

WIRE WRAPPED SNAKE PENDANT

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This fun wire snake design makes a fun pendant but could also be wrapped around a ring mandrel to create a cool snake ring.



Materials:

- Beadalon 18 gauge German style wire, round - #10390887
- Beadalon 26 gauge Artistic Wire - #10237075
- Preciosa Glass Crystal Bicone, 6mm - #10686744
- Beadalon 6mm jump ring - #194737699645669391

Tools:

- Beadalon Chain Nose Pliers - #174105032875081739
- Beadalon Stepped Bail Making Pliers - #D696225S
- Beadalon Flush Cutter - #D521849S
- Beadalon Flat Nose Pliers - #D696218S
- Beadalon Nylon Jaw Pliers - #10157928

Instructions:

Step 1 - Cut a 12 inch (30.48cm) piece of 18 gauge wire.

Step 2 - Bend the wire at the halfway point and use the flat nose pliers to create a diamond shape for the head of the snake, with the two long ends of the wire running side by side to form the body.

Step 3 - Cut a 40 inch (101.6cm) piece of 26 gauge wire and anchor it to the body with 4 wire wraps, 4 inches (10.16cm) from the end of the 26 gauge wire.

Step 4 - Weave the 26 gauge wire down the two 18 gauge wires with the following pattern : 4 wraps around the bottom wire and 2 wraps around both. Repeat this pattern until you have 3.5 inches (8.89cm) of woven wire. Trim the end.

Step 5 - Trim the ends of the 18 gauge wire, leaving 1 inch (2.54cm) of wire on the ends.

Step 6 - Using the stepped bail making pliers, swirl the ends of the wires into the desired shape.

Step 7 - Using the nylon jaw pliers and your fingers, form the body into the desired shape.

Step 8 - Wrap the beginning of the 26 gauge wire up to the first bend in the head of the snake.

Step 9 - Thread a bicone onto the wire and secure the bead by wire wrapping the end of the wire around the bend of the head on the opposite side. Trim the end.

Step 10 - Add a jump ring to the head of the snake and add to any stringing material.