



BEADY WIRE HEART PENDANT

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Whip up these whimsical necklaces in a variety of colors for all your pals. Play with using random colors as shown in the small version, or work in a pattern as shown in the larger version. Consider favorite team colors, birthstone colors, or holiday themes!

Skill Level: Beginner to Advanced

Techniques to know: Wire wrapping

Finished size: about 4"

MATERIALS

80 - 15° seed beads

22 - 8° seed beads each in 3 colors

30" NTW Wire Medium Copper 24g

8" NTW Wire Antique Copper 18g

1 - Jump ring 11/64 inch Natural

Nylon Wire Straightener

Deluxe Beader's Tool Kit

Round nose and chain nose pliers

Flush cutter

Bench Block

Domed Chasing Hammer

Optional: cord, leather, chain

DESIGN OPTION: Glue a pinback to the back side as an option other than a pendant.

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FIGURE 1

Step 1. Cut an 8" piece of 18g wire and straighten it. Place the round nose pliers jaw 1/3 down on the wire and bend both sides up.

FIGURE 2

Step 2. Using the tip of the round nose pliers, roll the wire end up creating a spiral.

FIGURE 3

Step 3. Repeat on the other wire end making a smaller spiral. Work-harden the heart by hammering one side and flipping it over to hammer the other side. Gently push the spirals so they're touching.

FIGURE 4

Step 4. Cut a 30" piece of 24g wire and tightly wrap one end twice around the bottom of the heart. Gently squeeze the wraps with your chain nose pliers.

FIGURE 5

Step 5. Slide a small bead, larger bead and small bead onto the wire and tightly wrap twice around the other side of the heart.

FIGURE 6

Step 6. Slide a large bead, small bead and large bead onto the wire and tightly wrap twice around the heart base. Repeat Steps 5 and 6 adjusting to the width by adapting small and large beads to fit each row. You may need to add two small beads to fill a gap for example. Move onto Step 7 once you reach the spiral.

FIGURE 7

Step 7. Pull the spirals out and away from the beaded heart base and load the wire with enough beads to reach the bridge (where the spirals touch). Wrap around with the touching wires twice.

FIGURE 8

Step 8. Add enough beads to the wire to reach the other side of the heart and tightly wrap twice.

FIGURE 9

Step 9. Repeat Steps 7 and 8 until you reach the top of the heart. Double wrap and cut both wire tails. Add a jump ring to the top of the heart and attach to a chain, leather or cord.

ABOUT KRISTAL WICK

Residing in breathtaking Colorado with her rescue pups Sparkle & Twinkle, International award-winning designer and past Swarovski Instructor **KRISTAL WICK** has creations in galleries spanning the globe, with works owned by many celebrities including Jimmy Buffett and Ali Macgraw. Her designs have appeared on The Martha Stewart Show, HGTV, PBS, JTV, YouTube and for Michaels. She teaches worldwide at jewelry, fiber, quilt shows; on cruises, and with Creative Mindfulness workshops for Google. Her invention of Sassy Silkies and Batik Beauty hand-painted silk beads rocked the bead market and inspired four published books: *Fabulous Fabric Beads*, *Foxy Epoxy*, *Metal Clay #101 for Beaders*, *Sassy Silky Savvy*. Check out her healthy dog treats, too! [www. KristalsCriticrCreations.com](http://www.KristalsCriticrCreations.com).

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Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6



Figure 7 (back side)



Figure 8



Figure 9

