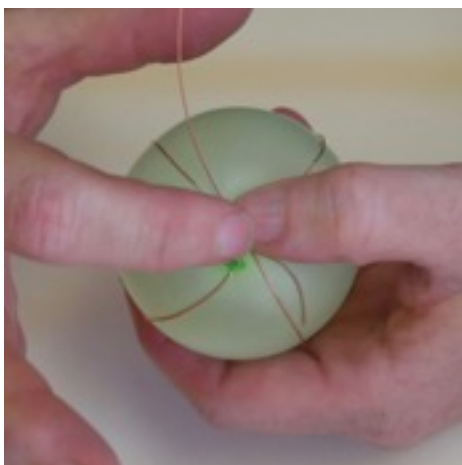
Be sure to keep your balloons a little "squishy" and not overly taut, to help prevent popping!



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Kate's got her balloon in hand and about 2 yards of 24G wire. She begins by leaving a few inches of a tail, and then wrapping the length right around the ballon, creating "ribs," almost like a melon or pumpkin. She starts with two simple wraps forming an X, then adds ribs between. She twists the tails around to secure. Now we have our most basic structure done.

Add some beads to your long tail and get ready to wrap some more. Kate has a selection of 8/0 and 6/0 Miyuki Seed Beads alongside 4mm and 6mm Czech Fire Polish and some 5mm Czech Rondelles, all mixed up and ready to add at random.



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Watch as Kate pauses in the middle of making the next circuit to wrap her wire right around all the wires at the base of the ballon, just a simple wrap right around the wires to keep them in place. She uses a bent chain nose plier to help tighten it up and keep things neat.





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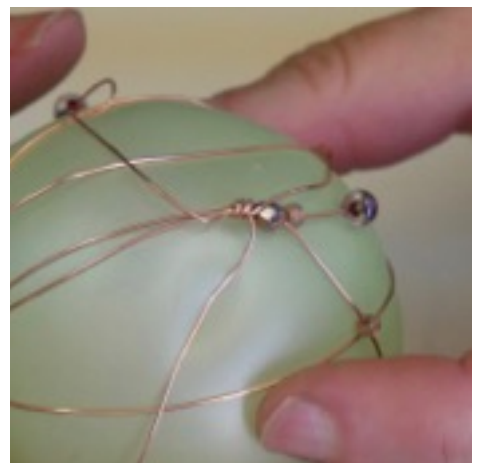
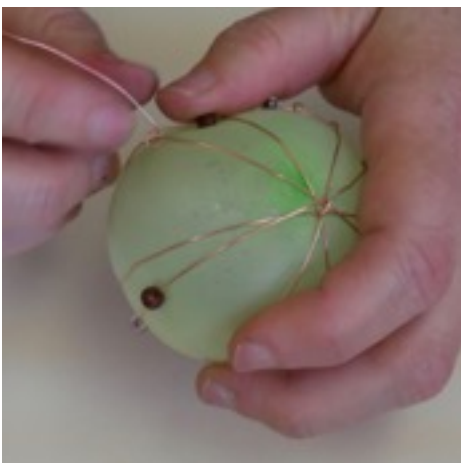
As she's wrapped, Kate has added a few beads here and there. At this point she brings her wire tail back up through one of her previously-strung beads and she can begin wiring in other directions. She adds few more beads as she goes, so the beads will be spread out at random as she wires around and around her balloon in all directions, sometimes traveling under or looping around a previously-established rib to create a more secure armature.



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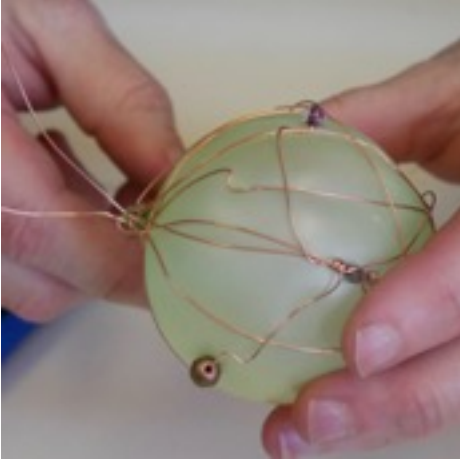
Running out of wire? Let's end this piece so we can start fresh.

Kate takes her now-short wire tail and makes a coiled wire wrap around a couple ribs, using pliers to help her secure it. The balloon being a bit squishy is helpful...you can use your thumb to push it out of your way so you don't pop it with the tip of the wire as you wrap.



