

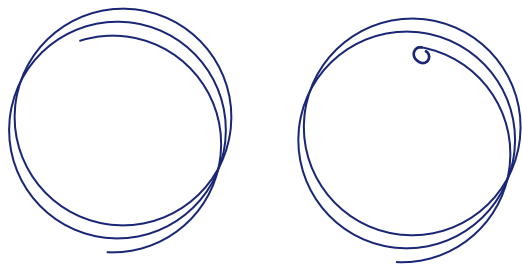
Working with Memory wire

Materials needed for this project

- Memory Wire
- Beads of your choice
- Jump Rings if you wish to add a charm
- Charm

Before you start....

Working with Memory wire is really easy and quick. There are different sizes of Memory wire available from 0.6mm to 1mm. The thinner ones are usually used if you want to make a coil version of a bracelet, having many rounds of memory wire going around. 1mm is used for specific projects like the diamond tubes which are tiny little diamond shaped crystals glued onto a tube which you can use without findings and the memory wire will keep the bracelet shape like a bangle. This wire is best for glue on ends as being a thicker wire is really hard to turn a loop at the end of it. The most popular size of wire I like to use is 0.8mm as this size can be used for most projects.

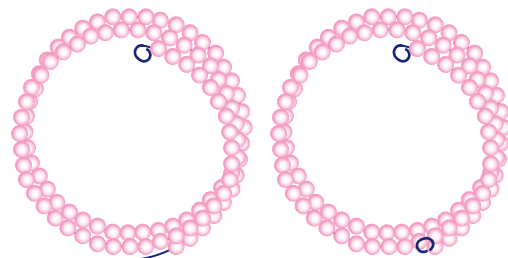


Step 1. Take your memory wire and cut it so you have 2 loops going all the way round and some extra (a third of a loop). To cut the wire use an old pair of wire cutters or a heavy duty one as the wire will damage plain cutters made of softer metals. The wire is made of steel so it is a really hard material.

Step 2. With your round nose pliers pinch the end of the wire and coil one end back on itself to create a small loop. This will act to stop the beads from falling off.

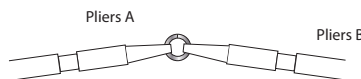
Step 3. Thread your beads onto your memory wire from the other side. You can make any patterns you like.

Step 4. Once your wire is filled up and only a little piece of wire visible (about 1cm), take your round nose pliers once more and coil this end too to secure the beads on there.

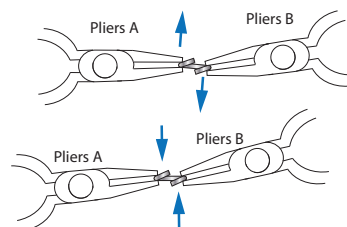


Opening and Closing a Jump Ring

Step 1. Hold Jump ring with 2 pairs of pliers.



Step 2. Gently push the Jump ring apart, moving Pliers A away from you and pliers B towards you.



Step 3. With the pliers in the same position, reverse the action in Step 2, pulling pliers A towards you and pushing pliers B away from you.

Step 5. If you wish to add a charm to the ends of your bracelet, please refer to the diagram above how to open and close a jump ring. So simply open the jump ring and add the charm to the loop on your memory wire.



Try to experiment with different beads and patterns, sometimes adding something like jump rings between the beads will make your bracelets more interesting. Seed beads and smaller beads are great as spacer beads too or even use them on their own.

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