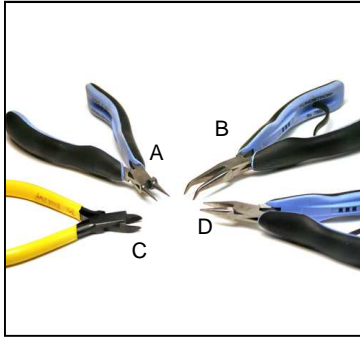# The Bead Shop ™

Decorative Briolettes

Skill Level: Intermediate
Prerequisites: 1-2 beginner wire work classes, including Briolette Tutorial or equivalent experience.

Plain briolette wraps are so last season. Give them a fresh new look by embellishing them in ways you'd never think possible. This handout will show you lots of new ideas on how to put your briolettes back in the limelight.

Ingredients for

TOOLS NEEDED

A. Round-nose pliers
B. Bent-nose pliers
C. Wire cutters
D. Needle-nose pliers

STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS
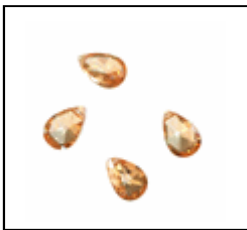
Getting Started

Designing

Don't Forget!

Tying up Loose Ends

2 feet of 26-28 gauge wire

Assortment of medium to large size briolettes
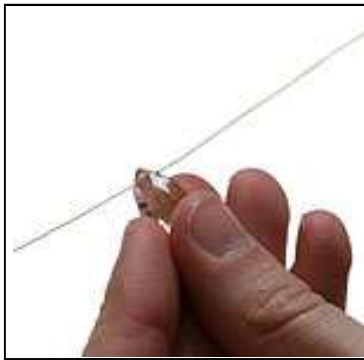
Optional: Chain for necklaces

Optional: Earwires for earrings

Part 1:

Step 1
Measure and cut approx. 6 inches of wire.

Step 2
Thread your briolette onto the center of your wire.

Step 3
Pinch the wires to point straight up above the tip of the briolette.

Step 4
Using your needle nose pliers, hold the two wires at the very tip of the briolette.

Step 5
Bend the two wires to a right angle in opposite directions.

Step 6
Begin to make a loop on one side with your round nose pliers under the right angle you just made.

Step 7
Bring the wire over your tool.

Step 8
Rotate your round nose tool and continue to bring your wire into a loop.

Part 2:

Step 9
Make loop on the other wire by repeating Steps 6-8.

Step 10
You should now have two loops, side by side, with the tail of the wire pointed down.

Step 11
Grab both loops with your needle nose pliers.

Step 12
Begin to coil from the loops down toward the tip of the briolette with one the wires.

Step 13
Once you reach the tip of the briolette, wrap around the shoulder of the briolette.

Step 14
Begin to make the spiral by beginning to curl the end of the wire with your round nose.

Step 15
Curl the spiral as much as you you'd like. Then, press it gently against the briolette.

Step 16
Repeat on the other side.

Part 3:

Step 17
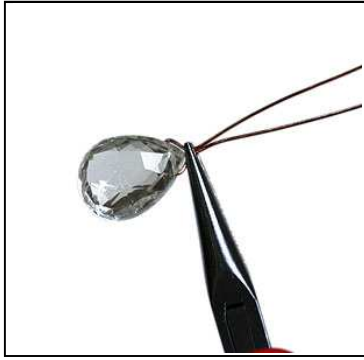Again, press the spiral gently against the briolette and you're done.

Double Loop with Double Spiral
Using a clear stone, you can see through it to the spiral on the other side.

Sample 2

Step 1
Measure and cut approx. 6 inches of wire.

Step 2
Repeat steps 2 to 4 from sample one. Pinch both wires with your chain nose pliers.

Step 3
Bend both wires back to a right angle.

Step 4
Switch your round nose pliers to make your loop, once again with both wires together.

Step 5
Rotate your round nose pliers and bend both wires back to complete your loop.

