



Scroll-link bracelet

To create this seemingly intricate project, you only need wire and some basic tools

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step by step

Links

[1] Cut 48 1½-in. (3.8cm) pieces of wire for a 7-in. (18cm) bracelet or 56 for an 8-in. (20cm) bracelet. If adjusting the length, cut eight 1½-in. (3.8cm) pieces of wire for every 1 in. (2.5cm) of the finished bracelet. Cut the wire ends flush, and remove any burs with a metal file.

[2] Turn a medium-size loop at one end of the wire. Turn a second loop at the other end of the wire in the same direction. Both loops will be on the same side of the wire.



EDITOR'S NOTE: If you prefer to purchase jump rings rather than make your own, purchase 18-gauge jump rings with a 5mm inside diameter.

[3] Center the wire at the base of the pliers' jaws, with the loops curling up.



[4] Use your fingers to fold the wire around the bottom jaw of the pliers until the loops touch.



Referring to the template below, adjust the shape as necessary.



[5] Flatten it with chainnose or flatnose pliers.

[6] Repeat steps 2–5 with the remaining pieces of wire.

Jump rings

[1] Bend the remaining wire in half.

[2] Place the dowel against the bend in the wire and hold it in position with one hand. With your other hand, wrap the wire in a coil around the dowel.



[3] When you reach the end of the first half of the wire, turn the dowel, and wrap the other half.

[4] Slide the coil off the dowel and cut the very end of the wire flush. Place the cutters next to the flush end, and cut the ring directly above.



Cut 80–90 jump rings.

MATERIALS

bracelet 7–8 in. (18–20cm)

- lobster claw clasp with loop
- 12–14 ft. (3.7–4.3m) 18-gauge sterling silver wire
- chainnose pliers
- flatnose pliers
- roundnose pliers
- flush cutters
- metal file
- 3/16-in. (5mm) wood dowel

Bracelet

[1] Open four jump rings (Basics, p. 6).

[2] Stack four scroll links so the loops line up. Connect the links by sliding a jump ring through the loops on one end of the stacked links.



Close the jump ring.

[3] Attach a second jump ring to the same loops.

[4] Repeat steps 2–3 with the other loop on the stacked links.



[5] Repeat steps 1–4 with the remaining scroll links.

[6] Connect two links of one assembly with two links of a second assembly using three jump rings.



[7] Position one assembly on top of the other so the jump ring trio is on the end.

[8] Connect two assemblies to the other end with three jump rings.



Connect the remaining assemblies, ending with three jump rings.

Attach the clasp

[1] Connect three jump rings to the ring trio on each end of the bracelet.

[2] Open two jump rings and slide them onto an end jump ring trio. Attach the clasp to these two jump rings before closing them.



[3] Repeat step 2 on the other end of the bracelet and attach a single jump ring in place of the clasp. ●

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