Wire Wrap with Seed Beads!

What You'll Need

Size 6/0 Czech Seed Beads, Eggshell SKU 10737541
Pear Connector 45.5mm x 32mm, Gold SKU 10696889
24-gauge German Style Wire, Gold SKU 10162860
2 x Rose Quartz Charm, SKU 10716962

Nylon Jaw Pliers, SKU 10224599
Bail Forming Pliers, SKU 10223254
Flush Cutters, SKU 10443472
Chain Nose Pliers, SKU 10443474

Optional - if you'd like to make the ear wires yourself and work harden:
20-gauge German Style Wire, Gold SKU 10162859
A round dowel, approx 0.5inch. I use my Tulip Needle case. A Sharpie would also work.
A solid and stable surface to hammer your soft metal jewelry, such as SKU 10441760
A nylon hammer or wooden block
A file or wire rounder tool

Beginner Wire Wrapping
1-Hour

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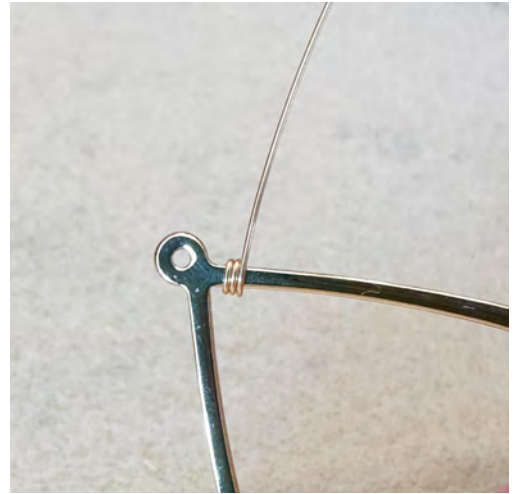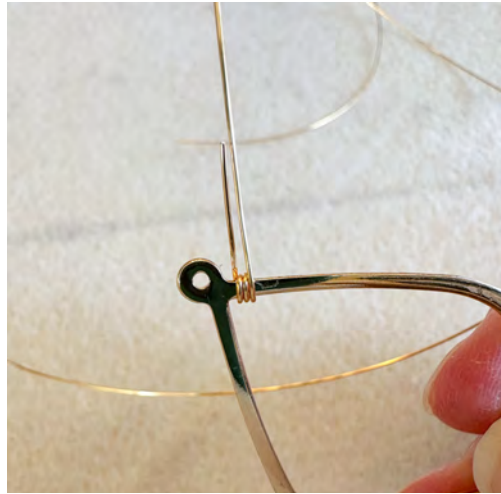Tag #MakeItWithMichaels and #JohnBead

Introduction

Let's make a stunning pair of earrings! In class we will share wire wrap on a component technique to show embellishing a frame with seed beads and adding a gemstone element. As a bonus we will show a quick demo for how to make your own ear wires.

Choose any color or combination of colors in Size 6/0 Czech seed beads.

Step 1

Cut 40-inches of 24-gauge German style wire. Use nylon jaw pliers to straighten and smooth out any curve or memory formed from the packaging coil. Place an inch to 1.5-inches across the top of the component. Wrap the short end around the component. Trim excess with flush cutter pliers. Use chain nose pliers to flatten the tail down.
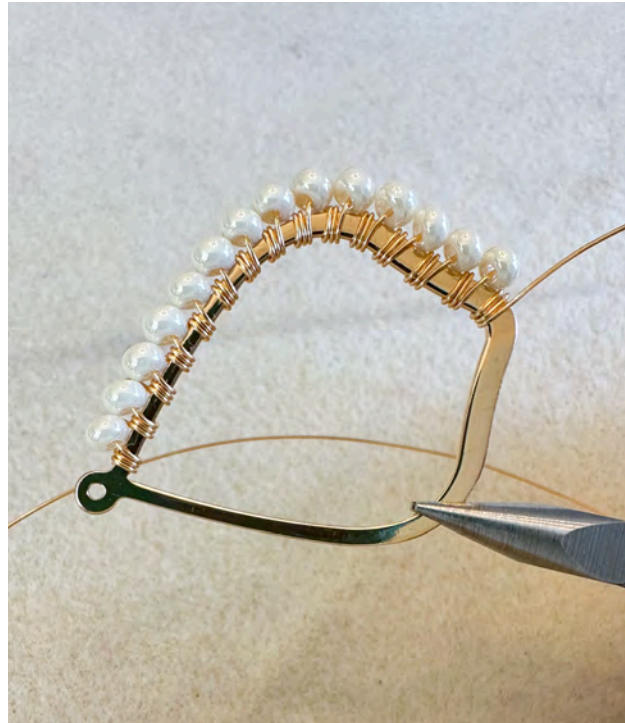

Step 2

String a seed bead onto the wire. Hold the bead in place. Fold the wire back. Coil around three times. It is easiest if you try to begin pushing the wire through right after folding it back, then slowly pull it through the center of the component. After forming your coils, if needed, use chain nose pliers to clean up and tighten the coils and press the beads into position on the frame.

Step 3

Repeat Step 2 until just before the bottom point of the connector.

Navigate the point by using the small step on your bail forming pliers to create an open wrap, which leaves a loop at the point. You can use your chain nose pliers to adjust this as necessary. Complete two wraps around the component after it.

Step 4
Continue adding beads and wrapping three coils.

Step 5
Cut the excess wire after the third coil. Trim and press down the tail to finish.

Step 6
Open the jump ring on the charm. Attach it to the loop we made at the bottom of the earring. Attach an ear wire to the top loop of the connector.

Bonus - in class we will use 20-gauge wire to whip up a custom ear wire.