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GET CREATIVE WITH **WIRE SHAPING** USING THIS VERSATILE GADGET

The Coiling Gizmo is a simple but ingenious tool which enables you to wind wire into even coils. These can be formed into beads or used in other ways to create unique and eye-catching pieces. This green and purple necklace shows three different ideas for using the coils, plus they can also be threaded on wire and used to make shapes such as hearts. Wire comes in lots of different colours and thicknesses and can be used to create some really striking jewellery; so if you need some new and inspiring ways to use your wire coiling gadget, check out our ideas.

# COILING GIZMO

## masterclass

### WHAT WILL I need?

#### WIN!

We have two sets of jewellery kits plus Coiling Gizmos to be won; see p65 for details.

#### 1 Coiling Gizmo

This is made up of a bracket which can be fastened to a work surface and two cranking rods, about 15mm and 3mm in diameter. Simply push one of the rods through the bracket, fasten your chosen wire to the looped end, then turn the rod to create your coil.

#### 2 Wire

Varying thicknesses of wire can be used, simply change the cranking rod to suit. These projects use 0.8mm silver-plated wire and 0.6mm hot pink, olive and purple wire.

#### 3 Ribbon

This provides a great way of adding a softer look to wire coiled jewellery, such as these 6mm moss green and purple organza ribbons.

#### 4 Beads

Wire coiled beads look stunning when combined with other beads, such as these large Czech crystal bicones and seed beads in toning colours.

#### 5 Wire Cutters

You will also need a pair of wire cutters to snip your coils off the Coiling Gizmo and to cut them to the required length.



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1 Secure the Coiling Gizmo bracket, then push the cranking rod through the holes. Wind the end of a spool of coloured wire twice round the handle to secure (Fig.1), then turn it to create a coil (Fig.2). Once it reaches the required length, snip the wire and slide it off the rod, trimming any excess.

2 Thread silver wire inside the coil (Fig.3) then secure to the rod handle as before. Make a few coils of silver wire then start feeding the coil onto the cranking rod (Fig.4). When the coloured coil has been wound on, remove from the rod and make loops at each end. Make up six beads of differing sizes and colours in this way.

3 Cover a 4cm rhodium link with purple ribbon, leaving 20cm ends hanging down. Tie on a 44cm length of purple ribbon and two of green ribbon to have eight lengths hanging down. Make a long silver coil, gently pull to 18cm long, then thread silver wire through and loop one end. Wrap the coil round the ring until the two ends meet, make another loop and connect with a 9mm jump ring.

## HOW to make

### CREATE MARIA CASSIDY'S VIBRANT WIRE COILED NECKLACE



4 Thread bicones onto silver wire, forming eye pins, then form a chain with these and the coiled wire beads using 5mm jump rings. Attach half of a toggle clasp to the 9mm jump ring and connect one side of the necklace also to this ring. Secure

the other part of the toggle clasp with a 5mm jump ring to the other side of the necklace. Thread lengths of coloured coils onto the contrasting ribbons hanging from the hoop, knot the ribbon twice below the coil so the lengths vary slightly and trim on a slant.

## Top tips



Maria Cassidy works at Creative Beadcraft's London store and also runs some of their workshops. Here are her top tips for using the Coiling Gizmo.

- 1 Make sure you hold the wire or coil tube firmly and feed it steadily onto the rod while winding to create neat coils.
- 2 Trim the ends of the wire closely to make neat beads. You can file the cut wire with a needle file for completely smooth ends.
- 3 Keep your wire on the reel before winding so there is less wastage than cutting a piece off.
- 4 Make a simple pair of earrings by making a coil, threading wire through and forming a loop at each end. Connect the loops to a jump ring and thread it onto an earwire.
- 5 Try attaching two or three wires in contrasting colours to the rod and winding them on to make a vari-coloured coil.
- 6 Experiment with different tensions to create a variety of effects. Leave a coil on the rod, the length of the bead you wish to make. Take another coil and wind it loosely over the coil on the rod so you can see the coil in the middle. This method makes stunning earrings.
- 7 Try experimenting with different thicknesses of wire and combine various diameter coils for a wide range of effects.
- 8 Make your own coloured jump rings by simply cutting through a coil.

## TAKE IT further

### Coiled Earrings

Make two 5mm coils of olive wire, threading them with silver wire and forming into coiled beads as for the necklace. Slip a bicone onto a head pin, form a loop and attach to the bottom of each bead, then add an earwire to the top. Coiled Bead and Ribbon Necklace & Earrings (Kit 114) £10.95



### Shaped Coils

Form a 14cm pink coil, then thread with silver wire and bend into a heart shape, looping the silver wire ends and securing both with a 9mm jump ring. Add a cluster of bicone drops at the top of the pendant. Make up seven beaded coiled beads as for the beaded earrings and link together with 9mm jump rings, attaching the heart pendant. Add chain and a clasp to the ends to finish. Coiled Bead and Heart Necklace & Earrings (Kit 115) £7.95



### Beaded Earrings

Make beaded coiled beads by threading 50 small seed beads onto a length of wire before you start winding. Make six plain coils, then start to wind on the wire with the seed beads, making a few more coils without beads to finish. Thread on silver wire, make loops then add a bicone at the bottom and an earwire at the top to complete.