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- How to use half hard and square wire to wrap a bead to make a pendant.

SUPPLIES:

- *Bead Gallery® Orange Dyed Reconstituted Stone Pumpkin Beads, 25mm (Item # 10471743)*
- *Swarovski™ Create Your Style™ Bicone Crystals, 4mm (Item # 10219179)*
- *Beadalon® German Style Wire, Half Round (Item # 10157924)*
- *Beadalon® German Style Wire, Square (Item # 10157927)*
- *Bead Landing™ Nylon Cording Value Pack (Item # 10393570) (or chain, cord for hanging the pendant)*

TOOLS:

- *Beadalon® Nylon Jaw Flat Nose Pliers (Item # 10157928)*
- *Beadalon® Sparkle Chain Nose Pliers (Item # 10121794)*
- *Beadalon® Sparkle Bent Chain Nose Pliers (Item # 10121795)*
- *Beadalon® Sparkle Semi-Flush Cutter (Item # 10121797)*
- *Beadalon® Sparkle Round Nose Pliers (Item # 10121796)*
- *Bead Landing™ Triple Bail Forming Pliers (Item # 10223254) (*optional)*

STEP 1

Cut 5x 8" (20cm) pieces of square wire and make sure there aren't any kinks. It's ok to keep the curve in the wire.

STEP 2

Cut 4x 4" (10cm) pieces of half round wire.

STEP 3

The half round wire has one side that is flat, and one side that is rounded. Grasp a piece of half round wire at the middle with chain nose pliers and bend up at a 90 degree angle so that the flat side is on the inside and the round side is on the outside of the bend. Repeat with each half round wire.

STEP 4

Hold the 4 square wires together in the bent part of the bent chain nose pliers. Place the half round wire against the 4 wire unit and wrap it around the 4 wires. Once you have it wrapped once, hold it in place with your pliers and wrap the half round wire around the square wire 4 times.

Tip: After each quarter wrap, make sure the half round wire lies flat against the 4 square wire unit. Use your chain nose pliers to gently squeeze the half round wire down against the square wire.

Tip: If you can't get your first wrap as tight as the subsequent wraps, wrap 4 times, then undo your first wrap.

STEP 5

Make sure you end your wrap with both wires facing the same direction. Cut each wire so when you bend it down, it will cover half of the square wires unit. Bend the half round wires flat against the square wire. This will now be the inside of your base unit.

STEP 6

Follow steps 4 and 5 to add 2 more wire wraps 1 inch (2.5cm) on either side of the first wrap.

STEP 7

Put the pumpkin bead on a flat surface and gently use your fingers to bend the 4 wire unit around it to make a round shape.

Tip: Use small, gradual movements to keep the wires round. If you get a kink or an unwanted bend, use the nylon jaw pliers to straighten it out.

Tip: Use a thicker round object, like a spice jar, to help bend the wires into shape first.

STEP 8

Find the point where the wire meet at the top of the pendant, and use the chain nose pliers to bend all 8 wires at a 90 degree angle first on one side, then on the other. Double check that the wires meet at the top of the pendant without a gap or an overlap.

STEP 9

Now, you will create the framework to hold the pendant in place. Using the tips of the bent chain nose pliers, bend the two outside wires on the 4 wire unit in between each of the wraps and between the wraps and the top bends. After each bend, put the pendant in the cage to check for fit.

STEP 10

Check where the top wires come together and adjust any bends so that they meet, don't overlap, and there are no gaps when you put the pendant into the cage.

STEP 11

Adjust the 8 wires so that each group of 4 is laying side by side, and both groups of 4 are resting against each other. Hold it in place and wrap with the remaining half round wire as in steps 4-5.

Tip: It can be tricky to get all of the wires together, so feel free to use a scrap of wire to make a temporary wrap at the top of the wires to get them aligned.

Tip: Once you get one tight wrap, hold the unit above the half round wire with your bent chain nose pliers to finesse everything together.

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STEP 12

Wrap the half round wire around the 8 square wire unit 5 times, and trim the ends. If you've used any scrap wires to hold the unit together, carefully remove them.

STEP 13 – Making the Bail

Gently bend the 4 wires on the left to the left about 20 degrees.
Gently bend the 4 wires on the right to the right about 20 degrees.
Bend the front two wires and the back two wires down at right angles. Use round nose pliers, or bail making pliers to bend the middle three wires on the right around to the left, and the middle three wires on the left around to the right. Trim the end of the 4 outside wires and use a round nose pliers to turn a loop on the end. Use your pliers, or your fingers to bend the wires down in a decorative way. Trim the ends of the middle wires to the same length and use round nose pliers to turn loops on the ends of each of the wires.

STEP 14

Hang your pendant with a lark's head knot on a cord or use it as a pendant for a beaded design.

STEP 15

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