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Katie Hacker shows bundled wire beads combined with crystal hearts.

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1509-1 Heart Beads

This season is all about the beads and we couldn't resist spending a whole show on one of the most well loved shapes of all: hearts. Whether you're making jewelry from the heart, or just showing your soft side, you're going to love these ideas.



Bundled wire beads coordinate perfectly with heart-shaped beads. Make easy pendants or earrings using Artistic Wire and this simple technique. Choose thinner wire such as 24-gauge for a smaller, tighter bead or use 22-gauge for a larger, heavier bead.

Instructions for a bundled wire bead:

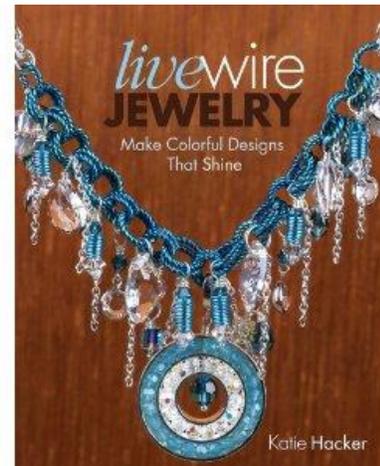
1. Bend the wire end in an oval shape.
2. Wrap the wire back and forth across the oval.
3. Turn and wrap, much like winding a ball of yarn.
4. Rub the bead between your palms to tighten.
5. Turn the end inward toward the center of the ball.

To create the pendant as shown, cut an additional wire and fold it through the heart's loop. Pass the wire through the bundled bead and make a wrapped loop to attach it to a bail.

Resources: Artistic Wire and jewelry cable from Beadalon, www.beadalon.com; heart pendant from Earthenwood Studio, www.earthenwoodstudio.com; bail from TierraCast, www.tierracast.com.



Make your own easy earring findings using 20- or 18-gauge wire. Use round nose pliers to make a small loop, add a 4mm crystal, then bend the wire around a wooden dowel. File the end using a cup burr or an emery board.



Find more projects using Artistic Wire and SWAROVSKI ELEMENTS in Katie's new book, *Live Wire Jewelry* (North Light Books 2011).



Host Katie Hacker