Step 6
Keep the round nose pliers in the loop and start to coil from the loop onto the briolette. It's best if you use your fingers to wrap the wires.

Step 7
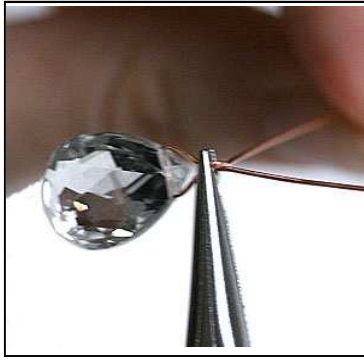Bring the wires around to one side of the briolette.

Step 8
Repeat steps 14 and 15 from sample one to make the spirals. You can change the direction of your loop at the top as shown above for an added touch.
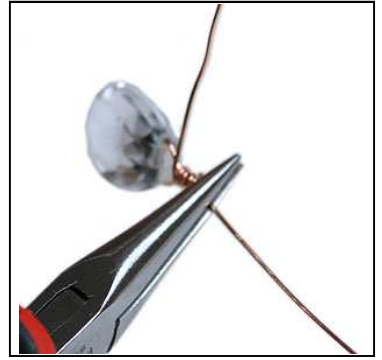
Sample 3

Step 1
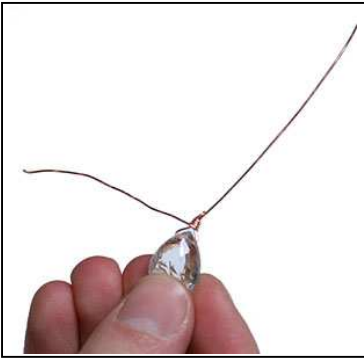Measure and cut approx. 6 inches of wire.

Step 2
Repeat steps 2 to 4 from sample one. Begin to make a loop with one wire by bending it down to a right angle.

Step 3
Make a loop with your round nose pliers (as though you are doing a basic briolette wrap).

Step 4
Hold the loop with your chain nose pliers and begin to make coils from the loop down to the tip of the briolette.

Step 5
Once you've completed the coils, begin to make your spirals with both wires.

Step 6
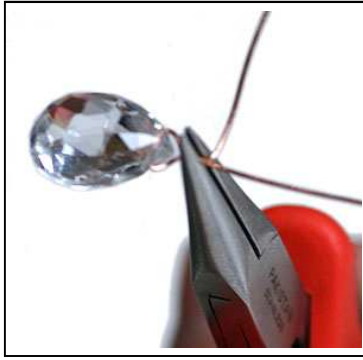Wire one from the side.

Step 7
Wire two from the top.

Step 8
Finished.

Sample 4

Step 1
Measure and cut approx. 6 inches of wire.

Step 2
Repeat steps 2 to 4 from sample one. Hold the wires with the chain nose pliers. Bend one wire down to the side to create a right angle.
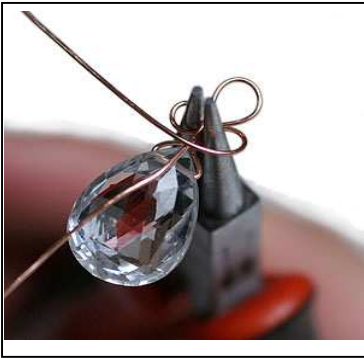
Step 3
Make the first loop by holding the wire with a round noses pliers and bend the wire counter clockwise.
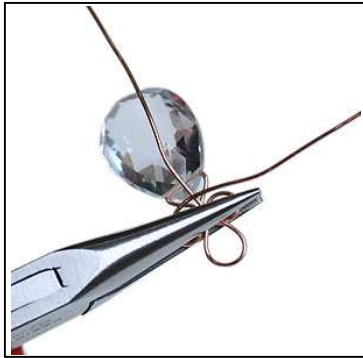
Step 4
Using the same wire, begin to form another loop you just made. This will be your middle loop, so it doesn't have to be the same size as the first.
Use the other wire for steps 5 and 6.

