

Beadshop LIVE: 7.26.19

Memory Wire & Macramé

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We love Memory Wire! And we love seeing what Janice creates with it, too.

This week we had two new designs from JP: a beachy boho beauty called Sandpiper, and a stunning show-stopper called Starling. Using more than just beads on your Memory Wire is so fun...break out the fibers! Get your macramé on!

Today we'll review our previously made samples as well as the new. Enjoy...

We're a little chatty today, but some of that chatter is about the bracelets!

At **Minute Marker 3:45** Kate shows us how to find a Project Map on a Project Page and shows off some of JP's handwritten notes (they'll be on the next page, too!)

Skip to **Minute Marker 13:00** to get right to the project!

Sandpiper

Cut a length of linen
24" and macramé
spiral
or square

Hide linen tails
inside a metal
bead. Secure with
a lot of glue.

Add charms
here and there.



Linen Tassels:

1. add a jump ring to the loop at each end of memory wire.
2. cut 5 lengths of linen 10" each per tassel. String linen through jump ring to halfway point.
3. gather linen tails and silk wrap over with a 20" length of linen.
4. add beads to each tail and double knot below. 8/7/19

Starling : This pattern is random but I did think about
7/19 where the macramé would "sit" from one wrap to the next.

cut strands of
CKC 8" each

Fold CKC in
half

gather CKC
with
22g. wire
add bring
through cone.
wire wrap tassel.

give tails of
CKC in
large-hole
beads

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Minute Marker 13:00

Let's take a peek at some of our past Memory Wire projects, too...

FB Live 4.19.17 Memory Wire is Back

Projects Made: [Lily](#), [Tall Meadow](#), and [First Fire](#)



FB Live 10.18.17 Patterning with Memory Wire

Projects Made: [Earthly Treasures](#) and [Into The Sea](#)



Free Tip Friday 6.29.18

Project Made: [Family Memories Bracelet](#)



Minute Marker 25:45

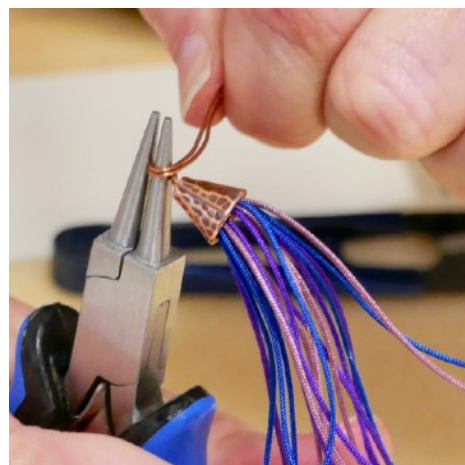
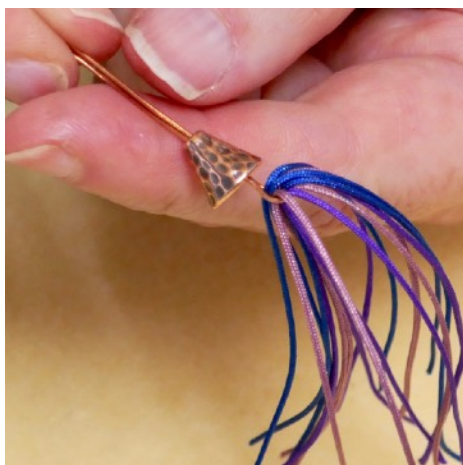
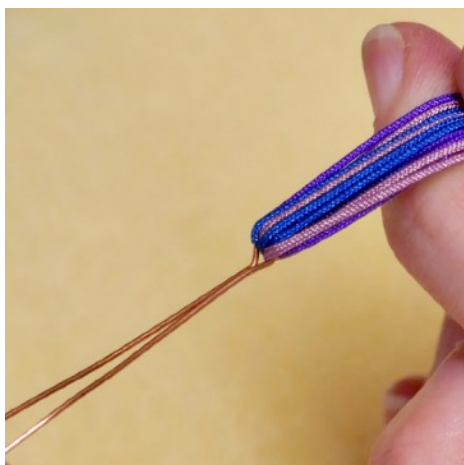
Ready to get started? Here's what we'll need in addition to your ingredients: [Memory Wire Cutter](#) (do NOT use regular Flush Cutters on Memory Wire!) [Clampers](#), [Chain Nose Pliers](#) and [Round Nose Pliers](#) [Nylon Jaw Pliers](#) and [Flush Cutters](#) (for wire wraps *only*) [Thread Snips](#) and [Thread Burner](#) (for your fibers)

Minute Marker 31:30

Once Alfie is put in Kitty Jail (ha!) Kate begins by making tassels to decorate her bracelets. She cuts several strands of her [0.5mm Chinese Knotting Cord](#) to 4.5" each, which she will fold in half and gather inside a wire-wrapped loop. Janice cut 8" strands and then cut them shorter after making the tassel...you do you! Cut your strands knowing they'll be folded over, and make your tassel as long or as short as your heart desires!

