

Beaded Floral Bouquet Brooch

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Materials

Artistic Wire™

26 Gauge Green Wire

26 Gauge Grape Wire

Artistic Wire Tools

Nylon Jaw Pliers

Wire Cutter

Basic Supplies/Tools

Seed Beads – size 11

(Purple and Green)

1/8"-1/4" Ribbon to Match Beads

1" Pin Back

Purple Permanent Pen

Jewelry Cement

Fabri-Tac

Instructions

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Tips: Be sure to always twist wire in same direction.

Leave the wire on the spool while making each flower to keep the beads from falling off.

Step 1. String Seed beads onto matching color wire (each four-petal flower takes about 2" of beads on 8" of wire).

Step 2. For each flower, leave 2" of colored wire, form a loop of seven beads, cross the wires and twist 3-4 times (Diagram A). For the next three loops, leave $\frac{3}{16}$ " of colored wire in-between loops. Form a loop of seven beads and twist that extra amount of wire between each petal several times (Diagrams B & C). Once you have formed four petals, twist excess 2" of wire together (Diagram D).

Step 3. Make approximately 13 individual flowers following instructions above and set aside.

Step 4. For the green bow, leave a 3" piece of green wire, form a loop using 15 beads, twist wire two times and form a second loop around the outside of the first loop, using 23 beads (Diagram E). Twist the wire for $\frac{1}{4}$ " and repeat process on other side, with first loop, then second loop (Diagram F). Wrap excess wire neatly around center of bow two times back and forth until it resembles a bow center – make sure wires end on opposite sides of center (Diagram G) and trim off excess wire to 3".

Step 5. Group the flowers into a bunch and arrange as desired (see photo of finished brooch).

Step 6. Place beaded bow over stems and wrap two times around stems, criss-crossing back and forth. Apply a small amount of jewelry cement around this wired area and between stems to secure in place. Allow to dry.

Step 7. Color top of pin back with permanent pen to match bead/wire flower/stem color so that it doesn't show through. Allow ink to dry.

Step 8. Glue pin back (that has been colored) to stem/bow grouping with jewelry cement and let dry.

Step 9. Wrap green bow wire around stems/pin back several more times (criss-crossing wires) to secure in place and trim off excess wire. Secure ends with a dab of jewelry cement.

Step 10. Trim off excess stems.

Step 11. Glue ribbon to inside of pin back with Fabri-Tac to hide wrapped wires.



A



B



C



D



E



F



G