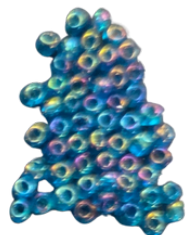
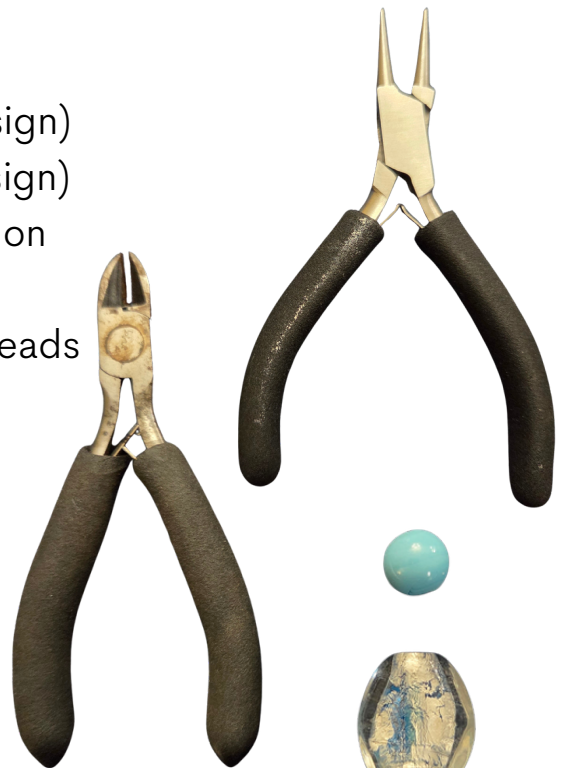


HOW TO MAKE A BEADED SPIDER



MATERIALS NEEDED

- Large Body Bead
- Smaller Head Bead
- Bugle Beads (24 for the design demonstrated)
- Large Round Seed Beads (16 for the design)
- Small Round Seed Beads (48 for the design)
- Body Wire (24 gauge or less depending on beads used) or an Eye Pin
- Leg Wire (22-24 gauge depending on beads used)
- Round-Nose Pliers
- Wire Cutters
- Ruler
- Needle-Nose Pliers (optional)



MAKE THE BODY

1

Select your body wire

You want a wire gauge that is heavy enough to provide structure while still fitting through your body and head beads.

2

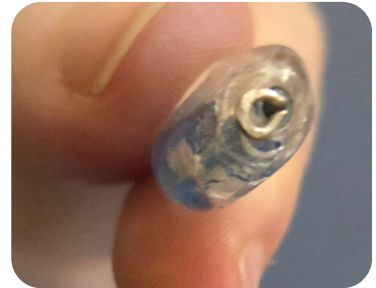
Put the body & head beads on the wire

Decide whether you want your spider hanging from the head or the bottom. If you want it hanging from the head, put your smaller head bead wire on first; if you want it hanging from the bottom, put the larger body bead on first.

3

Create a loop for the base

Using your round-nose pliers, create a loop. Make sure the loop is big enough that the bead won't slip past it. Then bend it 90-degrees so the bead can sit on it.



4

Create the hanger

Leave about a ½ cm gap, then bend the wire at a 90-degree angle to form a loop. Wrap the wire around to secure the loop.



MAKE THE LEGS

1

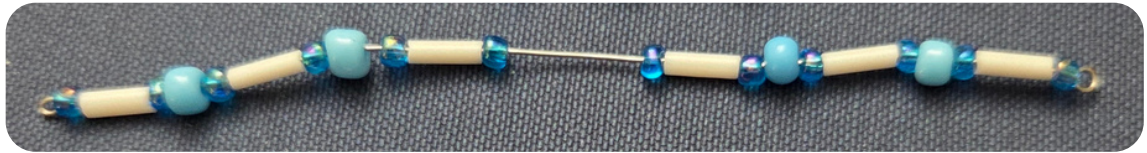
Select your leg wire

You want a wire gauge that is heavy enough to provide structure while still fitting through your seed and bugle beads.

