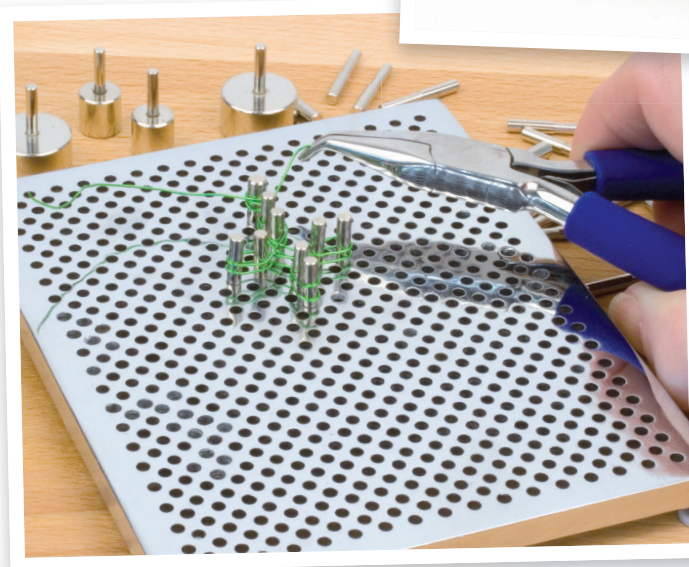


Hearts on wire necklace

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The Beadalon Thing-a-ma-jig Deluxe is ideal for forming elaborate loops for jewellery components, including the beautiful necklace links in this project. With the Beadalon Thing-a-ma-jig it is so easy to replicate designs consistently time and time again!



Step 1

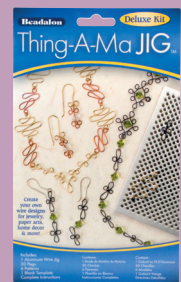
Placing the pegs

Begin by placing a 3/16" peg in a slot. Moving to the left, skip two slots and add a 5/16" peg. Add a 1/4" peg between the first two, moving three rows down. You will form your hearts around these pegs.

What you'll need:

*Beadalon
Thing-a-ma-jig
Deluxe*

999 0934



*Beadalon Artistic Wire
18 gauge natural*

701 041

*Beadalon Artistic Wire
18 gauge black*

701 040



Nylon hammer

999 608

*Beadalon small flat nose
nylon jaw pliers*

999 725S

Chain nose pliers

999 3701

Round nose pliers

999 697

Flush cutter tool

999 711

Step 2

Create a teardrop

Cut off a 4 ¼" wire segment. Wrap one end of the wire loosely around the larger peg creating the larger heart loop. This should be a tear drop shape rather than a circle.

Step 3

Form a circle

Wrap wire down around lower peg and back up to the outside of the smaller peg on the right, wrapping wire around to create a smaller heart loop. This second loop is a circle shape. Cut off all excess wire flush to inside sides of heart.

Step 4

Finalise the shape

Remove wire from pegs and make any adjustments with your round and chain nose pliers. I like to crease the bottom point using the chain nose pliers to give it a sharper bend.



Step 5

Add texture

Use nylon hammer to flatten wire, this will help it maintain its shape when worn. This process is called work hardening.

Optional: Use the edge of the hammer to add texture to the hearts.

Step 6

Repeat the process

Create six black and six copper hearts.

Step 7

Connect the hearts

To connect hearts, make 11 s-hook figure eights with gun metal wire. Cut a 1 ½" segment of wire, mark center and use round nose pliers to bend a loop at the top and bottom, the loops are opposite one another in direction. This makes a figure eight. Cut off any excess wire and use chain nose pliers to tuck the ends in.

Open and close figure eight ends around heart loops, using chain nose pliers to connect them together.



Try something different...

Why not try this project using different colours. 18 gauge Beadalon Artistic Wire is available from Cooksongold in: Silver plated (701 043), Brass (701 042) and Rose gold colour (701 044).

Step 8

Add coil charms

To make the coil charms, cut a 2 ¾" wire segment. Take the very end of your round nose pliers and turn a small loop. Grasp wire in your chain nose pliers and wire end in your fingertips. Work wire around itself into a coil and continue until you've wrapped around twice leaving a longer tail at the end.

Cut to approximately ¼" and use round nose pliers to bend wire backwards from the front, creating a bail. The loop is perpendicular to the front of the coil so these will hang forward when attached to your hearts. Hit the coil with a nylon hammer to flatten and 'work harden'. Open bail with chain nose pliers and attach to bottom of hearts, securing closed.

You will need six of each colour wire; they should each hang from the same colour heart.

Step 9

The finishing touches

To make a clasp, use two ¼" pegs and a 1.5" wire segment to form a larger figure eight. For the hook, place the 5/16" peg in a hole and a ¼" peg in the hole two spaces away on the same row.

Wrap a 2 ¾" wire in an 's' pattern around pegs. Use round nose pliers to turn a small loop in one end of your hook. Make a slightly larger loop in the other end, this larger loop is where the hook will attach to the necklace.

Grasp the larger loop with chain nose pliers and turn so it is perpendicular to the hook. Attach larger loop to one end of the necklace and the figure eight connector to the other.

Feed the hook into one loop on the figure eight to secure the necklace when worn!

Top tip: Change the size or scale for a totally different effect; make a matching pair of waterfall earrings and a bracelet, and dangle some beads from each heart.

