

Katie's Flower Brooches made from Drop Beads



- Ingredients - Dagger Brooch (left)
- 7 GL0841 15x5mm white frost AB dagger beads
 - 1 FN090 8mm filigree bead cup
 - 1 MB475 4mm coil edge washer
 - 1 RC011 size 10 seed bead
 - 1 FN045 20mm brooch pin
 - 2m JW112 0.4mm soft silver plated wire

When making flowers and leaves from beads in this way it is useful to first read the [Wirework - Flowers and Leaves](#) download from the [Techniques](#) page



- Ingredients - Drop Brooch (right)
- 7 GL1011 15x5mm white frost AB drop beads
 - 1 MB060 6mm sparkle bead
 - 1 FN045 20mm brooch pin
 - 2m JW112 0.4mm soft silver plated wire

These two flower brooches are both made in essentially the same way just using different beads. Although Katie has chosen here to wire them onto brooch pins they would work equally well wired onto hairslides or tiara bands for a pretty hair decoration.

For the dagger brooch - thread all of the dagger beads onto the wire making sure the AB sides are all facing the same way. Bring the beads into a circle by passing the end of the wire through the first bead threaded in the same direction as before. The circle is now strengthened and embellished with wraps of wire - make the wraps as neat as possible.

Take one end of the wire - pass it across the base of the first bead and then through the hole in the middle of the circle. Pull the wire up through the next gap and repeat around the circle. Once you have gone all the way round the circle, turn it over and repeat on the other side. Keep doing this until you are happy with both the strength of the flower shape and the appearance of your flower.

Bring the wire up through the centre of the flower you have just made and thread on the filigree cup, a coiled washer and a seedbead. Pass back through the centre of the washer, the centre of the filigree cup and the centre of the flower.

Finally secure the flower to your brooch pin using the wire ends. Secure and trim the ends.

For the drop brooch, make in exactly the same way as the dagger BUT, instead of having a sequence of 3 beads for the centre you just wire in one 6mm sparkle bead to make the centre and then wire to the brooch back

Variations - why not try:-

- using contrasting wire and bead colours
- using two shades of beads for the flower
- using two layers of dagger beads for a double depth flower
- varying the central bead