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Kate demonstrates how to tighten up some of your ribs, if they're a bit loose. Simply grab a looser rib with your pliers and twist. This is very similar to how she tightened her wire wraps on her [Embellished Wire Discs](#) project and FB Live episode.

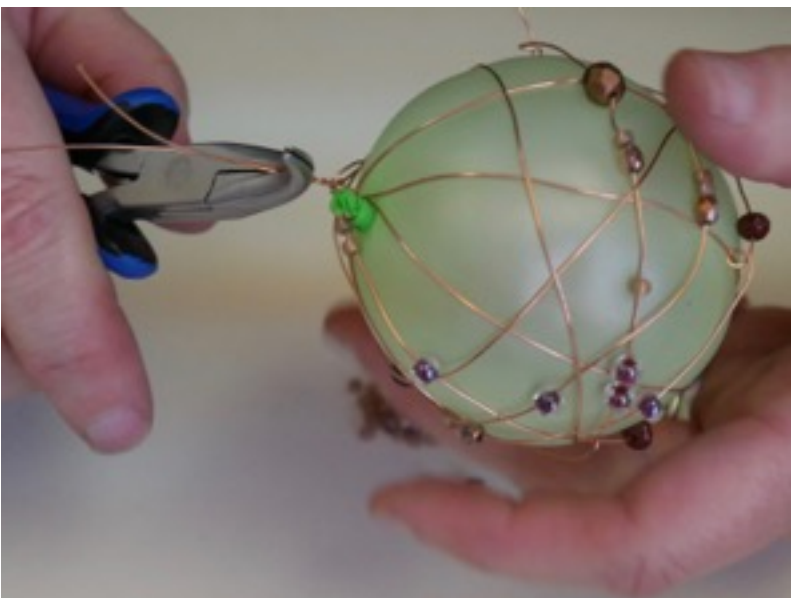


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Cut another couple yards of wire and keep going! Kate attaches her new wire to the existing form with just a couple twists and keeps it going. This time, as she goes, she keeps an eye out for loose wires that haven't been secured and makes a little loop around them and continues on.

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Kate neatens up her wire ends, and shows how you can also make a cute little spiral to add a little more of a decorative touch.



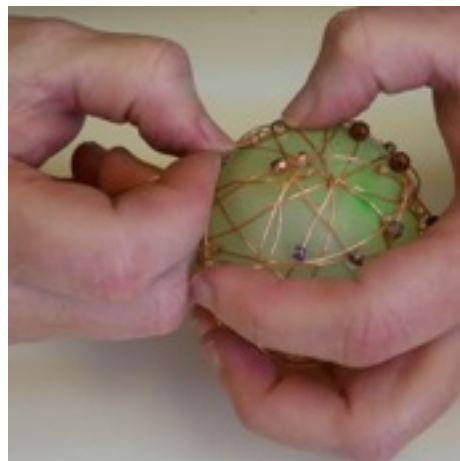


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Want to be speedy about adding your beads? Here's Kate's trick. Before cutting her next length of wire from the spool she adds a bunch of her beads at random until she has about 5" of beads strung. Taking the loose tail of the wire (still on the spool) she attaches it to her in-progress ornament and now she just wraps and wraps and wraps, pushing beads up as she goes. After several wraps she's out of beads and cuts her wire off the spool, leaving herself with a couple feet to continue to work with.

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Now with these last few feet of wire Kate secures all those speedy wraps she just did. See any loose wraps? Make a loop around it, or go through a bead on it, or pass between a couple beads so you can help secure your work.

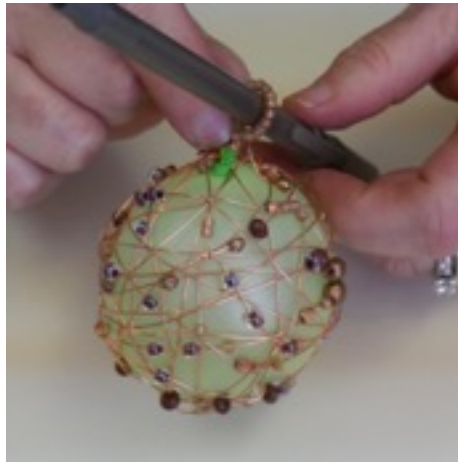


If your wire starts to kink up, simply straighten it out with your nylon jaw pliers. As you add more wires and more beads and more wraps keep an eye on your overall look. It's definitely messy at first, but keep with it, it'll start to form up, we promise! Check around for any bare spaces that need to be filled in with some beads and wraps. This project isn't going to be very uniform, but you will definitely notice a big gaping empty space!