After work-hardening a length of [22G wire](#), Kate creates a wire loop with the tassel strands gathered inside. You want your loop nice and tight to hold those strands. Add a little drop of [glue](#) for some added security! Bring your [bead cap](#) down over the whole thing...it'll hide your wire loop and also help keep the strands in place. Using both wires as one, Kate creates a loop and wire-wraps coils beneath it. She adds this tassel and a charm to a jump ring, and this will be added to her bracelet later. For more on these basic wire techniques, see our [Skill Builders](#):

- [How to Wire War Using A Headpin](#)
- [How to wire Wrap A Bead Unit](#)
- [How to Wire-Wrap a Briolette](#)
- [How to Open and Close Jump Rings Securely](#)



Minute Marker 44:00

Time for the main event...Memory Wire! Janice used 10-12 coils (packages have 12 coils each) but if you want it shorter, again...you do you! Use your Memory Wire Cutters and only your Memory Wire Cutters to trim your wire! Using her Chain Nose Pliers, Kate makes a loop (yep, Chain Nose—not Round Nose!) on one end. She bends her wire to make the loop overlap a bit...that way there's no gap at all in her loop. She uses just a piece of tape to hold this looped end in place on her work surface.



Minute Marker 56:00

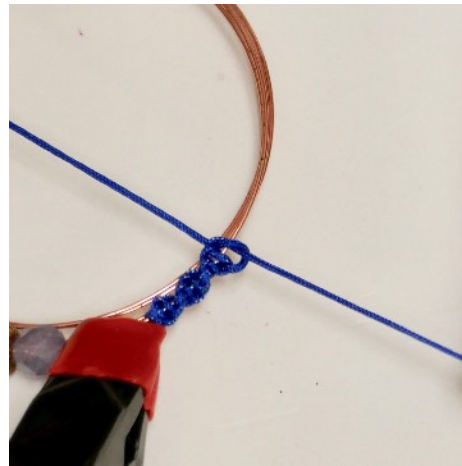
Kate has cut her strands and opened her packages and begins to string her beads right onto the wire, letting them slide down to the taped end. Mix it up! Don't worry about a pattern or a plan—just string at random! If you have trouble choosing beads at random, mix all your beads into one dish and grab blindly! If you want, make some intentional repeats if you so desire. Say it with me now...you do you!!



Minute Marker 1:00:30

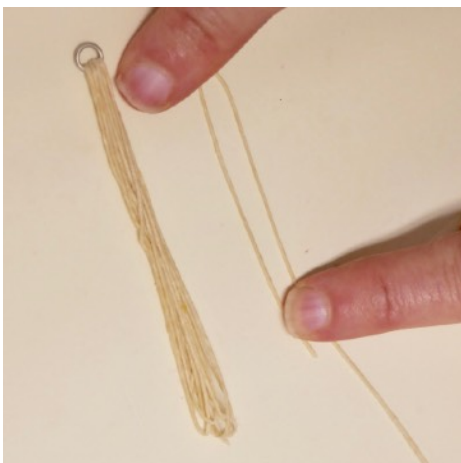
Get ready to macramé! Using her Clampers to hold her Memory Wire in place, Kate begins to tie her knots. In Sandpiper, Janice used Irish Waxed Linen, and in Starling she used three shades of Chinese Knotting Cord in 0.5mm. In the Family Memories design from June 2018 Kate used .5mm Leather...just about anything will do!

Kate shows how tying all “half” knots (and not a full square knot) creates a spiral, something you’ve seen us do in both 5 Stitch and Macramé With A Twist. Slide a large-holed bead up when you’re finished with your macramé sections, bring your stringing materials through the hole, add a drop of Zap Glue, and trim the tails...easy peasy!



Minute Marker 1:09:00

Here’s our second tassel style...this one done in the Irish Waxed Linen on Sandpiper. Kate cuts six 6” strands of linen and brings them through a jump ring. Securing them with a silk wrap, she can now add beads to the ends and knot them in place using a surgeon’s knot (going through her loop twice instead of once as in an overhand knot). Kate is using the Midnight Padres, where JP went monochrome with Natural Padres. Add your beads and knots at differing lengths, and there you have it!

