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## Techniques: Hardening a Wire Form

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Crystal Beads  
Crystal Pendants  
Crystal Components  
Crystal Pearls  
Crystal Sew-On Stones

GLASS BEADS

Glass Beads  
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Lampwork Glass Beads  
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Artist Beads

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BEADS

Round Seed Beads  
Seed Bead Shapes  
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Delicas by Color

NATURAL BEADS

Gemstone Beads  
Freshwater Pearls  
Wood, Shell, Horn, Bone  
Felt and Resin Beads

METAL BEADS

Alphabet Beads  
Silver Beads  
Gold Beads  
Brass Beads  
Copper Beads  
Thai Hill Tribe Silver



### Materials

- Wire form (we used a gold-filled wire form)

### Tools

- Nylon Block or Steel Bench Block
- Plastic Mallet or Rawhide
- Tape (optional)



Step 1  
Place a wire form on a nylon block.



Step 2  
To harden the wire form use a plastic mallet and hammer the wire form on the nylon block. Using a nylon block and a plastic mallet will allow you to harden the wire form without flattening it.



Step 3  
Make several forms and link them together for a necklace, bracelet or earrings. Also, try linking them together with wire wrapped links.

CHARMS AND  
PENDANTS

Silver Charms

Gold Charms

Brass Charms

Copper Charms

Stamping Blanks & Charms

Collage Pendants

Pendants

Buttons

SILVER COMPONENTS

Findings

Clasps

Ear Wires

Links, Caps, Components

Bangles and Rings

Artist Findings

GOLD COMPONENTS

Findings

Clasps

Ear Wires

Links, Caps, Components

Bangles and Rings

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  
Elastic and Cord  
Wire Lace Ribbon  
TOOLS AND SUPPLIES

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