



Technique – Making Loops

This technique is a bit more involved but well worth the effort. To prepare beads in order to create chains or attach to each other and/or chain, they are threaded onto eyepins or head pins and a loop formed at the end. This is definitely a case of where practice makes perfect, so don't give up if your first loop isn't perfect

Golden Bronze Multi-chain Necklace

Each pack of Selection beads has an assortment of beads of varying shapes, sizes and colours, which work well together. Choose beads from your mix to create a design that appeals to you. Occasionally you may need more than one pack of beads to create the pattern you want. While our necklace shows the use of a central bead and both sides a mirror image of the other, many creative designers are choosing random beads rather than follow any pattern. The choice is yours! Refer to the photograph for suggestions.

Beads and jump rings are interspersed between chain giving a variety of texture and colour. Multiple strands can be linked together to give the stylish and popular layered look.

You will need...

- Selections (4674 & 4693)
- Chain
- 8mm jump rings
- 5mm jump ring
- Trigger clasp
- Flat nose pliers
- Round nose pliers
- Wire cutter

Step-by-step for necklace

1-Decide which beads will be used for each strand of the necklace. Plan your design before starting, laying out beads and chain to determine the appropriate length. For our multi-strand necklace we have staggered the lengths of chain.

2-Thread each bead onto an eyepin and form a loop.

To make a loop

- Thread bead onto eyepin
- Using the flat nose pliers, bend the open end of the eyepin at right angles, as close to the bead as possible
- Using the wire cutter, cut the bent end of the eyepin leaving approximately 6-7mm of wire. The length needed to form the loop depends on amount of wire needed to create a loop to match the loop already in place, at the other end
- Using the round nose pliers, grab the very end of the bent end of the eyepin, about 5mm from the tip of the pliers. The exact position on the pliers depends on the size of loop required to match the loop already in place at the other end





- Holding the tip of the wire, roll the pliers along the wire, forming a loop which is centered over the hole in the bead

3-Use the wirecutters to cut chain to the desired lengths. We have used varying lengths between 3-5cm.

4-To form clusters of beads, open the loop at one end of the bead, attach to the loop of another bead and close the loop.

5-To attach beads or clusters of beads to the chain, open the loop at one end of the bead, attach to the chain and close the loop.

6-Jump rings can also be added between pieces of chain to add variety and interest.

7-To attach the three strands together, thread the ends onto the 5mm jump rings. Attach the trigger clasp to the jump ring at one end.

Step-by-step for bracelet

Follow the same technique instructions for a bracelet.

