

beaded wire jewellery

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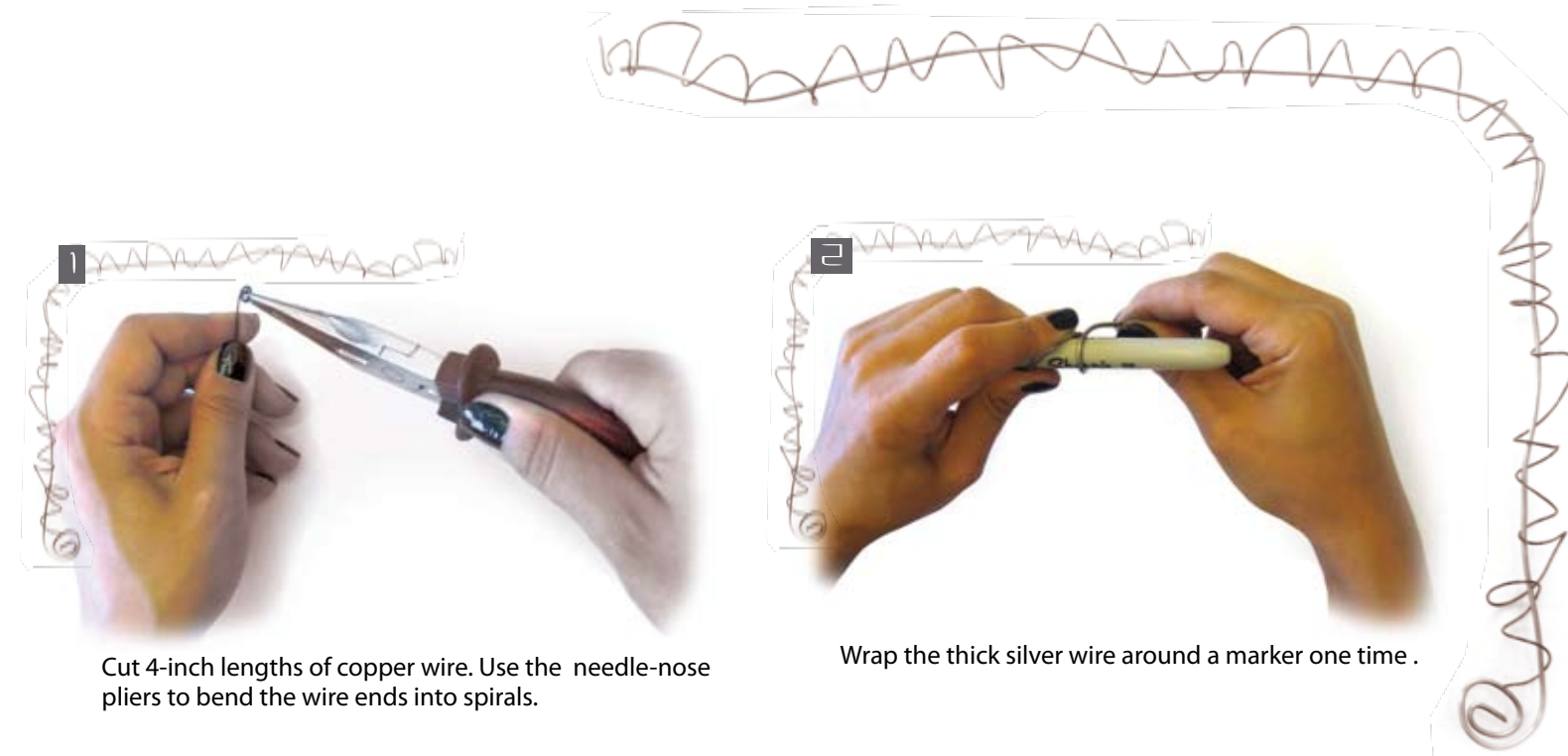
