

Simple Snowflakes

To Make One Snowflake You Will Need

90cm of 0.4mm soft sp wire

Six 6mm plastic faceted beads PB102 (A)

4g of size 8/0 seed beads - we used RC043 transparent lustre crystal (B)

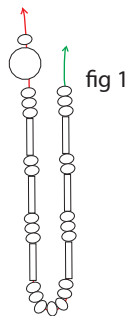
4g of size 3 bugles - we used RC028 silver lined crystal (C)



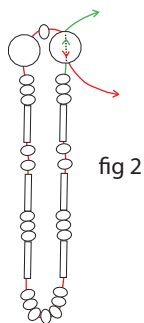
This is a quick and easy snowflake decoration that you can hang on the tree, make a mobile or tie with a pretty ribbon onto a special gift.

It measures 11cm across so you don't need many to make a spectacular display

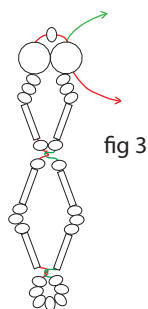
1 Thread on 1B, 1A, 3B, 1C, 2B, 1C, 3B, 1C, 7B, 1C, 3B, 1C, 2B, 1C and 3B and push them to the middle of the wire to make a long loop shape (fig 1). One end of the wire is shown in red and the other in green to make it easier for you to follow the pattern.



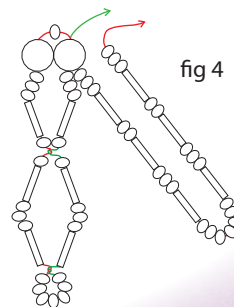
2 Thread 1A onto one end of the wire. Pass the other end of the wire in the OPPOSITE direction through this new 1A bead (fig 2). Pull the wire through to leave about 15mm (3/4 inch) of play in the wire between the B and C beads on the long loop.



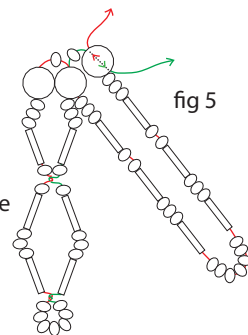
3 Isolate the 7B beads at the end of the loop and twist the two sides of the loop together to secure a small circle at the end of the loop. Make a similar twist between the 2B beads on either side of the loop (fig 3). Pull the two ends of the wire up tight to make the whole thing firm.



4 Pick up the end of the wire emerging from the new A bead on the SAME SIDE as the previous fancy loop and thread on 3B, 1C, 2B, 1C, 3B, 1C, 7B, 1C, 3B, 1C, 2B, 1C and 3B (fig 4).



5 Onto the other end of the wire thread 1B and 1A. Cross the loop end of the wire in the OPPOSITE direction through the new 1A as before (fig 5).



6 Leave a little play in the wire loop as before and make the twists as in fig 3.

7 Repeat until you have FIVE arms for your snowflake. Thread on the B and C beads for the sixth arm - this time you need to cross the wires over through the first 1A bead added in step 1 to close up the shape. Make sure you have threaded to 1B onto the other wire end and cross the wires through the 1A bead. If it is a tight fit one of the wire ends can just be twisted into place next to the A bead.

To Finish Off - twist the wire ends to secure between the beads and trim neatly. Hang your snowflake on a length of monofilament or ribbon.

