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MOTHER'S DAY CHARM

SUPPLIES & TOOLS

- 6 - 8 in. of 18 gauge wire #30085105
- 24 in. of 24 - 26 gauge wire #30085108
- Small crystals, E beads, etc. in birth month colors
- Beaders Tool Set #30103698+ (comes in assorted colors)
- 6mm Jump rings #30213218 for attaching finished charm
- Cell phone strap, keychain, chain necklace, bracelet, etc. for finished charm
- Charms, Beads, tassels, etc. for finishing bottom of heart



NOTE: Basic Wire-wrapping skills will be helpful for this project.

Beaders Tool Set includes 8 basic jewelry making tools including the tools needed for this project:

Chain Nose pliers, Round Nose Pliers, Semi-flush Cutter. Nylon Jaws Pliers is also good for straightening out bent wire.

INSTRUCTIONS



1. Cut a piece of 18-gauge wire about 6 - 8 inches long. (It is easier to work with a longer piece of wire)
Find the center of the wire and create a small loop by crossing the wires. This is the top center of the heart.
Determine how big you want to make the heart. Keep in mind the number of "birth month" beads you will include, how big they are and what you plan to attach the finished charm to.



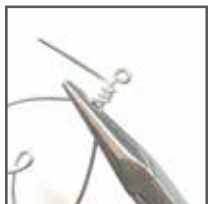
2. Slightly curve the wires to form the heart shape.
Bring the ends of the wire together, overlapping and meeting at the bottom to form the heart in the size you want.
You can shape your heart off centered if you want a more whimsical look



3. Take one wire end and using the chain nose pliers, wrap around the other end to hold the heart shape in place. Bend the other wire so that it is pointing straight downwards from the heart.



4. Trim the straight wire so that it is only about 1/2 inch long. Use the round nose pliers to make a small closed loop but still leave a little space above the loop.



5. Take the other wire end that is wrapped around this looped wire and continue wrapping around 2-3 more wraps. Trim off excess wire. Your heart shape is complete.



6. On one side of the heart, wrap the 24-gauge wire around the 18-gauge wire until you reach about the center. You can wrap the wire closely together or space it apart.



7. Place a birth month bead onto the 24-gauge wire so it rests on the 18-gauge wire. Then wrap wire again to secure the bead.
Place the next bead on top of the wire then wrap wire to secure. Repeat until all the beads are on the heart. Wrap the rest of the 24-gauge wire onto the heart to continue the design, until you reach the bottom point of the heart. Cut off excess wire.



8. On the bottom loop, attach other embellishments like letter beads, a tassel or dangle a heart bead.

Optional - you can also create wire wrapped dangles using the birth month beads and hang them from the loop instead of wire wrapping them onto the heart.

Attach a jump ring to add the finished heart to a chain, bracelet, keychain or cell phone strap.