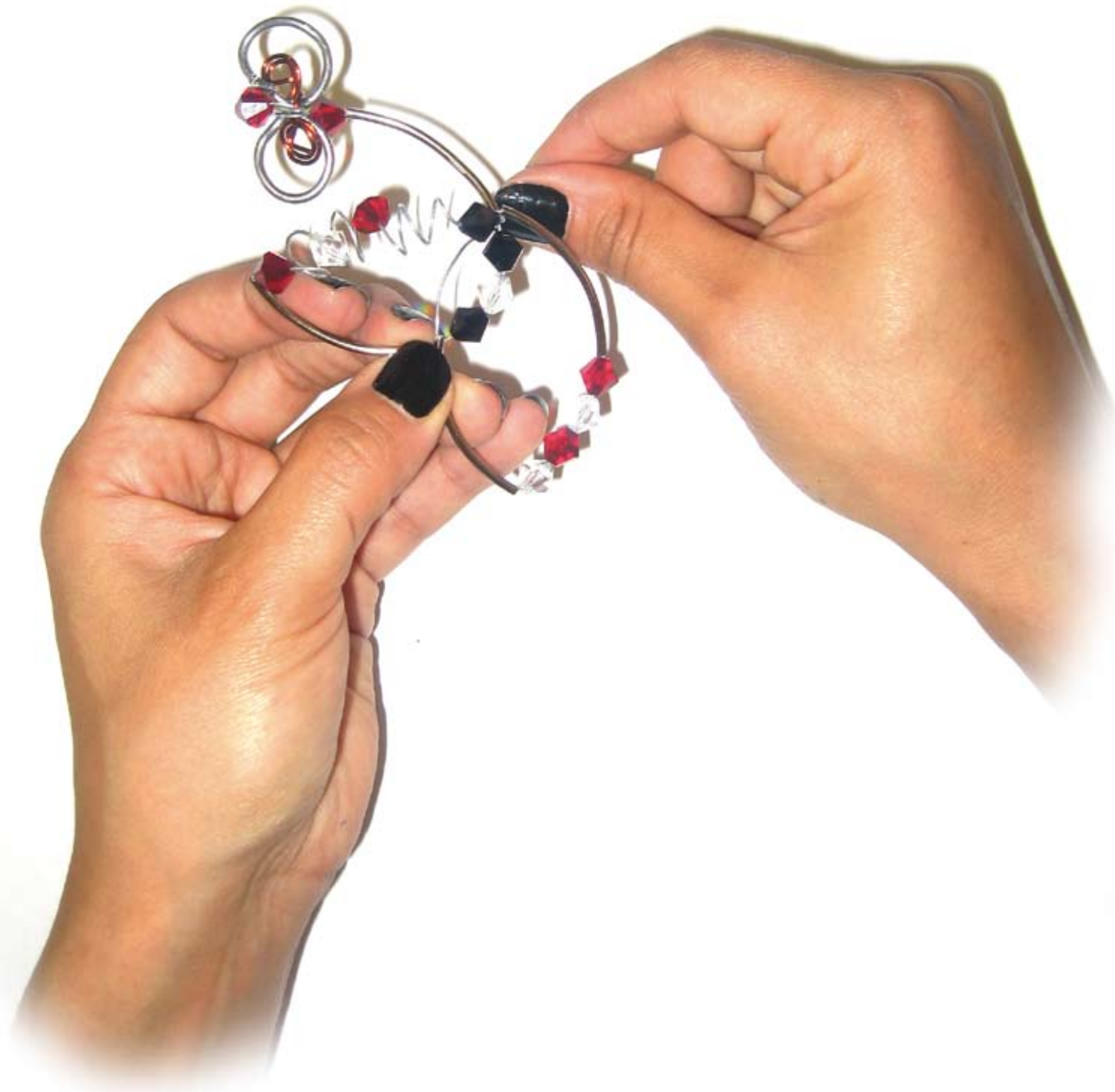
Beaded fashions are everywhere, but why have a look alike when you can easily create your own designer jewelry?

