

MAKING A FINE WIRE NECKLACE WITH THE WONDERKNITTER

YOU NEED:

1 X WONDER KNITTER

1 SPOOL OF .4MM OR .5MM SOFT WIRE (26/28GA)

SMALL BEADS THAT FIT ONTO THE WIRE

LOBSTER CLASPS WITH SLEEVES TO MATCH WIRE

WIRE CUTTERS

NEEDLE NOSE PLIERS

2 PART EPOXY GLUE (OPTIONAL)

METHOD:

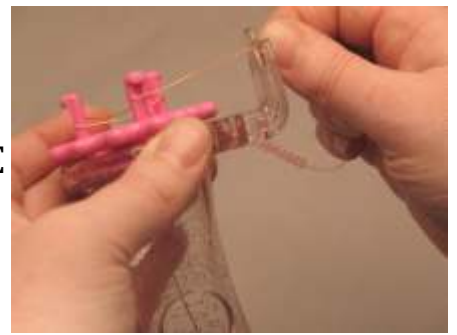
1. WIND OFF ABOUT 30CM OF WIRE BUT LEAVE IT ATTACHED TO THE SPOOL.
THREAD AS MANY BEADS AS YOU WANT TO USE ONTO THE WIRE . YOU CAN THREAD EXTRA BEADS IF YOU ARE NOT SURE HOW MANY TO USE AS YOU DON'T HAVE TO USE THEM ALL.
LET THE BEADS SLIDE DOWN THE WIRE SO THEY ARE SITTING NEXT TO THE SPOOL WHICH YOU CAN JUST SIT ON THE TABLE.



2. POKE THE END OF THE WIRE THOUGH THE HOLE IN THE CENTRE OF THE WONDER KNITTER. THE END OF THE WIRE SHOULD JUST POKE OUT THE BOTTOM OF THE BODY OF THE WONDER KNITTER.



3. TAKE HOLD OF THE WIRE AT THE OPENING IN THE CENTRE OF THE WONDER KNITTER AND WRAP IT THE THREE POSTS ON THE TOP IN AN ANTI-CLOCKWISE DIRECTION. SECURE THE WIRE IN THE SLOT IN THE POST WHICH STICKS OUT FROM THE SIDE OF THE WONDER KNITTER.



4. I AM RIGHT HANDED SO I NOW HOLD THE WONDER KNITTER IN MY LEFT HAND WITH THE TENSION POST TO THE RIGHT. I HOLD THE WIRE BETWEEN MY 3RD AND 4TH FINGERS AND USE MY THUMB AND FOREFINGER TO TURN THE ROTATING TOP ON THE WONDER KNITTER.



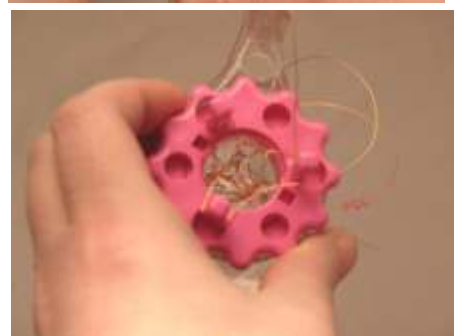
5. KEEPING THE WIRE UNDER TENSION USING THE POST AND YOUR LEFT HAND, TURN THE ROTATING TOP WITH YOUR THUMB AND FOREFINGER ON YOUR LEFT HAND. WHEN THE WIRE SITS AGAINST THE GROOVED OUTER EDGE OF THE KNITTING POSTS, USE THE GREEN CURVED TOOL TO LIFT THE LOOP OF WIRE THAT IS ALREADY AROUND THE POST OVER THE TOP OF THE POST. THE NEW WIRE IS THEN LEFT ON THE POST. THE GROOVE ON THE POST IS DESIGNED TO ALLOW YOU TO SLIP THE GREEN TOOL UNDER THE WIRE LOOP EASILY.



