Flower created on metallic wire

MATERIALS:

...	**Copper or aluminum wire(s)**
...	**Various beads**
1	**Cutters**
1	**Round nose pliers**
1	**Nylon jaw pliers**
1	**Flat nose pliers**

Preparation:

1- Choose the type of wire you want to create your flower.

Cut a length of approximately 50 cm (for petals of a length of 3 cm each).

2- Choose your beads according to the size and color of your wire. Make sure that the hole of the beads is big enough to insert the wire in it.
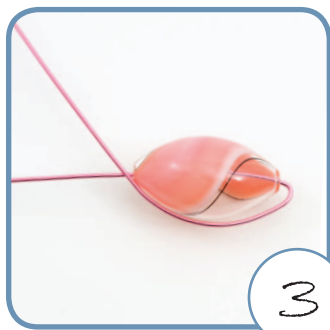
It is always better to smooth the wire prior to working with it. Take one end using flat nose pliers and smooth it with your fingers or with the help of nylon jaw pliers.
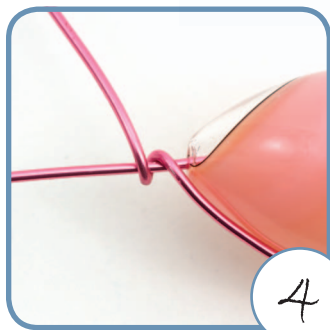
Creation:

3- Insert a petal bead at the center of the wire. Curve one end of the wire on the bead.

4- Take the wire curving on the bead and wrap it around the wire coming out of the bead, right near the bead as illustrated.

5- Insert another petal bead on either one of the wires.

Do not tighten too much between the beads in order to create a well-balanced flower.
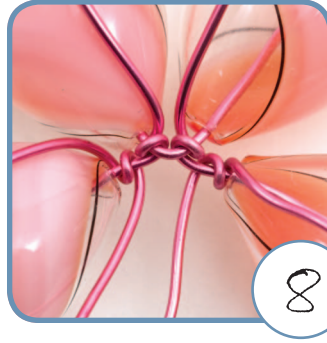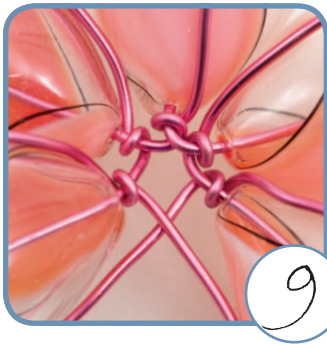
6- Repeat step 4 for the second petal bead.

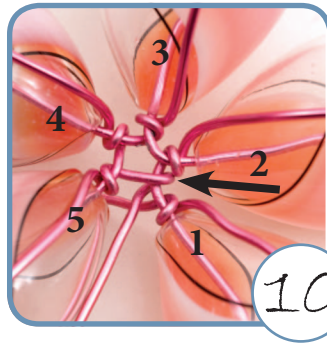**7-** Insert a third petal bead alternating the wires and repeat step 4.

8- Insert a fourth petal bead again alternating the wires and repeat step 4.

9- Insert a fifth petal bead alternating the wires and repeat step 4.

10- Close up the flower by winding one of the wires around the link between petal beads **1** and **2**.

Finishing:

11- Turn the flower face up and insert a round bead on the other wire. Have this same wire run the whole length of the flower. Center the bead carefully and turn back the flower face down.

12- Twist the wires together for a length of approximately 5 mm.

13- Using the round nose pliers, form a loop, as illustrated.

14- Take the remaining wires and wrap them around the twist created at step 12.

Cut off the excess wires if necessary, and tighten the wires on each other using flat nose pliers.

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