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LEVEL UP YOUR WIRE WRAPPING SKILLS by Meredith Roddy

Have you mastered your simple and wrapped loops? Then, it's time to up your wire working game! Learn the basics of working with half round and square wire to create a gorgeous cuff bracelet, and finish off with a handmade Z-clasp.

SUPPLIES:
Beadalon® German Style Wire, Square
Beadalon® German Style Wire, Half Round
Bead Gallery® Black Aurora Borealis Faceted Glass Rectangle Beads, 8mm
Bead Gallery® Silver Small Dot Rondel Metal Beads, 4mm

TOOLS:
Beadalon® Sparkle Chain Nose Pliers
Beadalon® Nipper Tool
Beadalon® Nylon Jaw Flat Nose Pliers
Beadalon® Sparkle Bent Chain Nose Pliers
Beadalon® Sparkle Round Nose Pliers or Stepped Bail Making Pliers

STEP 1
Cut three 10 inch (25.5 cm) pieces of square wire. Use the nylon jaw pliers to straighten the wires.

STEP 2
Cut a 3 inch (7.6cm) piece of half round wire. Use the flat nose pliers to bend the end around and into a hook.

STEP 3 – make a temporary wrap to hold the wires together
Hold the three pieces of square wire together. Hook the end of the half round over all three square wires about 2 inches (5 cm) from the end. Wrap the half round wire around the 3 square wires 5 times.

STEP 4
Onto the middle square wire, string up one daisy spacer, one rectangle bead, one daisy spacer. Push the beads down as close as you can to the wraps without distorting the wires.

STEP 5
Cut a 3 inch (7.6cm) piece of half round wire. Use the flat nose pliers to bend the end around and into a hook. Hook the end of the half round wire over all three square wires. Make one wrap next to the beads around all three wires. Onto the middle square wire, string up one daisy spacer, one rectangle bead, and one daisy spacer. Push the beads against the wrap so that when you are wrapping, the outside square wires are held in place and won't bend in. Wrap the half round wire around the 3 square wires 4 more times. On the fifth wrap, cut the wire so you can bend it down flush against the back of the three wires. Continue wrapping and adding beads until you have added 10 beads, or your bracelet is the length you'd like, minus 1 inch (2.5cm) for the clasp.

STEP 6
Unwrap the first, temporary wrap you did to hold the wires in place. Separate the wires (it's helpful to use a spare rectangle bead to keep the wires the right distance apart), and add a wrap as in step 5.

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STEP 7

Bend the two outside wires out at 45 degree angles, and trim all wires to ½ inch (1.75cm). Repeat on the other side.

STEP 8

Use the round nose pliers or bail making pliers to turn small loops in the side wires out to the sides.

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Use the largest part of the round nose pliers, or the 4th largest part of the bail making pliers to turn a loop perpendicular and towards the back of the bracelet. Repeat on the other side.

STEP 10

Use a mandrel, or your fingers, to gently form the wires into a bracelet shape.

STEP 11 – making the clasp

Cut a 4 inch (10 cm) piece of square wire. Use your round nose and flat nose pliers to form a Z -clasp and connect the clasp to the bracelet.