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Katie Hacker demonstrates how to make a simple beaded bead by loading seed beads onto shaping wire and then coiling the wire.

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All season long, we've been sharing our love of beads. It's a natural next-step for jewelry makers to want to make their own beads and pendants. There are so many easy ways to make and embellish beads!



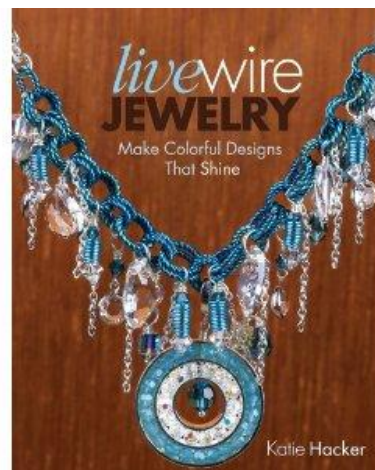
One of the simplest ways to make beaded beads is by loading seed beads onto Artistic Wire® and then coiling the wire. This deceptively simple technique gets big results! Katie used teardrop-shaped seeds to create more texture on the beads shown here.

To make a beaded bead:

1. Leaving 22-gauge wire on the spool, load seed beads onto the wire by hand or using a Spin-N-Bead tool.
2. Wrap the free end of the wire around the Coiling Gizmo rod to attach it.
3. Turn the rod to coil the wire a few times to create the end of the bead.
4. Now, turn the rod as you hold the base of the beaded section. Watch as the beads coil around the rod!
5. Coil plain wire for a few more turns, then cut the wire off the rod.



Katie made this necklace using beaded beads as accents for the polymer clay pendant and beads made by Heather Powers, www.humblebeads.com.



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



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