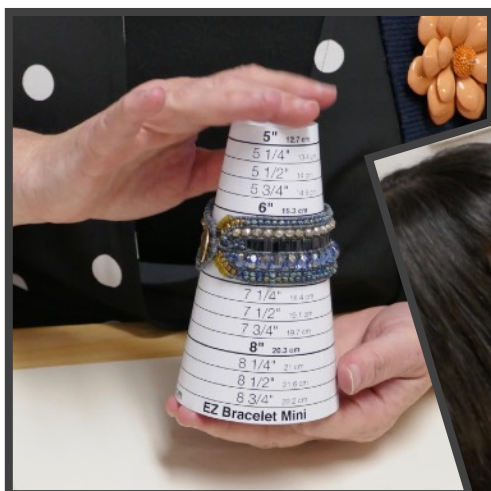


Minute Marker 1:21:30

Kate takes a few minutes to go over each bracelet so we can get a closer look at each one, checking out Janice's mix of random beading, patterns, and macramé. Check out a few close-up photos below for more ideas, and be sure to see Janice's Project Maps back on Page 2!



Thank you so much for joining us this week! We can't wait to see your Memory Wire masterpieces... as always, happy beading.



Things we love...

The EZ Mini Bracelet Sizer

can come in so very handy!

There's been a lot of chatter about it on our private FB Group lately!

Many thanks to Danielle Wickes for these earrings! Adapted from our Mambo design, Danielle used Peach Moonstone Star Cuts and an Antique Copper Briolette...gorgeous!

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Links to Events and More...

- [Last Week's Episode: Beaded Tassel Look Book](#)
- [Beadshop LIVE Youtube Playlist](#)
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- [The Journey Bead Retreat](#)

Links to This Project's Ingredients...

[Memory Wire Is Back](#)

Sandpiper

- 1 Pkg [2" Bracelet Memory Wire- Silver](#)
- 1 [10 Yard Nest 4-Ply Irish Waxed Linen- Natural](#)
- 1 Stand [Popcorn Padres- Natural](#)
- 1 Strand [6mm Botswana Agate Rounds](#)
- 1 Strand [6mm Vintage White Fire Polish](#)
- 1 Strand [4mm Vintage White Fire Polish](#)
- 1 Tube [11/0 Metal Seed Beads Silver Plate](#)
- 2 Pkgs [Tierra Heishi- Bright Silver](#)
- 2 [Squash Blossom Beads- Antique Silver](#)
- 1 Strand [Little Shadows- Silver Plate](#)
- 1 Pkg [Big Shadows- Silver](#)
- 2 [Queen Size Shadows- Silver](#)
- 1 [King Size Shadow- Silver](#)
- 2 [Little Hamsa Charms- Silver](#)
- 1 Pkg [6mm/18G Jump Rings- Antique Silver](#)

Starling

- 1 Pkg [2" Bracelet Memory Wire- Copper](#)
- 1 Spool [ParaWire Bare Copper- 22G Round](#)
- 1 Spool [0.5mm Chinese Knotting Cord- Geisha](#)
- 1 Spool [0.5mm Chinese Knotting Cord- Peacock](#)
- 1 Spool [0.5mm Chinese Knotting Cord- Violet](#)
- 1 Stand [Popcorn Padres- Midnight](#)
- 1 Strand [Faceted Sunset Dumortierite- Large Hole](#)
- 1 Strand [6mm Luster Stone Grey Fire Polish](#)
- 1 Strand [6mm Montana Blue Fire Polish](#)
- 1 Strand [4mm Iris Blue Fire Polish](#)
- 1 Tube [Crystal Celestian Blue O Beads](#)
- 1 Tube [11-4248 Duracoat S/L Dyed Dark Lilac 11/0s](#)
- 1 Tube [11/0 Metal Seed Beads Antique Copper](#)
- 1-2 Pkgs [Coiled Spacer- Antique Copper](#)
- 2 [Squash Blossom Beads- Antique Copper](#)
- 1 Pkg [Big Shadows- Antique Copper Plate](#)
- 2 [King Size Shadow- Copper](#)
- 1 [Hibiscus Drop Charms- Antique Copper](#)
- 1 [Little Hibiscus Drop Charms- Antique Copper](#)
- 1 [Pair Dimpled Cones- Antique Copper](#)
- 1 Pkg [6mm/18G Jump Rings- Antique Copper](#)



You will also want to have...

- [Memory Wire Cutter](#)
- [Clampers](#)
- [Chain Nose Pliers](#)
- [Round Nose Pliers](#)
- [Nylon Jaw Pliers](#)
- [Flush Cutters](#)
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- [Zap Glue](#)

