

92NY ART CENTER

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WIRED: Bead and Wire Chains

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SUPPLY LIST

Cloth to work on: old pillow case, etc.

Small metal ruler marked in inches and in metric (6" or 12")

Tools: chain nose pliers, round nose pliers, wire cutters (the blue handled or red handled wire "nippers" are a good choice)

Wire: Copper or Beadalon Artistic Wire or ParaWire (must be copper base)

Dead soft sterling, gold-filled, or bronze for final projects. 6 ft each of 26g, 24g, 22g, and 20g

Brass or Beadalon German style wire 22g and 20g

Beads—Assortment of sizes, shapes, etc. no plastic

Sharpie Extra fine permanent marker

Note pad and pen/pencil

wooden dowels: 1/8" and up in size (sold in sets for chain making)

nail file 2 sided - one side fine and one side coarse

There will be tools and some practice wire available for use in class.

.All supplies needed will be discussed in the First Class.

WEEK 1 Wire wrapped eyes using all sizes of wire. Beads must fit on the wires.

Beads should be 6mm and up in size. Commercial clasp - optional

Commercial chain - optional.

WEEK 2 Wire wrapped eyes - large - using 20g wire. Beads: larger ones work

best.

WEEK 3 Basic eye - 20g brass Beadalon German style wire or brass.

Beads: 6mm or larger.

WEEK 4 & 5 Spiral elements used to create chains. 22g, 20g or larger

Begin with the classic chain of connected spirals and explore additional element to use in unique chains.

WEEK 6 A few more fun techniques to play with as well as finishing

up projects.

Suppliers for tools and wire

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Allcraft Tool & Supply 135 W 29th St, 2nd fl. 212-279-7077

Fire Mountain Gems - online Parawire (also beads)

Beadalon - online - Artistic wire

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SUPPLIERS

Allcraft 135 W.29th Street, 2nd Floor (212-840-1860) tools & wire.
(ask for student discount)

Fire Mountain (online) Tools, beads and wire.

Beadalon (online) tools and wire