## French knitting



## **MATERIAL:**

- 1 | Spool with beading wire (copper, waxed cotton, etc.)
- 1 Cutters or scissors
- ... Beads of your choice (optional)
- 1 Clasp
- 1 Knitting spool



## Preparation:



1- Choose the type of wire you will use (waxed cotton or copper wire). It is recommended to use a 28 gauge copper wire.



2-If you add beads to your creation, make sure they can all pass through the hole of the knitting spool.







**3- Middle wire:** If you add beads, cut 30 cm of wire to make a bracelet, or more for a necklace. Insert a bead 10 cm away from one of the extremities. While keeping it steady, pass the wire in it a second time. Put aside for step 9.



4- Work with the wire from the spool. Insert the wire in the middle of the knitting spool, from top to bottom. Leave about 8 cm of wire hanging from under the knitting spool.



5- While holding the handle with one hand, pass the wire around the first hook to the right. You have now created your first loop.



6-As previously done in step 5, pass the wire around the 3 other hooks. And finally, pass it a second time around the first hook.



7- With your hand that holds the knitting spool, maintain a tension on the wire from the spool.

With the beading awl, slowly pull on the bottom loop. Lift it over the other loop which must remain on the hook of the knitting spool, then release. Gently pull the wire from the bottom of the knitting spool.

\*If you use a wire of bigger gauge, you may use a crochet hook instead of a beading awl.



8-Go around the other hooks for a second time (repeat step  $\neq$ for each hook). Repeat this step at least 5 times before stringing the beads.



9- If you wish to add beads to your creation, insert the wire with the bead from step  $\Im$ , short end towards the bottom<sup>\*</sup>.

During the creation of your knitted jewelry, you will add the beads to that wire.

\*If the wire you use is a little loose, you can use a needle and tweezers to pass it through your knitted creation.

## • Finishing:



10- Unhook the loops from the hooks. Gently remove your knitted creation from the bottom of the knitting spool. While leaving a few centimetres, trim the wire from the spool. Thread up the empty stitches with the remaining wire, and gently pull to close the hole. Make sure the beads are straight.



11- To conceal the leftover wire, you can choose to place a bead cone or a bead with a big hole. You can then create a loop or directly twist up the wires on the ring of your clasp.

Repeat this step at the other end of the jewelry.

