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This fun design can be used around any of your favorite coin shaped beads and adds a bright burst of sunshine to your wardrobe.

- Materials:
- Beadalon 24 gauge round German style wire - #10162860
- Beadalon 18 gauge round German style wire - #10390887
- Beadalon 22 gauge round German style wire - #10121778
- Bead Landing Metallic Sunburst Czech glass bead mix - #10720289
- Tools:
- Beadalon Flat Nose Pliers - #181567612849111043
- Beadalon Chain Nose and Bent Chain Nose Pliers - #174105032875081739
- Beadalon Round Nose Pliers - #181810768127606796
- Beadalon Flush Cutter - #D521849S

Instructions:

Step 1 - Cut 5, 5 inch (12.7cm) pieces of 18 gauge German style wire.

Step 2 - Cut a 40 inch (101.6cm) piece of 24 gauge German style wire.

Step 3 - Wire wrap the 24 gauge piece of wire to one of the 18 gauge wire pieces with six clockwise wire wraps, 1 inch (2.54cm) from the end of the wire.

Step 4 - Add a second 18 gauge wire, placing it above the first wire and wire wrap up the front of both wires but only wrap entirely around the second wire.

Step 5 - Add a third wire, placing it above the previous wire and wire wrap up the front of the second and third wires but only wrap entirely around the third wire.

Step 6 - Add a fourth wire, placing it above the previous wire and wire wrap up the front of the third and fourth wire but only wrap entirely around the fourth wire.

Step 7 - Add a fifth wire, placing it above the previous wire and wrap up the front of the fourth and fifth wire. Guide the wire up and over the fifth wire and down the back of the wires, bringing the wire out, towards you, between wires 2 and 3.

Step 8 - Guide the wire up the front of wires 3 and 4 and between wires 4 and 5. Guide the wire down the back of the wires, bringing the wire out, towards you, between wires 1 and 2.

Step 9 - Guide the wire up the front of wires 2 and 3 and between the wires 3 and 4. Guide the wire down the back of the wires, bringing the wire out, towards you, underneath wire 1 and wrap around wire 1 six times.

Step 10 - Repeat this process (steps 4-9) 10 to 11 times, creating a total of 10 or 11 sun rays. Trim the end of the wrapping wire and tidy the beginning of the weave with the cutter tool.

Step 11 - Gently pull each 18 gauge wire out of the wire weave.

Step 12 - Cut a 10 inch (25.4cm) piece of 22 gauge German style wire.

Step 13 - Create a wrapped loop at one end of the wire with six wire wraps.

Step 14 - Thread a coin bead onto the wire.

Step 15 - Guide the wire up the back of the bead and secure with a wire wrap around the existing wire wraps, making sure the wire is coming out and around to the front of the bead.

Step 16 - Thread the bottom of the wire weave onto the 22 gauge wire.

Step 17 - Guide the 22 gauge wire with the wire weave around the outer edge of the bead and secure with wire wraps around the existing wire wraps.

Step 18 - Add a jump ring or thread directly onto a chain or other stringing material.