

Primavera

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After a seemingly endless winter, spring is finally here! To celebrate, I've created Primavera.

This delicate and feminine piece can be used as a bracelet or an adorable choker. Can't you just see it on a flower girl?

I've paired light and airy pastels with classic pearls to create a playful yet elegant piece.

Wubbers Medium Half-Round Mandrel Pliers make this project a cinch to complete and give you the freedom to design pieces with a whole new look!



Materials List

- 1 roll – 20 gauge (.81mm) silver, half hard wire
- 12 – 1 ½ inch (4cm) pieces of silver wire cut from the same roll.
- 10 – 6mm pink bicones
- 24 – 1x3mm frosted green donut beads
- 24 – 1x3mm frosted pink donut beads
- 8 – 6mm cream colored pearls
- 12 – 5mm silver jump rings
- 1 – piece of ½ inch wide (12mm) ribbon 12-24 inches (30-60cm)

Tools – Don't Forget Safety Glasses!

- Wubbers Medium Half Round Mandrel Pliers
- Side cutters
- Safety glasses
- 2 Pairs of Wubbers Classic Pliers: Chain Nose, Bent Nose, Flat Nose or any combo
- Wubbers Small Looping Pliers
- Scissors

Step 1

Working with wire from the roll, place the end of the wire in the middle of the jaws of the Wubbers Medium Half Round Mandrel Pliers. Wrap around the smaller mandrel. Close the jaws of the pliers and wrap the wire around the outside of arc.

Open the jaws of the pliers and bring the wire across the flat side. Close the pliers again and give a gentle squeeze to flatten the wire. Repeat for 3-4 wraps. Don't wrap the wire more than 3 or 4 times or it will be difficult to remove from the pliers.



Slide the formed half rounds off the pliers. Use side cutters to cut the middle of the flat side to form links.

Step 2

Use 2 pairs of Wubbers Classic Chain Nose Pliers to open the half round wire ring using the same technique used to open a jump ring.

(Place the tips of the pliers, just below the flattened side. Rotate your dominant hand forward and non-dominant hand toward you simultaneously).

Then, slide a 6mm bicone onto the wire.



Step 3

Push the bicone down until it stops. Hold the ring with one pair of Classic Chain Nose Pliers in your non-dominant hand and use the second pair of pliers twist the other side of the half-round ring closed.



Step 4

The bicone should slide freely across the straight portion of the ring. If the bicone does not slide freely, simply pinch the ring between two fingers.



Step 5

Slide the bicone to the center of the flat side of the half-round ring.

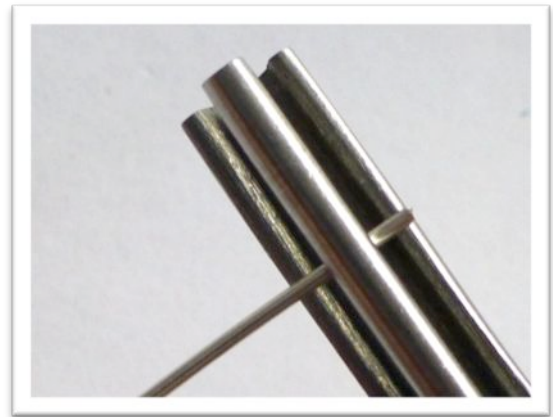
Repeat Steps 1-4 to make a total of 10 half-round links.



Step 6

Place the tip of a wire piece between the jaws of the Wubbers Small Looping Pliers. (The end of the wire should be flush with the outside edge of the concave jaw).

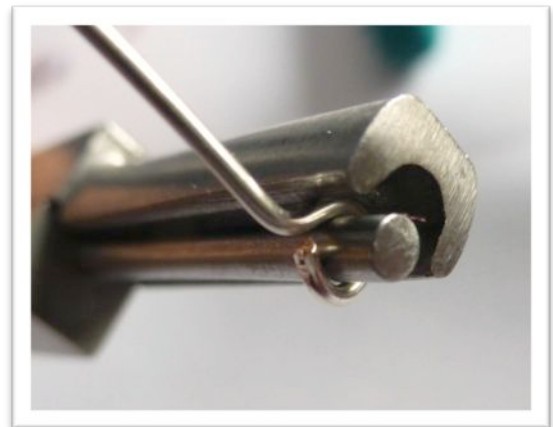
Close the jaws of the pliers and rotate your wrist to form a loop.



Step 7

Loosen the pliers and reposition the Wubbers Small Looping Pliers at the base of loop, opposite the beginning of the wire.

Close the jaws of the pliers and push the wire against the flattened, top portion of the concave jaw to “break the neck”.



Step 8

Slide the 1x3mm frosted green glass donut beads, the 1x3 mm pink donut beads and a 6mm pearl into the eye pin as shown in the picture.

Use Wubbers Small Looping Pliers to create the second loop. At the end of the wire.

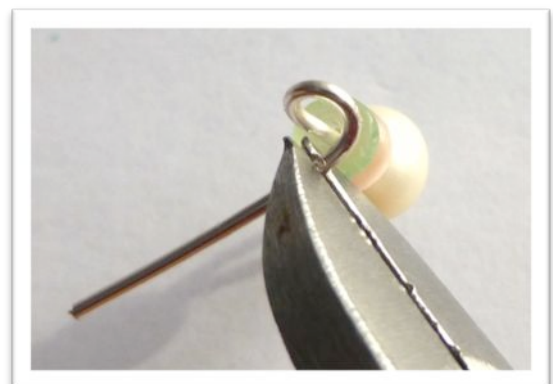


Step 9

Use side cutters to trim any excess wire.

Be sure to wear safety glasses and cover the eye pin with your hand to prevent the wire from causing injury.

Repeat Steps 6-8 for a total of 12 beaded eye pins.



Step 10

Connect the beaded eye pins and half-round links to form 2 chains. Each chain should begin and end with a beaded eye pin and contain 6 beaded eye pins and 5 half-round links.



Step 11

Place the two chains together with the arc of the half-round links facing each other.

Using 2 jump rings per link, connect the half-round links to their mirror image on the second chain.

Once the half-round links have all been connected, connect the ends of the two chains with a jump ring on both ends of the chains.



Step 12

Feed the end of the ribbon through each of the jump rings.

Use Wubbers Classic Bent Nose Pliers to pull the ribbon through the jump rings.



Step 13

Tuck the ribbon behind the half-round links to complete the project. Adjust the ribbon as necessary to keep it taut.

Simply tie onto your wrist to use as a bracelet and use scissors to trim any excess ribbon or leave the ribbon longer to use as a choker.



Review Questions

- 1) True/False. The bicones are placed onto a triangle made with the Wubbers Designer Triangle Mandrel Pliers.
 - a) True
 - b) False

- 2) Which of the following pliers makes a neat “eye” at the end of a wire?
 - a) Wubbers Looping Pliers
 - b) Wubbers Medium Bail Making Pliers
 - c) Wubbers Classic Bent Nose Pliers

- 3) True/False. It’s not really necessary to wear safety glasses when creating this project.
 - a) True
 - b) False

- 4) What is the purpose of the ribbon?
 - a) To add color to the project
 - b) To allow the piece to be tied as a choker or bracelet
 - c) Both a) and b)