Spiral Diamond Necklace

Step 1: Cut a piece of 20 gauge soft wire 7.5 inches long (as you become more experienced you will be able to use 18 gauge wire.)

Step 2: Make a loop in one end of this wire.

Step 3: Straighten the wire using your nylon jaw pliers.

Step 4: Position pegs 1 and 2 in your jig as shown at right. Place the initial loop on peg 1 and wrap the wire around peg 2 so that it rests adjacent to the hole for peg 3.

Step 5: Remove the wire from the jig, add peg 3 and position the wire on the jig on pegs 1 and 3. Now wrap the wire around peg 2 so that it rests adjacent to peg 5.

Step 6: Add peg 5. Remove the wire from the jig and replace in the mirror image position. Wrap the wire around peg 5 as you did around peg 2 in step 4, repeat steps four and 5, adding pegs as you go until all 7 pegs are completed and your wire looks as shown at right.

Step 7: Remove the wire from your jig and then cut any sharp end off your wire tail leaving 3 1/2 to 4" of wire. Then using your round nose pliers make a very small loop at the end of the wire. Using your chain nose pliers bend the wire around this small loop to form a spiral. When completed your wire component should appear as shown below-right.

Step 8: Cut 8 two inch segments of commercial chain.

Step 9: Connect a segment of commercial chain to either side of your wire component at the loops formed around peg 6 and 7 using a wrapped bead link and one of your beads.

Step 10: Continue building your chain by connecting segments of commercial chain using wrapped bead links until you have connected four segments of chain to either side of your spiral diamond wire component.

Step 11: Connect the final segments of commercial chain to your clasp on either side using wrapped bead links. This should make a necklace about 24 inches long.

Step 12: Connect a bead to the bottom of your spiral diamond wire component using a head pin. Now hold your necklace at arms length and admire the finished product.

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