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This fun necklace project is a great way to create your own chain. You can make the chain any length for necklaces, bracelets or short sections for earrings and more! Add your favorite color beads for a little extra sparkle or leave the wire plain for a trendy large link design.

Materials:

- Beadalon 18 gauge German style wire, round - #10390887
- Beadalon 26 gauge Artistic Wire - #10237075
- Light Blue Faceted Glass beads by Bead Landing - #10594113
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Tools:

- Beadalon Stepped Bail Making Pliers - #D6962255
- Beadalon Chain and Bent Chain Nose Pliers Set - #174105032875081739
- Beadalon Designer Flush Cutter - #D521849S
- Nylon Hammer - #166320011431084059
- Steel Block - #10441760
- Ruler

Instructions:

Step 1 - Cut 14 3.5 inch (8.89cm) pieces of 18 gauge wire.

Step 2 - Cut 14 1 inch (2.54cm) pieces of 18 gauge wire.

Step 3 - Cut 13 3.5 inch (8.89cm) pieces of 26 gauge wire.

Step 4 - With one of the 3.5 inch (8.89cm) pieces of 18 gauge wire, create a small loop on one end using the smallest mandrel of the bail making pliers.

Step 5 - Repeat Step 4 on the opposite end of the wire, going in the opposite direction of the loop from the previous step.

Step 6 - Using the largest mandrel of the bail making pliers, create a hook shape on either side of the wire, running in opposite directions of each other.

Step 7 - Place the newly formed component onto the block and work harden with the nylon hammer.

Step 8 - Repeat Steps 1-7 until you have created a total of 13 wire components.

Step 9 - With one of the 1 inch (2.54cm) pieces of 18 gauge wire, create a small loop on one end using the second to smallest mandrel of the bail making pliers.

Step 10 - Repeat Step 9 on the opposite end of the wire, going in the opposite direction of the loop from the previous step.

Step 11 - Place the newly formed component on the block and work harden with the nylon hammer.

Step 12 - Repeat Steps 9-11 until you have created a total of 14 small wire components.

Step 13 - Pick up one of the larger wire components and wire wrap a small bead into one side of the component with a piece of the pre-cut 26 gauge wire using 5 to 6 wraps on both sides.

Step 14 - Repeat Step 13 on each of the large wire components.

Step 15 - Using chain nose pliers, use the smaller components to link the larger components to each other, building a wire chain. Make sure each end of the chain ends in a small wire component.

Step 16 - With the last remaining piece of 18 gauge wire, create a wrapped loop on one end.

Step 17 - Use the bail making pliers and chain nose pliers to form a hook shaped clasp.

Step 18 - Work harden the clasp on the steel block with the nylon hammer.

Step 19 - Using chain nose pliers, attach the newly formed clasp onto one end of the chain.