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# Introduction



*Bead&Button* readers tell us that they are most interested in learning and refining jewelry-making techniques. We have taken our readers' interests to heart to compile *Creative Beading, Vol. 3*, a lasting collection of *Bead&Button* projects.

While stitching is among beaders' greatest passions, wirework, stringing, and loomweaving are ever popular as well. Of course, the variety of ways to use bead-stitching techniques is practically endless. Just add creativity and voilà – another new design is conceived. We present all of this, and more, in this third collection of projects from our magazine.

*Creative Beading, Vol. 3*, is rich in both style and substance. Like volumes 1 and 2, we have organized this book by technique. It seems natural to categorize the projects this way, and it serves a dual purpose. Many beaders learn one technique at a time, completing several different projects in the same stitch, in order to master that stitch. By arranging our designs by technique, we help you establish your own learning curve.

We've included 50 stitching projects in 10 individual stitches, plus combined stitching techniques. It's possible to learn all of the contemporary stitches — crossweave, chevron chain, netting, ladder stitch, square stitch, right-angle weave, daisy chain, peyote stitch, herringbone stitch, and spiral rope stitch — just by making some of the projects in this book. Nineteen additional projects also enable you to make chic wirework and strung styles. In addition, you can learn bead crochet, kumihimo, macramé, and bead embroidery with detailed instructions for even more options.

The projects are from the pages of *Bead&Button*, which ensures that great care has been taken to test every design from the first bead picked up to the last one added. You receive complete and accurate materials lists, instructions, photographs, and illustrations to help you complete each project accurately.

In the end, what really matters is the sense of accomplishment and the skills you acquire in creating your new pieces of jewelry. Once you have learned how to make our designers' beautiful works, you can start to design your own!

Ann Dee Allen  
Editor  
*Bead&Button* magazine



# Wirework Y-necklace

Form flowers from wire, then add a lampworked strawberry focal bead and a crystal-accented clasp.

designed by **Tammy Powley**

## stepbystep

### Wire flowers

**[1]** Cut a 2-in. (5cm) piece of 20-gauge wire. Using roundnose pliers, make a simple loop on one end,

working approximately ½ in. (1.3cm) from the pliers' tip.

Position the pliers next to the first loop, and make a second loop (**photo a**). Make two more loops, each next to the previous loop, and trim

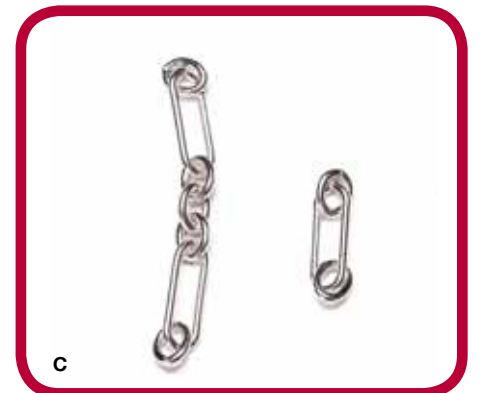
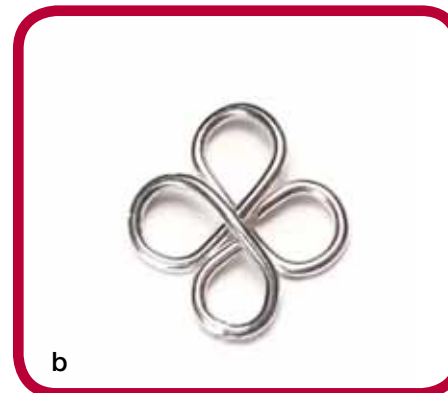
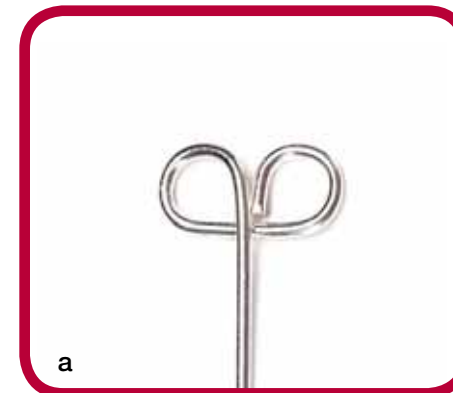
any excess wire (**photo b**). Repeat to make a total of five flower components.

**[2]** Set one flower component aside. Flatten the remaining flower components by placing each on a hard surface and

firmly tapping it with a rawhide mallet a few times.

### Components

**[1]** Cut eight 1-in. (2.5cm) pieces and one ¾-in. (1cm) piece (**photo c**) of chain.



### MATERIALS

necklace 16 in. (41 cm)

- lampworked focal bead
- 15 6mm or 8mm Swarovski crystals, in each of 2 colors
- 2½ ft. (76cm) 20-gauge sterling silver wire, half-hard

- 9 in. (23cm) sterling silver bar-and-circle chain (CGM, cgmfindings.com)
- 2-in. (5cm) head pin
- rawhide mallet
- chainnose pliers
- nylon-jaw pliers
- roundnose pliers
- wire cutters

**[2]** Cut a 1-in. (2.5cm) piece of wire. On one end, make the first half of a wrapped loop (Basics, p. 10). String a 6mm or 8mm bicone crystal and make the first half of a wrapped loop on the other end. Repeat to make a total of 11 bicone units, using bicones in two colors.

**[3]** On a head pin, string a bicone, the focal bead, and a bicone. Make the first half of a wrapped loop.

(1cm) chain. Complete the wraps. Slide the other end of the chain onto a flower component. The component may open somewhat as you slide the chain onto it. If it does, use nylon-jaw pliers to close the component.

**[2]** Attach one loop of a bicone unit to the flower component on the petal opposite the chain. Attach the remaining loop to a second flower component. Complete the wraps.

**[3]** On each petal adjacent to where you just attached the bicone unit, attach one loop of a bicone unit.

### Assembly

**[1]** Attach the focal-bead unit to one end of the ¾-in.

**[4]** On each side, attach a 1-in. (2.5cm) chain, a bicone unit, a flower component, a bicone unit, a 1-in. (2.5cm) chain, a bicone unit, and a 1-in. (2.5cm) chain. Complete the wraps.

### Clasp

**[1]** Using a 2-in. (5cm) piece of 20-gauge wire, make the first three loops of a flower component; do not trim the tail. String a bicone on the tail (**photo d**).

**[2]** Using roundnose pliers, grasp the wire tail above the

bicone and make a loop (**photo e**).

**[3]** Grasp the tail above the loop, and bend the wire over the widest part of the pliers' jaw (**photo f**).

**[4]** Trim the wire about 1 in. (2.5cm) from the bend. Use your pliers to curl the end hook (**photo g**).

**[5]** Slide the hook component on one end of the necklace. Use nylon-jaw pliers to gently close the flower's three loops. Slide the remaining flower component on the other end of the necklace, and close the loops. ●