Step 5
Using the second wire, form the final loop so that it mirrors the first loop you made. You will use the remaining wire from this to form your coil that secures all three of your loops together.

Step 6
To secure, hold all three loops with your chain nose pliers and coil around both wires.

Step 7
Use the remaining wire to spiral for an added touch, or simply trim off for a more simplistic look.

Step 7
You are finished!

Sample 5

Step 1
Thread your briolette onto your 6" piece of wire, leaving 3/4" on one side.

Step 2
Bend the long wire down to the side to a right angle.

Step 3
Make the first loop bending the wire counter clockwise.

Step 4
Make a second loop just above the first moving in a continuous counter clockwise direction. Cut the short wire just a bit, leaving just enough to coil around later as we secure the briolette.

Step 5
With the long wire, continue making your loops by moving in a counter clockwise direction. The third loop you make will be the top loop.
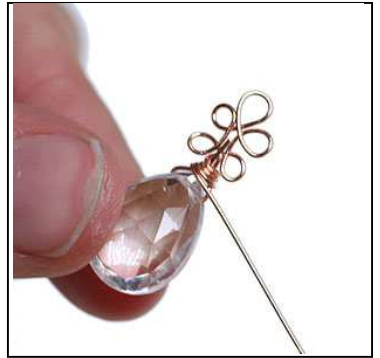
Tip: Wait until you have all five loops made, then go back and adjust them.

Step 6
Once all loops are completed, adjust to make them consistent. Bring the remaining wire to the side.

Step 7
To coil, be sure to use your hands (not tools) to hold the loops.

Step 8
Make coils down the tip of the briolette. Trim off the extra wire, or use the remaining to spiral. Congratulations! You are Finished!
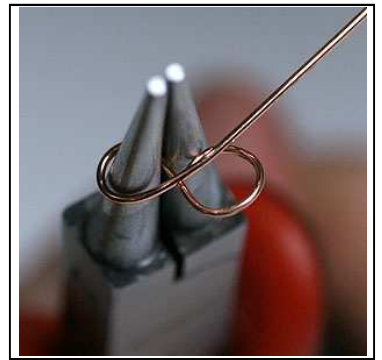
Sample 6

Step 1
Measure and cut approx. 6 inches of wire.

Step 2
Using the tip of one side of your wire, form a basic rosary loop with your round nose pliers.
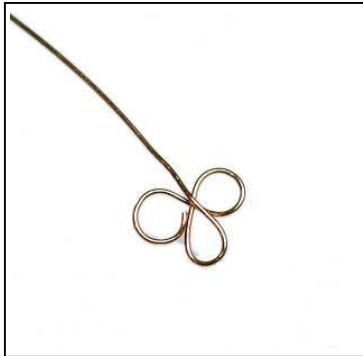
Step 3
Begin to form another loop just beneath the first loop you made. For this pattern, you will be forming the second loop in the opposite direction so it forms a "figure eight".
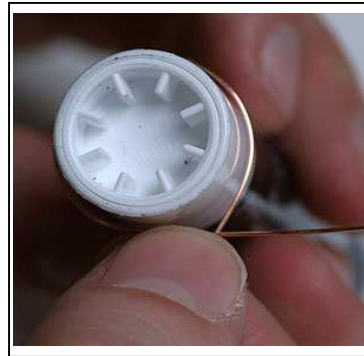
Step 4
(Forming the figure eight)

Step 5
Continue on to the third loop to complete the flower design. See photo.

Step 6
Tip: you can adjust the flower to be perfectly symmetrical or you can vary the sizes of the loops for a fresh alternative.

Step 7
Now we are going to form the part that wraps loosely around the wire glass. You can use a large pen to form your circle.

Step 8
Slide the bead into place. You can use briolettes, or you can use regular straight drilled beads.

Step 17
Trim the remaining wire after it meets with the flower design.

Step 17
Form a "loose" rosary loop that you can use to "latch" onto the flower.

Decorative Wine Charm
Ta DA! You are finished. It's simple, classic and elegant.