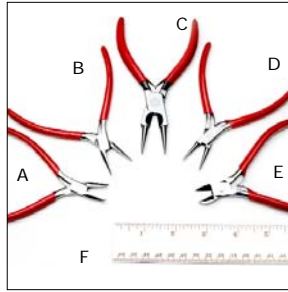


WIRE-WRAPPING A BRIOLETTE



TOOLS NEEDED

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



7" — Gold-filled wire, 24-gauge, dead soft



1 — Briolette (we used a 20 x 20mm gemstone drop)



Step 1
a) Slip a briolette onto the wire.
b) Leave 1/2" of the tail showing.



Step 2
Pinch both wires at the top of the briolette to form the shape of a triangle.



Step 3
Confirm that the briolette is centered inside the triangle.



Step 4
Cut one wire 1/8" from the top of the wire triangle.



Step 5
Using the needle-nose chain pliers grab both wires above the triangle.



Step 6
Bend the longer wire into a right angle.



Step 7
a) Switch to the round-nose pliers.
b) Place the tips of the pliers above and below the longer wire, at the right angle.



Step 8
Bring the end of the wire up and over the top plier tip.



Step 9
Rotate the bottom wire around the bottom plier tip.



Step 10
Continue bending the wire around the bottom plier tip.



Step 11
When the circle is complete, center it above the briolette.



Step 12
Starting at the base of the loop, begin wrapping the longer wire in the space between the loop and top of the wire triangle.



Step 13
Continue to wrap until you have run out of wire.



Step 14
Use the bent-nose chain pliers to gently tuck the end under the wire-wrapped cap.



Step 15
This will help prevent the wire from snagging on clothing or hair.