



With a few simple twists, you can work up whimsical beaded flowers. Add to the top of a pencil for a fun gift, or create several and arrange them in a bouquet.

SUPPLIES:

- Artistic Wire®, Silver 26 Gauge
- Artistic Wire®, Silver 24 Gauge
- Artistic Wire®, Silver 18 Gauge
- John Bead Czech Glass Seed Beads, 11/0 Black
- John Bead Czech Glass Seed Beads, 11/0 Yellow
- John Bead Czech Glass Seed Beads, 11/0 Green
- Beadalon® Nylon Jaw Flat Nose Pliers
- Beadalon® Nipper Tool
- Floral Tape
- Spin N Bead or Bead Spinner
- Pen

INSTRUCTIONS

STEP 1 – make the flower petals

Working from the spool, use the Spin-N-Bead to string up about 3 feet (1 meter) of yellow seed beads onto the 24 gauge Artistic Wire. Twist a loop in the end of the wire so the beads don't fall off.

STEP 2

Leave about a 3 inch (8 cm) tail and create a loop of 2 inches (5 centimeters) of beads. Twist the loop to secure. Use your fingers to squeeze the loop into an oval. Move the beads down the wire so that they are against the bottom of the loop. Take the wire with beads on it, and bring it up and over the top of the loop and back down the other side. Hold the beads in place and twist the petal to secure the beads and the wire. Continue making petals next to each other by creating a loop of 2 inches of beads and bringing the beaded wire up, over and down. Repeat to make 9 petals.

STEP 3

Weave the wire up and down through the petals to secure them. When you get back to the beginning, twist the working wire together with the tail you left in the beginning. Set aside.

STEP 4

Snip the wire from the spool and remove any remaining yellow beads from the wire.

STEP 5 – make the center of the flower

Working from the spool, string up 12 inches (30.5 cm) of black seed beads on the 24 gauge Artistic Wire. Twist a loop in the end of the wire so the beads don't fall off.

STEP 6

Bring two beads down to the twist, leave an 8 inch (20 cm) tail and make a 3 inch (8 cm) loop by twisting the wire together. The two beads will be trapped between the end and the twisted loop.

STEP 7

Push the beads against the twist, and fill the gap between the bottom wire and the top wire with beads. Wrap the wire around the top wire. Push the beads against that twist, and fill the gap between the top wire and the bottom. Wrap the wire around the bottom (twisted together) wires.

STEP 8

Continue pushing the beads into place and wrapping around until you have a total of three rows on each side of the two beads. Twist the working wire around two more times and snip it close to the beads.

Step 9

Gently cup the wired beads and bring the top and bottom wires together under the beaded circle. Twist the wires together.

STEP 10

Thread this beaded circle in the middle of the flower petals and twist all of the wires together.

STEP 11 – Make the leaves (make 2)

Remove the black beads from the wire, and string up about two feet (61 cm) of green beads.

STEP 12

Measure out 4 inches (10 cm) of beads. Leave about 5 inches of wire and twist the beads into a loop. Gently press the sides together to form a tall, skinny loop. Move the beads down against the bottom of the loop, and bring the wire from the bottom over the top, and back down again. Twist the wires together for about 3 inches.

STEP 13

Snip the wire from the spool. Shape the leaf gently into a curve.

STEP 14

Snip the loops from the ends of the wires on each of the 4 beaded segments. Twist together any stray ends.

STEP 15

Cut a 6 inch (15 cm) piece of 18 gauge wire.

STEP 16

Use the 26 gauge wire to attach the flower to the 18 gauge wire. Wrap the 26 gauge wire around the 18 gauge wire while holding the flower stem in place. Wrap down about 2 inches (5 inches) and attach one leaf on either side. Continue wrapping down the 18 gauge wire to secure.

STEP 17

Working from the spool, stretch the floral tape to activate its stickiness. Attach the end of the floral tape right underneath the head of the flower, and wrap down the length of the 18 gauge wire.

STEP 18

Position the stem of the flower against your pen. Use the floral tape to attach the flower to the pen.