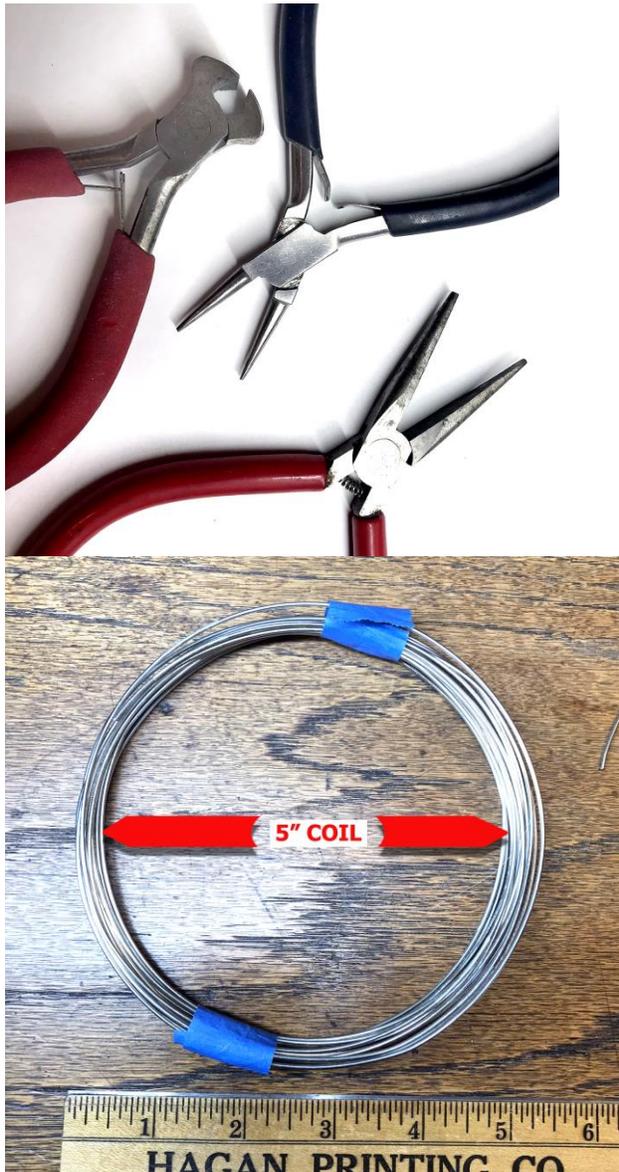


Easy Beaded Bubble Blower

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Tools

- Wire cutters
- Flat chain nose pliers
- Round nose pliers
- 3/4" diameter dowel rod, marker or other small cylindrical object (not shown)

Materials

- 5"-DIAMETER coil of 20 gauge wire of your choice. You want this type of coil because it has the perfect curve already in the wire. It doesn't have to be exactly a 5" coil, just something close to that. A standard coil like this weighs 1 ounce and contains about 20 feet of wire, enough to make a dozen bubble blowers.
- One large bead (1/2" to 1") with a 2mm hole. The bead size is not critical, but the hole must be big enough to accept 2 thicknesses of your 20 gauge wire.
- Optional: About 8" of 24 gauge wire of your choice.

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Cut a half circle of wire off the main coil. DON'T straighten the wire. This will be about 8" long, but you don't need to be precise.

Please Note: these instructions make a mini bubble blower (about 2" long) Great size for jewelry, and perfect for tiny hands. For a larger/longer blower or a larger loop, one full circle of wire will make a bubble blower up to about 5" long.

I used nickel wire for this example, but you can use aluminum, brass, copper or even steel wire.

Find the center of the wire and press it against the dowel rod with your thumb. Again, you don't need to be precise!

Wrap the wire around the dowel, keeping the ends of the wire even. It looks like a fish at this point.



Keep wrapping the wire until you have one full loop around the dowel rod.



Now you have a circle of wire with two long tails.



Grasp the edge of the circle with your flat chain nose pliers.



Bend one leg up (backward) so the wire curve now heads in the opposite direction. You may need to adjust the angle with your pliers to get a nice clean bend.



Do the same with the other leg.



Slide your bead up over the wires. Now you have your basic bubble blower shape. One end of the wire will be longer than the other. This longer end becomes your hanging loop.



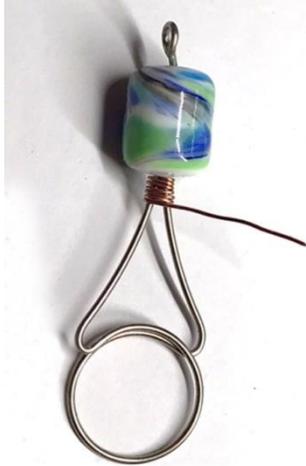
Slide the bead a little farther up the wires and trim off the shorter wire so it will be hidden inside the bead. Bend the longer wire at a 90 degree angle to begin your loop.



Using your round nose pliers, create your hanging loop. Trim the loop as needed. Slide the bead back down so it rests against the loop.



On the opposite end of the bead from the loop, insert the 24 gauge wire down into the hole between the two larger wires, and neatly wrap the wire to form the decorative tapered band. This step is not really required, but it looks way cuter, so just do it!



See? Way cuter. Wrap the wire down as far as you want and tuck the trimmed end of wire up inside (between the two larger wires).

That's it ~ you're done!

You can easily make one of these in less than 5 minutes. It's a great activity to do in your booth at a fair ~ people will be mesmerized and everybody will want one! Attach a little tag with a recipe for home made bubble solution (see recipe below) and you won't be able to make them fast enough.

Please tag me on social media if you do this project, I'd love to see what you make!



Aromatherapy Bubble Formula

½ C water /3-4 TBSP liquid soap/1-2 drops essential oil

Use HOT tap water, slowly mix in the dish soap and essential oils. Let the mixture cool before using.

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