

Using a Spiral Wire Winder

Wire beads are easy to make with the Artistic Wire Coiling Gismo

To start with use a 0.5mm soft wire - you can go up a gauge or two to make bigger spirals but the 0.5mm is kind on the hands when you are just starting out. Use the wire directly from the reel for the long coils.

The Artistic Wire Coiling Gismo Deluxe tool has five sizes of winding crank - these beads are made using the second size crank - the smaller one is good for tiny beads, the bigger three sizes are for big beads and making jump rings.

We've used the Deluxe Coiling Gismo (Spellbound order code TL029) version here but there's a standard model too - (order code TL028) that will do nearly as much.

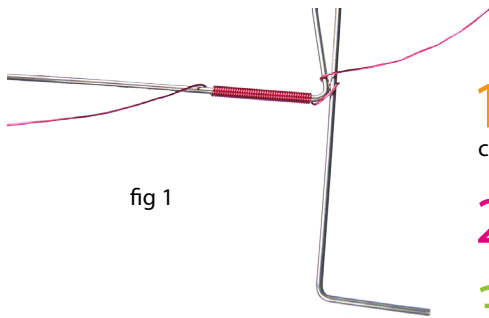


fig 1

Making A Simple Bead

- 1 Wrap the end of the wire around the crank handle to secure it. Insert the crank into the smallest hole on the clamp and begin to wind (fig 1). For a simple bead make 9-10cm of coil.
- 2 Remove the coil from the crank and snip off from the wire reel leaving 10cm of spare wire at each end.
- 3 Straighten the end of the wire on the reel and thread it down the centre of the coil you have just made. Let the coil run down to the reel out of the way.

4 Wrap the end of the reel wire onto the crank handle as before and make 6-8 coil wraps around the crank.

5 Slide the first coil up the reel wire to the crank so it is snug to the last turn of the new coil on the crank. Wrap the tail of the first coil wire around the crank handle to keep it in place up close to the new coil.

6 Start to wind the handle and the first coil will start to wrap around the crank.

7 Wind to the end of the first coil and then make 6-8 wraps with the reel wire onto the crank to match the other end.

8 Remove the work from the crank and carefully trim away the wire tails - tuck in any raw ends with a pair of pliers.

9 At the moment you will have a cylindrical bead (fig 2). To add more shape and form to the bead rethread the crank down the centre of the bead (to give support to the wire) and slowly ease the middle turns out a little to make an oval profile (fig 3).

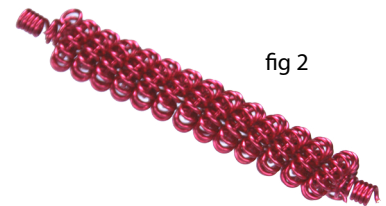


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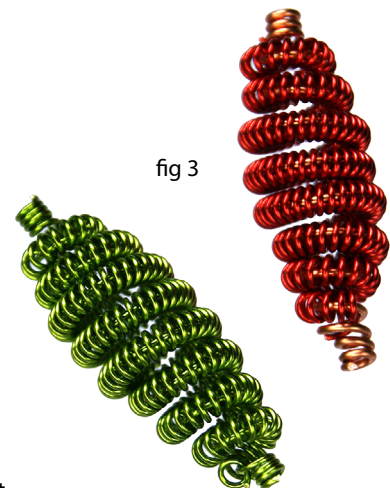


fig 3

fig 4



To Make a Triple Spiral

Work step 1 to make the longest coil that you can. Work steps 2-8 to make a long cylindrical coil bead.

Now thread this bead onto a slightly thicker reel wire (we used a 0.7mm gauge) go back to step 4 and work through to step 8 (fig 4).

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