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Katie's Beading Lesson

Wire & Bead Bangles

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Materials & Tools

Choose your favorite 10-20mm Bead Gallery® focal beads or links

<http://www.halcraft.com/products/bead-gallery/>

18-gauge Artistic Wire <http://www.artisticwire.com/18-Gauge-Retail-Spools-s/1889.htm>

3mm or 5mm flat Artistic Wire <http://www.artisticwire.com/Flat-Artistic-Wire-s/1999.htm>

Bracelet mandrel, soda can or other cylindrical household item that's about the same size as your fist

Bail making pliers http://www.beadalon.com/products/201A_220.asp

Hole punch pliers http://www.beadalon.com/products/hole_punch_pliers.asp

Wire cutters

http://www.beadalon.com/pc_product_detail.asp?key=CEB905D0B2F746B78766DD67AB57205D

For the 8" loop-style bracelet:

1. Cut an 8" length of flat Artistic Wire.
2. Use bail making pliers to roll the wire end backward against the curve of the wire; repeat for the other end.
3. Bend the flat wire around a cylinder to form a circular, bangle shape.
4. Cut a 5" length of 18-gauge wire and make a wrapped loop on one end to attach it to one end of the bracelet.
5. Pass the wire through a focal bead and make another wrapped loop to connect it to the other end of the bracelet.

For the 8" hole-style bracelet:

1. Cut a 7" length of flat Artistic Wire and shape it into a circle.
2. Use the hole punch to punch a hole in each end of the wire.
3. Cut a 5" length of 18-gauge wire and make a wrapped loop to fit through one of the holes.
4. Pass through the bead, then make another wrapped loop to attach it to the other end of the bracelet. (Alternatively, you can use strong jump rings to connect your bead link to the bracelet.)

Variation: To substitute your favorite Bead Gallery® links instead of focal beads, use jump rings to connect the bead link's end loops to the bracelet. To work-harden the wire so the bracelet will maintain its shape, you can lightly hammer it.

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