

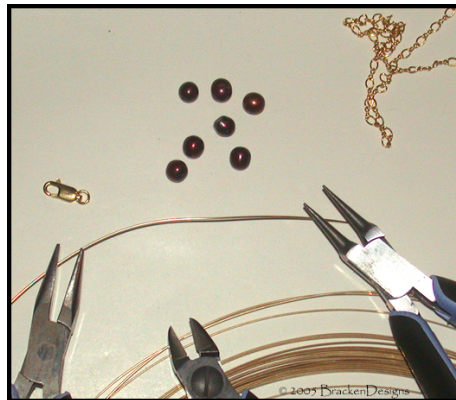
Photo Tutorial: Tin-Cup Style Jewelry

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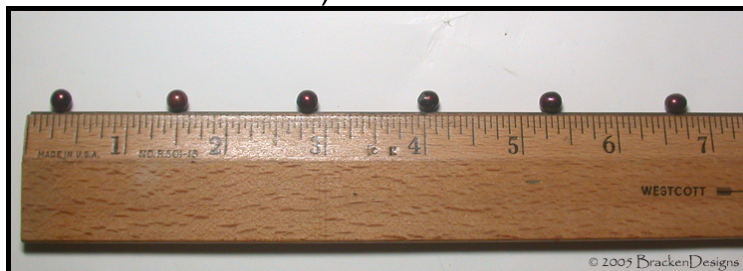
This style of jewelry is favored by brides and bridesmaids... so if you feel inclined to dip your toes into the waters of wedding jewelry, you may find a hidden money maker. People planning weddings EXPECT to pay a lot of money for wedding accoutrements, and if you price reasonably you may just take some business away from those who extort for wedding jewelry.

What you will need:

- Several of one kind of bead; pearls are traditional
- Chain, thin is good
- Wire thin enough (~24-22 gage) to go through your chosen bead AND through the links of your chosen chain
- Wire cutters, round-nose, needle-nose pliers
- A clasp

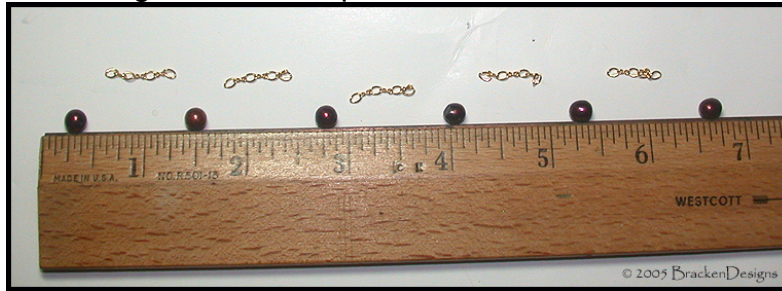


Step 1: Lay your beads out and decide how much space you want between them ($\frac{3}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches is traditional)



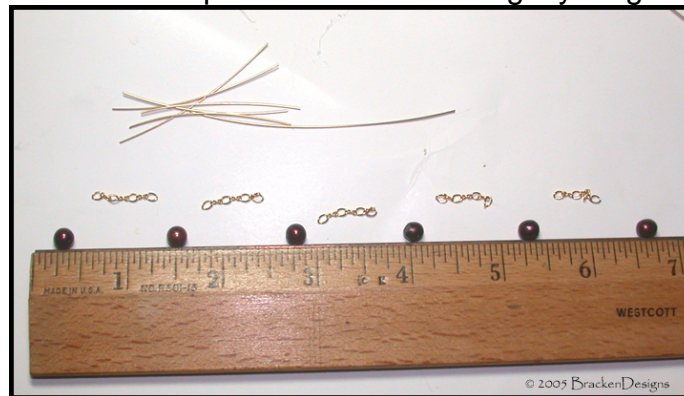
Step 2: Decide how long your bracelet or necklace (16-18 inches is traditional) will be

Step 3: Cut your chain into appropriate segments based on the distance between beads and length of finished piece



Step 4: Cut appropriate number of lengths of wire based on number of beads being used in piece

- If I'm using a lobster claw clasp for one end, I usually just make the opposing clasp end as a larger loop from the last connection (hence the one piece of wire that's slightly longer than the others)



Step 5: Make a wire-wrap loop at one end of the longer wire; this is the loop to which your lobster claw will attach

- If you're using a clasp with two parts, make a smaller loop than shown and put one of your clasp ends into the loop before closing



Step 6: Place your bead on the other end of the wire, scotch it down to rest against the first wire-wrapped loop, and make the start of a wire-wrapped loop at the new end of wire



Step 7: Thread an end link of one of the chain segments onto the loop and close the wrapping (which includes trimming and tucking the end!)



Step 8: Get another piece of wire, make the start of a loop, and thread the other end of the chain link onto the new half-loop



... then close that wire-wrapping

Step 9: Continue steps 6-8 this until you have the length of your piece all connected

Step 10: Attach the clasp end or ends by treating it/them as chain; it/they will attach to one end of a wire loop

- Experiment with more than one bead/pearl, but unless it's an effect you're going for be careful of too long a segment (makes your jewelry have straight lines instead of "flow")
- Alternate with two different types of beads
- Loop two differing lengths of chain from each connection







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