This tutorial shows the techniques you need to know to bead glass and wire to create your own unique piece of jewellery.



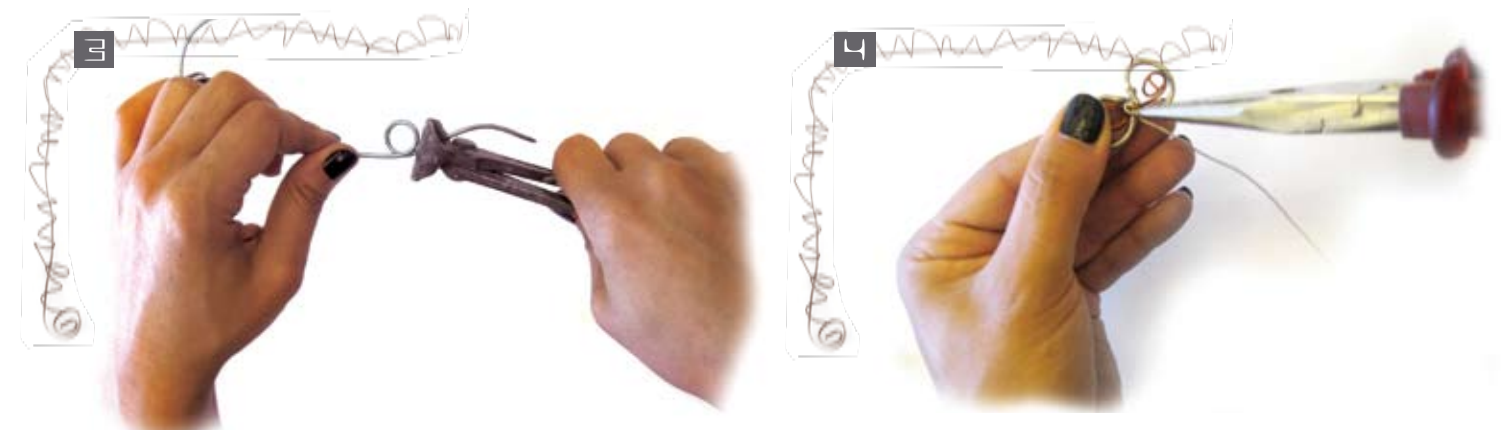
What you need

- Wire cutters
- Needle-nose pliers
- Metal wire in different sizes in the colours you want (I used copper and silver)
- Glass/metallic beads
- Round marker
- Small pencil
- Black ribbon



1 Cut 4-inch lengths of copper wire. Use the needle-nose pliers to bend the wire ends into spirals.

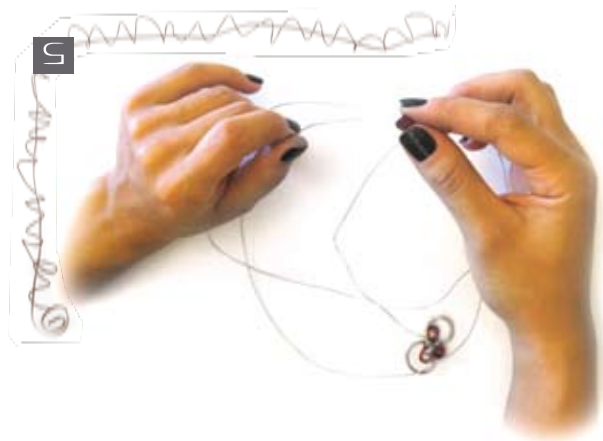
2 Wrap the thick silver wire around a marker one time .



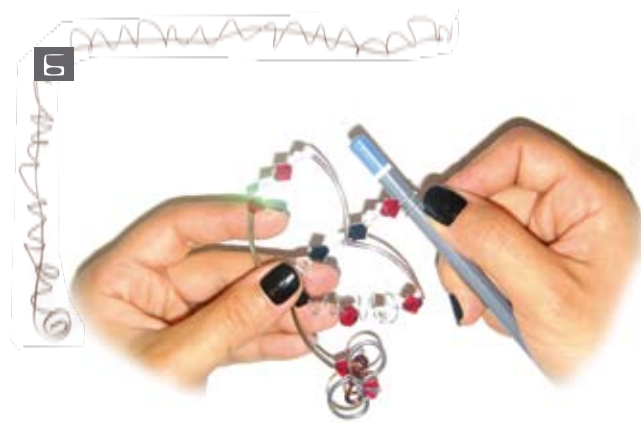
3 Use the wire cutters to cut the O shaped ends. Make another ring shape and join the O rings together with the copper spiral.

4 Cut a 20-inch length of silver thin wire. Using the pliers, bend one end of the wire and attach it to the copper ring.

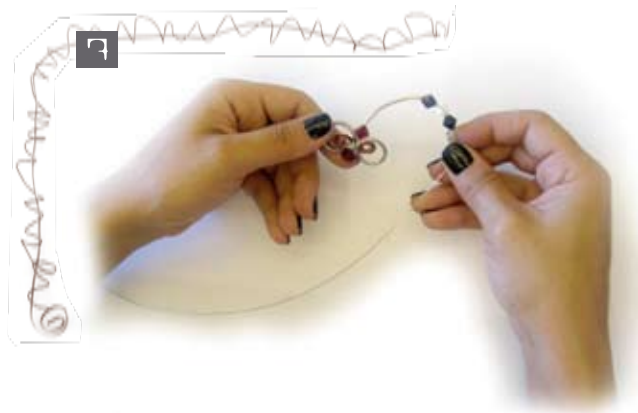
Black ribbon



Place beads on the wire. Shape the end of the wire into a spiral to hold the beads in place.



Wrap the centre of the wire around the pencil three times to shape the spiral and remove it from pencil. Gently pull the loops slightly apart. Form wire ends into open loops.



Thread beads on the straight end of the wire and slide them to the bottom.



Tightly wrap small sections of the beaded necklace with metal wire. Repeat steps 6 to 8 as desired.



Before attaching the closure, try the necklace on to make sure it fits, then cut off the excess wire. Fold ribbon in half and slide the other end into it.



Now wrap wire and ribbon together. Use the pliers to fold the open end into a hook. Enjoy your necklace!

