

DEVARDI TWISTIES

Wired Earrings & Pendant Tutorial



Devardi has many colorful Twisties - have you noticed? The colors inspire me to work out a way to use them 'As-Is' like a Jewelry component. This simple Tutorial will present the use of cut Devardi Twistie pieces to make wired jewelry like the Earrings and Pendant shown above. The sky is the limit on your designs!

When you can't get to the Torch, playing with cut pieces of Twisties may be the next best thing!

1. TO BEGIN... Choose the Twisties that appeal to you and cut them to lengths that you want to work with. If you are making earrings measure them before you cut, so that each piece is the same length.

Use an Emory Board to sand the sharp outer edge of each end. Do it outside with a breeze blowing away from you to avoid breathing any glass dust as you sand around the edges.



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2. TOOLS... You will need Craft Wire, some G-S Hypo Cement or similar, and tools to cut and shape your wire. I like G-S Hypo Cement because it has the syringe needle for pin-point glue application.

The tools I used to shape my wire were Bent Nose Pliers, Straight Nose Pliers, Wire Cutters and Round Nose Pliers for making loops and bends. You can get an inexpensive Set of pliers and a cutter at Walmart, Michaels, AC Moore or online. The Wire I used was 20 gauge Craft Wire.

If you haven't used Jewelry Tools before here is a simple Loop Tutorial Video:

<http://www.pinterest.com/pin/70931762851575491/>

You can also search online and on YouTube for beginning Wire Jewelry Tutorials. There are wonderful books available on using Jewelry Tools and making wire wrapped items with them. Visit your local bookstore and check them out before buying one.



3. WIRE WRAPPING INFO... Cut a length of wire about 5" long so that you have length to work with. Create your top loop that the Twistie will hang from. Then form your bends and the loops you will glue around the Twistie Piece. I use the Round Nose Pliers to make these loops. If you find you are marring the wire a lot, use the end of the pliers to dent all the way around and make it look like part of the design.

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You can get as elaborate or simple as you like with your wire wrapping. Put a loop on both ends of the top wire, and that lets you hang things from the end-loop like this earring design below.



Some of my designs have a wrap at the top and another at the bottom, like the red/blue Twistie Earring above.



The orange Twistie has one wire running the length, with two loops to hold it and a bend underneath. Try wrapping wire all different ways.



As you can see on this yellow Twistie, I glued large metal Charm Beads from Walmart on the ends for a neat look.

GLUE NOTES... I like to create a pad to use to glue on. I put thick cardboard inside a gallon sized Baggie. That lets me have a surface that can get glue on it. Glue won't fully stick to it, or it can be easily snipped off if it does adhere.

If you use something thicker, you can use pins to set up your item in exactly the right position to be glued. Align your loops, and make sure your wrapping is sitting level and just right before you leave it to dry.

Have fun and post pictures of what you create!