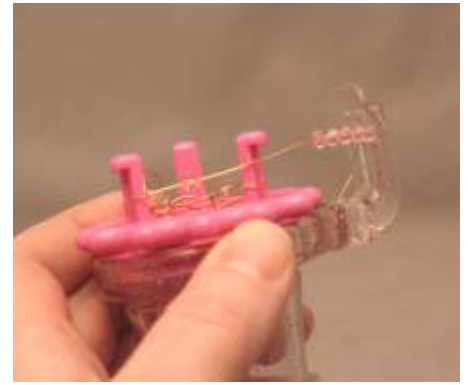
6. AFTER EVERY COUPLE OF STITCHES, STOP AND PULL THE TAIL OF THE WIRE DOWNWARDS TO KEEP THE WIRE FROM SLIPPING UP THE KNITTING POSTS WHILE YOU KNIT.



7. FROM ABOVE, YOU CAN SEE THE KNITTED TUBE START TO FORM INSIDE THE CENTRE OF THE WONDER KNITTER.



8. TO ADD BEADS, START BY SLIDING ABOUT 4 TO 6 BEADS UP THE WIRE AND PLACING THEM BETWEEN THE TENSION POST AND KNITTING POSTS.



9. ADD IN BEADS ONE AT A TIME BY SLIPPING ONE BEAD BETWEEN THE KNITTING POST JUST KNITTED AND THE NEXT POST. TURN THE TOP AND COMPLETE THE NEXT STITCH. THE BEAD IS NOW BETWEEN THE TWO STITCHES AND CANNOT MOVE. I USUALLY ADD BEADS TOWARDS THE CENTRE OF THE NECKLACE. I KNIT FOR ABOUT 10 CM AND THEN ADD BEADS FOR ABOUT 10CM AND THEN KNIT AGAIN FOR ANOTHER 10CM. HOW AND WHERE YOU ADD YOUR BEADS IS TOTALLY UP TO YOU.



10. WHEN YOU ARE HAPPY WITH THE LENGTH OF YOUR NECKLACE (ABOUT 30 -35CM MAKES A GOOD CHOKER), YOU ARE READY TO CAST OFF. REMEMBER TO INCLUDE THE KNITTED PART STILL INSIDE THE CENTRE OF THE WONDER KNITTER IN YOUR TOTAL LENGTH.



11. USE WIRE CUTTERS TO CUT THE WIRE FROM THE SPOOL ABOUT 20CM FROM THE WONDER KNITTER.



12. USE THE GREEN CURVED TOOL TO LIFT ONE OF THE WIRE LOOPS OFF IT'S POST. POKE THE END OF THE WIRE THROUGH THIS LOOP AND PULL TIGHT. REPEAT FOR THE REMAINING TWO LOOPS.



13. REMOVE THE NECKLACE FROM THE MIDDLE OF THE WONDER KNITTER AND PULL THE WIRE END TIGHT.



14. AT THIS STAGE YOU CAN SQUASH AND COMPRESS THE ENDS OF THE NECKLACE A BIT TO MAKE IT EASIER TO ATTACH THE CLASPS. I LIKE TO LEAVE THE CENTRE OF THE NECKLACE FULLER AND TAPER TO THE ENDS. STRETCHING THE NECKLACE SLIGHTLY AND ROLLING IT BETWEEN YOUR FINGERS ALSO HELP TO EVEN IT UP AND COMPRESS IT SLIGHTLY.



15. USE WIRE CUTTERS TO TRIM OFF THE LOOSE ENDS OF WIRE AT BOTH ENDS OF THE NECKLACE.



16. USE FLAT NOSE PLIERS TO SQUASH THE ENDS OF THE NECKLACE. TRY TO GET ANY LOOSE WIRE ENDS NEATLY TUCKED IN.



17. PLACE THE END OF THE NECKLACE INTO THE SLEEVE OF THE CLASP. HOLD IT IN PLACE WITH YOUR NON-DOMINANT HAND AND USE YOUR OTHER TO PUSH OVER FIRST ONE SIDE AND THEN THE OTHER OF THE SLEEVE USING NEEDLE NOSE PLIERS. CATCH THE SIDE OF THE SLEEVE DOWN WITH THE POINT OF THE PLIERS AND THEN USE THE THICKER PART OF THE PLIER JAW TO FLATTEN THE SLEEVE SIDE EVENLY. YOU CAN ADD 2 PART EPOXY GLUE OVER THE WIRES BEFORE CLOSING THE SLEEVE FOR ADDED STRENGTH.



18. DO THE CLASPS UP AND PULL GENTLY TO CHECK FOR STRENGTH.