2

Put the beads on the wire

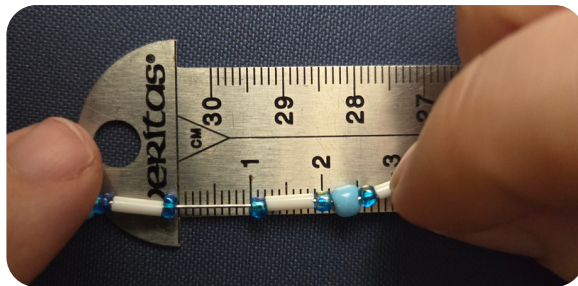
Add your leg beads on the wire in your desired pattern, see below for the pattern used in the demonstration design. You are adding the left and right legs on the same wire so remember to mirror your design.



3

Create a loop on the ends

Using your round-nose pliers, create a loop on one end which acts as the spider's foot. At the other end of the wire, leave about a 1cm gap, then cut the wire. Create another loop. You have now completed one set of legs.



4

Create four sets of legs

Repeat steps 2 and 3 to make four sets of legs, for a total of 8 legs. Make sure the gap is approximately the same on each set.

Some ways you can make your design unique is to make the front and back legs a little longer with a few more seed beads.

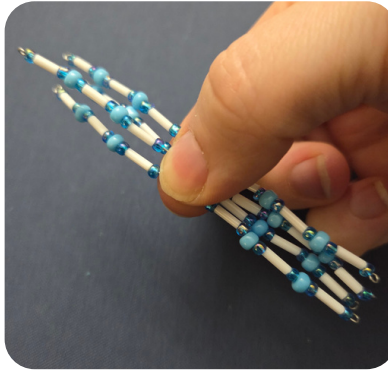


MAKE THE SPIDER

1

Arrange the legs over the body

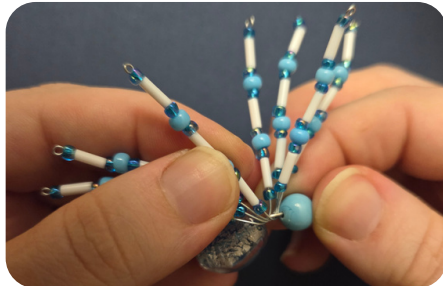
Pinch the four sets of legs by the middle gap with your fingertips, ensuring you have the correct beads on each side. Then lay them on top of the gap between the head and body beads.



2

Wrap the legs around the body

Push one side of the legs under to the other side, then continue wrapping the legs over the wire to the side they started on. At this point you have four legs on each side.



3

Arrange the legs

Continue moving the legs until they are arranged to your liking. This can be wrapping individual legs over if there is too much wire left between the beads and body. This may also changing the order of the legs on a side. You should have four legs on each side once done.



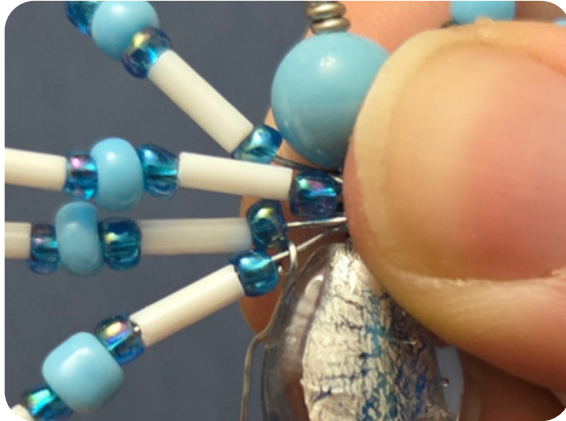
MAKE THE SPIDER (CONTINUED)



4

Attach the securing wire

This step is only needed if your spider's legs feel too wobbly when you shake or move it. Take the same wire you used for the legs and create a loop. Wrap the loop around one of the bottom legs to the side of the bead closest to the body bead.



5

Wrap to secure the legs

Staying on the side of the bead closer to the body, wrap the wire to the top leg on the same side. Now wrap the wire to the back side, and then wrap it back down to the bottom legs. Repeat wrapping on the same side, back to front, as needed.



6

Continue to wrap to secure the legs

Once satisfied, wrap the wire under the head or body bead so that your wire is on the other side and repeat step 5. Try the shake test to ensure the legs are no longer wobbly.



FINISH THE SPIDER

1

Bend the legs

Bend the legs to your desired look and you are done!



2

Finished piece

Now that you have a finished spider you have lots of ways you can enjoy it.

- Keychain
- Necklace or jewellery
- Purse charm
- Suncatcher
- On a shelf

