

## Chain Lariat

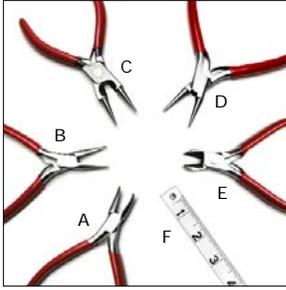


Skill Level: Intermediate

Prerequisite: *Wire Nirvana I*, *Earring Construction*, or wire-wrapping experience.

The lariat is a classic that never goes out of style. Make one as long or as short as you want. Create a long sexy summer necklace that will look perfect with summer sundresses. This design using chain has a new twist on a classic. This makes great bridal jewelry!

## Ingredients for the Chain Lariat



### TOOLS NEEDED

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

### STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

#### PART 1

- Making the Chain
- Attaching the beads

#### PART 2 -- Technique Reviews

- Wire-Wrapping a Briolette



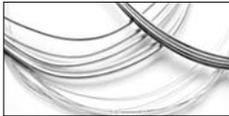
Approximately 28" - 36" — Sterling silver or gold-filled chain



15 - 20 — Briolettes



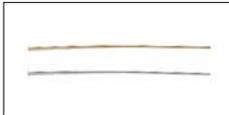
Approximately 100 — Beads (gemstones, pearls, crystals, and/or glass)



1 package — 26-gauge or 28-gauge sterling silver or gold-filled wire  
 1 package — 24-gauge Sterling silver or gold-filled wire



1 — 13mm-20mm soldered jump ring



1 package — 26-gauge, 2" sterling silver or gold-filled headpins

## Making the Chain



**Step 1**  
Begin by folding the 26" - 28" length of chain in half and cutting it into two even segments.



**Step 2**  
Count over 8 large links from the end of one of the chain segments. Cut this section off. You should now have three separate sections of chain, two long sections, and one with 8 large links.



**Step 3**  
Wire-wrap a briolette onto the first large link of the chain.



**Step 5**  
Wire-wrap seven more briolettes onto the chain, one on each large link.



**Step 6**  
Wire-wrap a bead to the end of the chain. Leave one side of the bead unwrapped. We will be attaching the rest of the chain here.



**Step 7**  
Wire-wrap the bead from the short section of chain onto the the last link of one of the larger sections.



**Step 8**  
Repeat steps 6 and 7 on the other end of the segment, so that the eight briolettes are now roughly in the middle of the chain.



**Step 9**  
Using another section of wire, begin a wire-wrap around the soldered jump ring.



**Step 10**  
Wrap a bead to the jump ring and connect the the other end to the last link in the shorter of the two sections of chain.

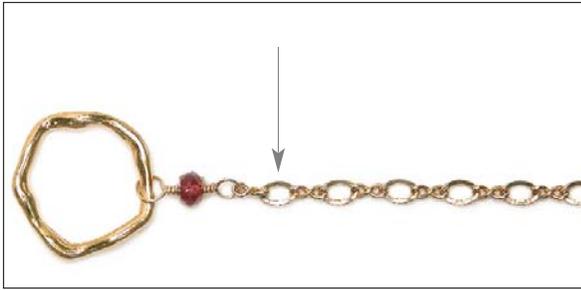


**Step 11**  
Wrap the bead to the chain.

## Attaching the Beads



**Step 12**  
Attach a single bead to the other end of the chain.



**Step 13**  
Find the first large link over from the wire-wrapped bead.



**Step 14**  
Insert the headpin through the first large link of the chain.



**Step 15**  
Wire-wrap the bead onto the link so that it hangs downwards.



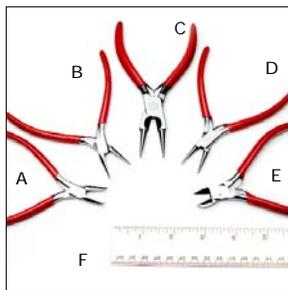
**Step 16**  
Continue Wire wrapping different beads onto to each large link of the chain for about 8"-12". This will be the section that hangs in front when the lariat is worn.



**Step 17**  
About halfway down the chain, towards the briolettes in the center, begin to space the beads at a distance of about every other large chain link. Repeat this process on the other side of the chain and the lariat will be complete.



## 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 plier tip to the top of the loop.



**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.