

Zig Zag Necklace

Ingredients

50cm tigertail
7 x FG801 8mm fire polished crystal facets (A)
6 x FG431 4mm fire polished crystal AB facets (B)
4 x MB003 3mm silver metal beads (C)
6 x MB060 6mm silver metal sparkle beads (D)
1m 0.8mm silver half hard wire
FN021 silver torpedo fastener
6 x FN062 French crimps (E)

To Make

1 Cut 12cm of wire and make a triangle curl with the longest side approx 1cm long. Finish the coil by making a right angle with the wire in the centre of one side. Thread on 1A, then trim and loop the wire in the SAME PLANE to the triangle curl.

2 Make four more triangles as above. These make the drops at the end of the zigzags.

3 Now make the zigzags. From the remaining 0.8mm wire cut one 10cm length, two 9cm lengths and two 8cm lengths.

4 Turn a loop in the end of an 8cm piece of wire. Grip the wire with the tips of your round nosed pliers 5mm from the top of the loop and bend the wire to the left in the OPPOSITE PLANE to the loop. 1cm further up the wire grip with the pliers and bend to the right. Repeat as necessary to form a gentle zigzag right along the length - leave the last 1cm to turn a loop in the opposite plane to the first loop. Attach one of the triangles made in (1) to the first loop formed on your zigzag wire.

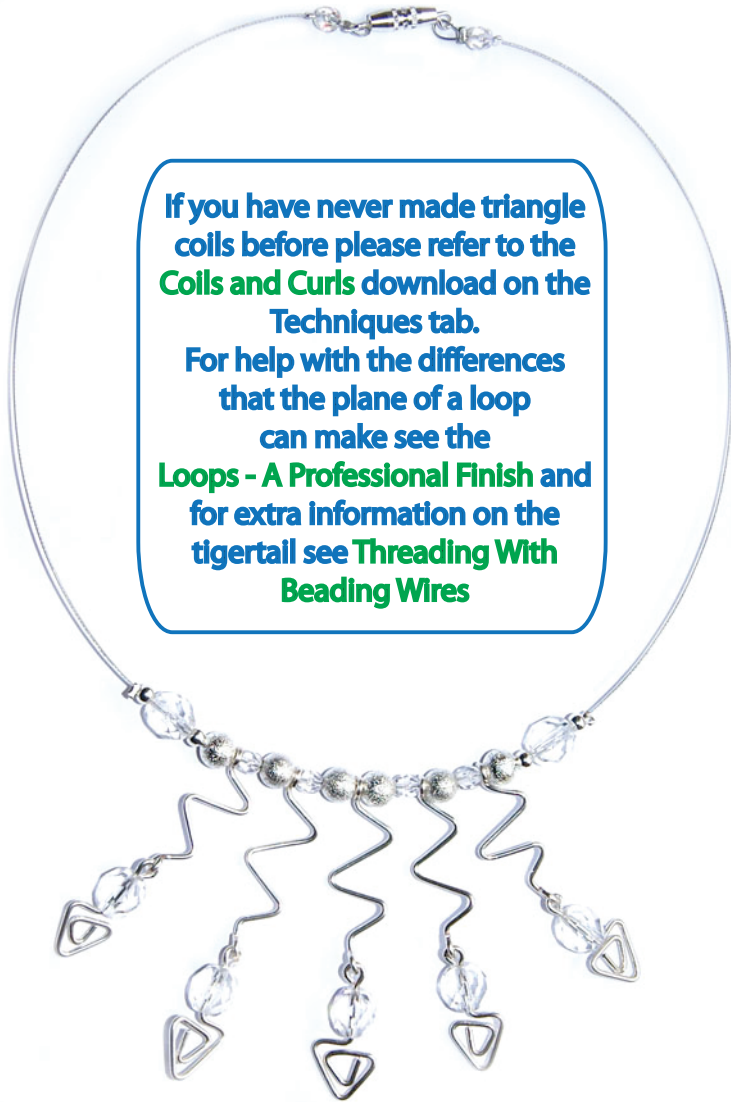
5 Repeat step 4 with the other four pieces of wire. Now lay all 5 zigzags out in front of you with the longest in the centre, the shortest out at the sides.

6 Onto the tigertail thread 1E, pass through the loop at one end of the fastener and take the end of the thread back through the crimp to form a 3mm loop in the thread 1cm from the end of the thread. Squeeze the crimp flat to secure it. Now thread on 1B and 1E. Trim back the short tail of tigertail and push the 1B up to cover it. Push the 1E up to the facet and secure it as before.

7 Thread on 1E, 1C, 1A, 1C, 1D, one of the shortest zigzags made in (5), 1B, 1D, one of the mid length zigzags made in (5), 1B, 1D, the longest zigzag made in (5) - this is the centre front - now thread 1D, 1B, one of the mid length zigzags made in (5), 1D, 1B, the remaining short zigzag, 1D, 1C, 1A, 1C, 1E. Do not secure the crimps at the end of this sequence yet.

8 Now thread on 1E, 1B, 1E and pass through the loop at the other side of the fastener. Take your thread back through the last 1E threaded, check that you are happy with the length and then secure the crimp. Trim the tail of the thread back to 3mm. Bring up the last 1B and 1E threaded to cover the thread end and secure the crimp.

9 Finally, check the position of your central decoration and, when you are happy, secure the crimps to either side.



If you have never made triangle coils before please refer to the **Coils and Curls** download on the **Techniques** tab. For help with the differences that the plane of a loop can make see the **Loops - A Professional Finish** and for extra information on the tigertail see **Threading With Beading Wires**