

WIRE WRAPPING 101 - MAKE A LINK BRACELET

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Learn how to make a simple loop, how to make a wrapped loop, and how to connect loops together in a chain to make a bracelet. Finish your bracelet with a hook clasp made out of a single piece of wire.



- Materials:
- Artistic Wire®, Silver 22 Gauge Item # 10193634
- Artistic Wire®, Silver 18 Gauge Item # 10193632
- Assorted Jump Rings by Bead Landing™ Item # 10697747
- permanent marker
- Jewelry Pliers Tool Set by Bead Landing™ Item # 10334538
- Beadalon® Nipper Tool Item # 10302215
- Beadalon® Nylon Jaw Flat Nose Pliers Item # 10157928
- Bead Landing™ Triple Bail Forming Pliers Item # 10223254
- Gold Half Faceted Glass Rondelle Beads by Bead Landing™ Item # 10594120
- Labradorite Nugget Beads, 20mm by Bead Landing™ Item # 10685872

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Use the permanent marker to mark a line on both jaws of the round nose pliers about ½ way between the tips and the joint. This will help make sure that your loops are consistently sized.

STEP 1

Use the Nylon Jaw Pliers to straighten the end of the 22 Gauge Artistic Wire and cut a piece about 4 inches (10 cm) long.

STEP 2

Make a wrapped Loop. Trim and use the Chain Nose Pliers to tuck in the end.

STEP 3

String on one 8mm rondel, one labradorite cube, and one 8mm rondel. Make a wrapped loop on the wire tail. Trim and use Chain Nose Pliers to tuck in the end.

STEP 4

Begin your next wrapped loop, but before closing the wrap, link it into the loop on your first wrapped component.

STEP 5

Repeat Step 3 and 4 until your bracelet is about 1.5 inch (38 mm) shorter than the finished size.

STEP 6

Use the Triple Bail Forming Pliers to make a hook clasp. Add it with jump rings to either side of your bracelet.

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