

## 5 THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE EMBARKING ON WIRE WRAPPING

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You've probably heard of wire wrapping, but still don't know what it is?

Beginners or experienced in the creation of jewelry, you are in the right place to learn more!

#### 1. WHAT IS WIRE WRAPPING?

Wire wrapping has been in vogue for some time now. From *wire*, "fil", and *wrap* "to wrap", this technique consists quite simply in wrapping wire around a support in order to give it a shape ... the one you want! And yes, with this technique, you are free to create as you wish. There are no more constraints, it's up to you to create your primer, great isn't it? You can give free rein to your imagination to create unique and original jewelry. A variant of this technique, called lettering, involves manipulating the thread so as to form letters, a word, a first name, etc. The thread works without support.



#### 2. THE MATERIAL

You are probably wondering what equipment is necessary to get started in wire wrapping ... well you will be surprised to see that you may already be well equipped. You need a support, and a few pliers. You can indeed decline your supports to infinity .... Here are some ideas that can help you get started: a bracelet, a torque, a pair of hoops, mounting rings, or a cabochon ... do not bridle yourself.



You will then need a few tools to help you shape your wire around the support.

#### • Jewelry clips

Whether with flat ends, round ends, short or long ends, the jewelry pliers will be your allies in the production of your jewelry. You will be able to shape your wire as desired thanks to their precision tips.

#### • Specific pliers

Among the specific pliers, you will find pliers to form rings, others to form rings or even to form loops.

#### • The tools to form the wire

There are also tools to form the wire: Triboulets, Wig Jig or templates, as many tools which will accompany you in the creation of jewelry in wire wrapping. To go further, discover all the tools for wire on our site.

#### • Small everyday objects

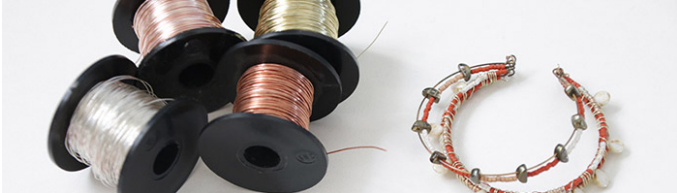
Do you want to give your thread an original shape? Little things around you inspire you? Go ahead, grab, and wind up!



#### 3. WHAT WIRE TO CHOOSE?

But as with all things, starting at the beginning is better! You can imagine that you are already thinking about the shape you are going to give your thread ... but let's talk about it a bit! Too flexible, it may deform, too rigid, it will be difficult to shape ...

Making a jewel in wire wrapping requires choosing the right wire. From round threads, to flat threads, passing through square threads, there are a multitude of threads that can be suitable for creating jewelry in wire wrapping. It is necessary that the wire used is flexible enough to be malleable and shaped according to your desires, and at the same time rigid enough to keep in shape.



#### • Aluminum wires

Aluminum wire is very flexible but interesting for certain wire wrapping creations. It allows you to work with large wire diameters.

#### • Stainless steel wire

Stainless steel wire is also frequently used, and is much more rigid. Its rigidity makes it possible in particular to make heavy creations or to assemble several pieces between them.

#### • 925 Silver Son

The 925 silver wire also allows the creation of wire wrapping jewelry. It has the advantage of offering a wide range of wires, varying the shapes and diameters.

#### • Copper and brass wires

Copper and brass wires are the stars of wire wrapping. They are available in many colors, shapes, finishes, diameters and level of malleability. With them everything is allowed.

#### • Gold filled wires

Gold Filled threads allow you to create golden jewelry that lasts over time!

#### 4. PEARLS AND STONES

If some fans of wire wrapping like to leave the raw jewelry, made only of wire, others prefer it decorated with pearls. But how do you make jewelry out of stones? The possibilities are very numerous, and you will discover new ones yourself by letting your creativity run ... Setting a stone with wire will no longer hold any secrets for you. Often "imprisoned", it is common to see natural gemstones or cultured pearls mixed with wire wrapping. Whether round pearls, pendants, drops, or even cabochons, everything is possible ... then it's up to you!

#### 5. WIRE WRAPPING TRENDS

The possibilities in wire wrapping are numerous, you can indeed make earrings as well as necklaces, or even bracelets. And what's great is that your jewelry will be unique. To guide you in your beginnings, or simply to give you a little inspiration, here are some wire wrapping jewelry tutorials

#### • Drop earrings in round pearls and wire wrapping

#### • Multi-strand bracelet, ethnic style, Miyuki Délicas beads and wire wrapping

#### • Hoops with tart glass beads



Will the discovery of this technique make you passionate about wire wrapping? To find out, try it out ... So, to your sons!

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