A

1. Cut a 4-in. (10cm) piece of wire. String a bead 1½ in. (3.8cm) from one end and bend the ends around the bead (Basic Techniques), as close to the bead as possible. Using chainnose pliers, make an upward bend in the longer wire to form a stem. Wrap the shorter end around the stem. Trim the excess wire.

B

2. With the wire stem, make the first half of a wrapped loop (Basic Techniques) above the wraps.

C

3. Open a jump ring (Basic Techniques) and attach it to the toggle bar. Close the jump ring. Place the toggle with jump ring above the dangle. Check the distance between the jump ring and the dangle, leaving enough room for the toggle to pivot. If necessary, cut a length of chain to fill the space and attach it to the jump ring.

Attach the dangle to the jump ring or the end link of chain. Complete the wraps and trim the excess wire. ❖

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Cuff stuff

Whatever the occasion, accent a dress shirt with a pair of handcrafted cuff links. A tube-shaped, oval, or rectangular bead adds a decorative flourish to one end, while a toggle bar at the other keeps the look masculine. Not your father's typical cuff links, these tasteful trinkets will give him at least one reason to dress up. *– Steven James*

SupplyList

- **2** vertically drilled 13-20mm beads
- 8 in. (20cm) 22-gauge wire, half hard
- 1¼ in. (3.2cm) chain, 3-4mm links (optional)
- **2** 4mm or 5mm jump rings
- toggle bar
- chainnose and roundnose pliers
- diagonal wire cutters

EDITOR'S TIP
Save the loop half of the clasp to make an eyeglass holder – instructions will appear in our May 2005 issue.