As the episode goes on we start to realize something...our viewers are holding their breath! Everyone is just waiting for Kate to accidentally pop her balloon. The secret to success here is not overfilling your balloon. Keep it squishy!

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With her wraps complete, it's time to once again pick up the pliers and tuck in, coil, and finishes the wire tails. All of the wires left at the top of the balloon Kate twists together at once, then uses one tail to coil around the others to neaten things up. With her remaining tails Kate shows a few ways to create a loop at the top. Originally, she had wrapped her tails around a pen to form a perfect circle to attach her hanger to. But, in the video she has an idea to make a beaded loop. She adds several 8/0s, loops it around the pen, and then secures with a coiled wire wrap below the loop. How cute is that? Trim your wire ends and you're done.



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POP! Once her globe is complete and all wires have been tucked away and neatly secured Kate can pop her balloon. It's not as exciting as we all thought...which really only adds to the humor, we think. Use a plier to pull your popped balloon out, and look at your beautiful beaded wire globe!





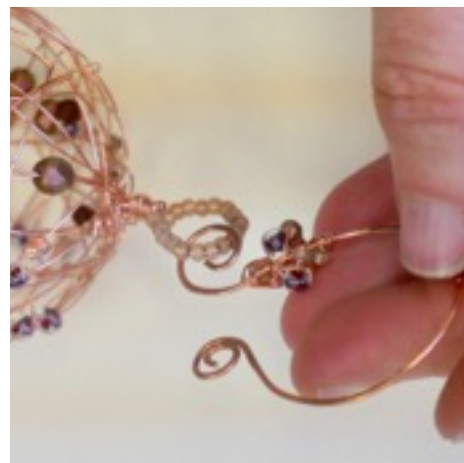
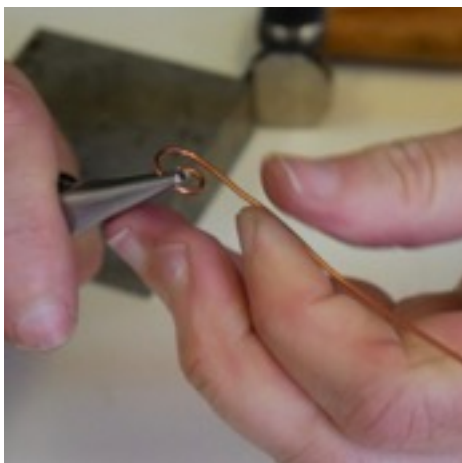
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Now, what happens if your balloon has popped while you're working? No biggie! Grab another balloon, insert it into the frame, and blow it up! Tie it off and keep wire wrapping.

As you wrap, be sure to really secure your wires. If they're just wrapped without any regard for keeping the work secure (with those loops, going through beads, and going between beads we've talked about) once your balloon pops your whole frame will lose its shape.

Minute Marker 59:30

What will we hang this globe from? A wire hook, of course! With six inches of 18G wire, Kate creates a nice curved hook and uses her chasing hammer and bench to flatten and work-harden the hook. Using little taps ("we're not building a house!") Kate works her way around the hook, and now it'll keep its shape. In her pre-made samples Kate added Czech Glass Saturn beads to her hook before she curved it, just to add some more decor, so she shows a different way to embellish her hook, this time using some 26G wire to wraps some beads around and make a little festive bundle of beads. She tried the same technique on the loops atop her original sample, too. So cute!



That's it! It's done! It's SO quick and SO easy and you are going to have such a great time making these baubles. Grab some friends and a bunch of wire and have a little ornament making party. How fun!

May your days be merry and bright! And, of course, beaded.
See you next week!



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1 Tube [6-3208 Magic Purple Cranberry Lined Crystal 6/0s](#)

1 Tube [8-641 Dyed Rose Bronze Silver Lined Alabaster 8/0s](#)

1 Strand [4mm Etched Full Capri Czech Glass Fire Polish](#)

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3 [Saturn Beads- Garnet Red](#)

Bright

1 Pkg [18G ParaWire- Non-Tarnish Silver](#)

1 Pkg [24G ParaWire- Non-Tarnish Silver](#)

1 Tube [6-451 Gunmetal 6/0s](#)

1 Tube [8-4221 Duracoat Galvanized Light Smoky Pewter 8/0s](#)

1 Strand [4mm Glittery Matte Silver Czech Glass Fire Polish](#)

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