Techniques: Twisting Wire - Branch Effect

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Materials

- Hair accessory (we chose a hair comb for this technique)
- Crystal, Glass Beads, Semi-precious or other beads (we used 4mm crystal bicone beads for this technique)
- 17 feet - 26 gauge non-tarnish silver artistic wire

Tools

- Chain Nose Pliers
- Wire Cutters

Tips:

- Try making random lengths of branches throughout your twisted wire design.
- For a fun look try using different shapes and sizes of beads.

Step 1
Choose a crystal or bead color and size. We chose a mix of 4mm crystal bicone beads.

Step 2
Anchor the wire by wrapping around one side of a component three times. We used a hair comb and 17 feet of silver wire.

Step 3
String one bead onto the wire. We used a 4mm crystal bicone bead.

Step 4
Measure the wire approximately 1" from the top of the hair comb.

Step 5
The hole of the bead should be parallel with the hair comb. Measure 1" of wire down the other side of the bead.

Step 6
Hold the wire about half way down the 1" length of wire.
**Bangles and Rings**

**Artist Findings**

**GOLD COMPONENTS**
- Findings
- Clasps
- Ear Wires
- Links, Caps, Components

**BRASS COMPONENTS**
- Findings, Clasps, Earwires
- Links and Components

**COPPER COMPONENTS**
- Findings
- Clasps
- Ear Wires
- Links, Caps, Components

**BASE METAL COMPONENTS**
- Findings
- Clasps
- Ear Wires
- Bead Craft Findings
- Filigree and Components

**STRINGING MATERIALS**
- Chain
- Wire
- Beading Wire
- Beading Thread
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**Step 7**
Holding the wire in place start twisting the wire.

**Step 8**
You have now formed one twisted wire branch.

**Step 9**
String one bead onto the wire. We used a 4mm crystal bicone bead.

**Step 10**
Measure the wire approximately 1/2" from the bottom of the twisted wire.

**Step 11**
Measure 1/2" of wire down the other side of the bead.

**Step 12**
Holding the wire in place start twisting the wire.

**Step 13**
You have now formed your second twisted wire branch.

**Step 14**
Twist the wire 1/4" down from the two twisted wire branches.

**Step 15**
String one bead onto the wire. We used a 4mm crystal bicone bead.

**Step 16**
Measure the wire approximately 1/2" from the bottom of the twisted wire.

**Step 17**
Measure 1/2" of wire down the other side of the bead.

**Step 18**
Holding the wire in place start twisting the wire.
Step 19
Twist the wire until you reach the end of the wire length at the top of the hair comb.

Step 20
You have now formed your third twisted wire branch.

Step 21
Repeat steps 2-20 until you have reached the end of your hair comb.

Step 22
Wrap the wire around the end of the hair comb a few times.

Step 23
To finish the wire wrap the end wire around the side of the hair comb three times to secure.

Step 24
Cut the end of the wire with the wire cutters. Use chain nose pliers to squeeze both ends of the wires tight against the hair comb. There should not be any wires sticking out.

Step 25
Add a small drop of Hypo Tube Cement to the ends of the wire and let dry completely. This will help prevent the ends of the wires from snagging.

Step 26
Congratulations! You have now twisted wire branches onto a hair comb.