

## Curl and Twirl Copper and Olive Tigertail Necklace by Vicky

Sometimes the simplest ideas really are the best. Using just a few beads and a little clever planning Vicky has made a stunning necklace and earring set for very little money.

### Recipe

1.5 metres Copper Soft Flex in fine (0.014)  
3 x 8mm Copper capri facets  
8 x 6mm Olive AB facets  
6 x 4mm Copper Capri facets  
2 x 4mm Olive facets  
FN026 Ant Copper box fastener  
2 x FN141 Copper jumprings  
15 x FN062 Ant Copper French crimps  
1 pair FN006 Small fishhooks

### To Make the Earrings

Cut 20cm of Soft Flex. Thread on 1 x olive AB 6mm facet - 1 x copper capri 8mm facet - 1 x olive AB 6mm Facet. Bring the two ends of Soft Flex together through a French crimp. Adjust the loop until it is the length you prefer and secure the crimp. Trim one end of the Soft Flex, then thread on a 4mm copper Capri facet and a French crimp. Turn the end of the Soft Flex into a loop back through the French crimp just added, secure the crimp, trim the end of the Soft Flex back and tuck the end into the facet just added. Attach a fishhook to this top loop. Repeat to make the other earring

If you have not worked with Soft Flex before you may find it useful to read the Threading with Beading Wires download from the Techniques page of the website before you start on this project

### To Make the Necklace

It is easiest to start this necklace from the centre so you can adjust the length and curves as you go.

(1) Thread on 1 x 4mm copper Capri facet - 1 x olive AB 6mm facet - 1 x 8mm copper Capri facet - 1 x olive AB 6mm facet - 1 x 4mm copper Capri facet and 1 French crimp. Cross over the Soft Flex through the French crimp, creating the central loop on the necklace. When you are happy with the size of the loop secure the crimp.

Now work out to the sides starting on one side of the necklace

(2) On one side of this loop thread on 1 x French crimp and 1 x 6mm olive AB facet. Form a loop in the Soft Flex, slipping it through one of the 4mm copper capri facets added in (1) and then through the crimp just added in the same direction as before. Adjust the loop just formed so that it is slightly smaller than the first and secure the French crimp.

(3) Now for the smallest loop on this side. Thread on 1 x crimp - 1 x 4mm copper Capri facet - 1 x crimp, curl the Soft Flex round, slipping it through the olive facet added in step (2), and bring it back through the first crimp added in the same direction. Secure the crimp when you are happy with the proportions of the loop. Now secure the 2nd crimp added under the copper Capri 4mm facet to hold it halfway down the outer side of the loop.

(4) Repeat steps two and three on the other side of the necklace.

(5) On each side thread on 1 x crimp - 1 x olive 4mm facet - 1 x crimp. Loop the Soft Flex back through the end crimps and adjust the length on both sides of the necklace until it is the correct size for you. Secure the end crimps. Trim back the Soft Flex. Bring the olive facets up to cover the ends of the Soft Flex and secure the crimps on the other side.

(6) To complete the necklace attach the box fastener to the end loops with the two 4mm jumprings.