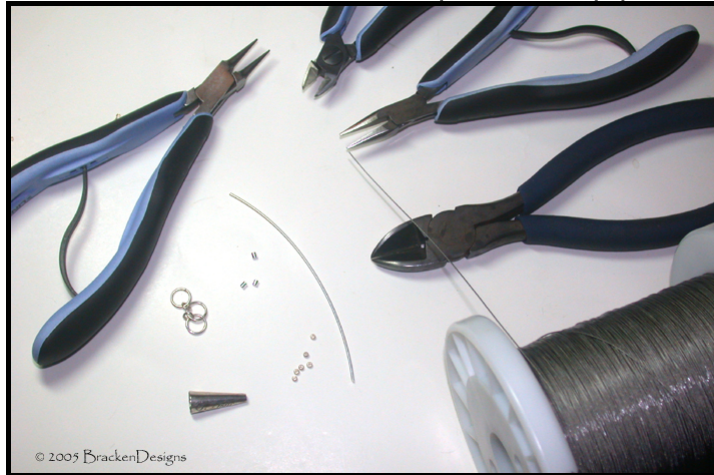


Photo Tutorial: Multi-Strand Jewelry without Multi-Strand Clasps

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What you will need:

- A cap or cone of some sort in which you will be hiding the "mess"
- Stringing material (thread or wire)
- Crimps
- Two lengths of wire (preferably 20-22 gage) about 4 inches or so
- A clasp
- Wire cutters, round-nose, needle-nose pliers, crimp pliers



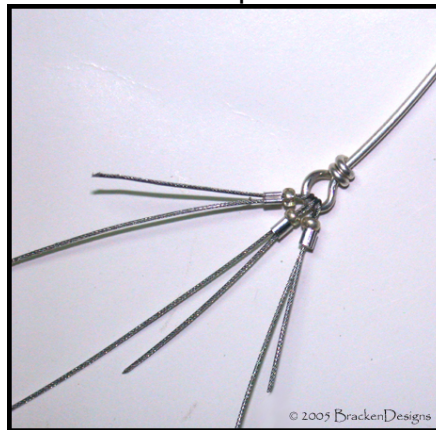
Step 1: Make a wire-wrapped loop at one end of your wire



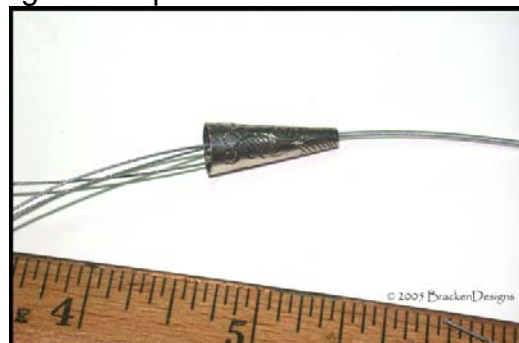
Step 2: Put a crimp and then a spacer bead onto one of your lengths of threading wire



Step 3: Connect each length of thread/wire to the wire loop



Step 4: Put the straight end of the wire through the cap/cone



Step 5: Start another wire-wrapped loop, at the top of the cone/cap, with one end of your clasp inside the loop (I often put an extra spacer bead on top of the cone, before wrapping)



Step 6: Slip one end of your clasp set onto this loop and finish wrapping (including the tuck!)



Step 7: String the rest of your necklace/bracelet

Step 8: Close all the strands with the crimps ONTO the wire loop of the last length of wire; then you will see how easily it threads into the other cone (crimps hidden from sight), and you can easily make a loop on top of that cone and attach the ending clasp

I love multi-strand clasps, but when I don't have one, this is the best way I know of to still make multi-strand jewelry.



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