

Funky Flowers



Have you made a Groovy Butterfly?

Why not make some Funky Flowers to add to your display?



Choose your petal colour
 To make a 8.5cm diameter flower we used -
 12 large oval beads GL1057 for the purple flower
 11 large oval beads GL0700 for the orange flower
 10 large oval beads GL0701 for the turquoise flower
 the numbers vary a little as you need to make a design judgement to balance the shape of the flower to the spacing of the petals as you make the motif

all of the flowers need a centre
we used one GL1332 18mm round

and if you want to add a stem
 a heavy bead to weight the bottom - we used GL1354 5g size 6/0 green seed beads - RC643

Plus to thread the beads
 1m of 0.7mm soft wire for the flower
 (we matched the wire colour to the petal colour)
 1m of 0.7mm soft wire for the stem
 (we used leaf green)



Have a look at the **Techniques** download

Wirework Flowers & Leaves

You will find it useful to glance at the sections on Through-Hole Beads and Simple Leaves



6 To add the stem - Cut 70cm of the stem wire and make a loop at the end for the bottom of the stem.

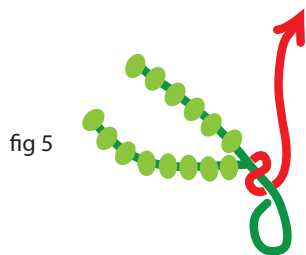


fig 5

1 To make a flower - Thread the first oval onto the 1m of wire for the flower. Hold the bead 10cm from the end.

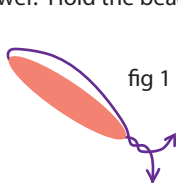


fig 1



fig 2

2 Fold the long end of the wire behind the bead and make a twist where the wires cross at the bottom of the bead (fig 1)

3 Thread an oval bead onto the long end of the wire. Hold the bead 1cm from the bottom of the last twist. Repeat step 2 (fig 2). Note the bit of straight wire between the twists.

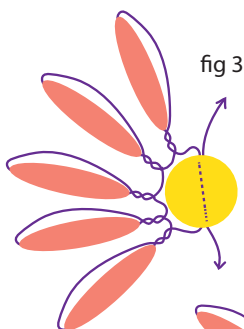


fig 3

4 Repeat steps 2 and 3 three or four more times until you have enough petals for one side of the flower. Cross the ends of the wire over inside the centre bead (fig 3).

5 Use the long end of the wire to create another set of petals for the other side of the flower. Cross the long end of the wire through the centre bead again so you have one wire end at each side (fig 4).

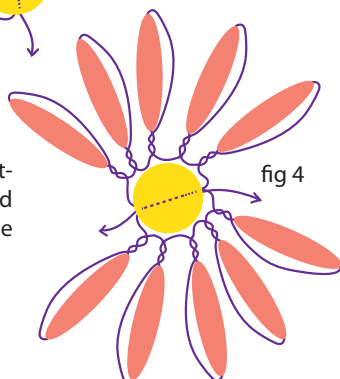


fig 4

7 The Leaf - Thread on 26 seed beads. Make a small twisted loop to secure the tip of the leaf shape. Thread on 26 seeds. Wrap the wire around the neck of the loop made at the bottom of the wire (fig 6) to secure. Open out the leaf shape just created and point the wire in the right direction to make some stem.

8 Thread on 15 seed beads. Make a loop in the wire above the last bead using your pliers. Make a leaf as in step 7 securing the wire to the loop just made to complete.

Thread a bit more stem to suit and finish with a loop to connect to the loop at the bottom of the flower.

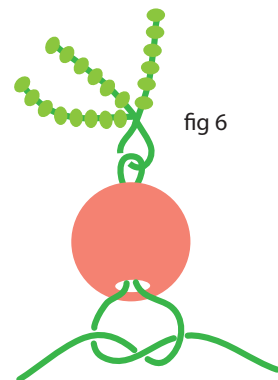


fig 6

9 Fold the remaining wire in half. Thread one end through the loop at the bottom of the stem. Pass both ends through the weight bead and tie a knot (fig 7) to secure. Curl or decorate the wire ends to suit.

Trim and loop the wire ends. Use one loop to hang up the decoration.