


Spring Wire Bracelet with Beads

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Photo 1: These bracelets are made from crochet cotton thread, beads and spring wire.

Skill Level:  INTERMEDIATE

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Note: This project assumes that you have experience crocheting with beads and wire. The Rustic Version of the bracelet is easier than the Glitter Version so you may wish to try the Rustic Version first.

Finished Measurements:

21 inches long (depends on the standard length of your spring wire; some spring wires are sold at 24 inches in length)

Materials:

Spring wire, 21 inches

(Similar to this [spring wire](#) which is made of rigid steel that holds its shape so it wraps around your arm by itself)

Round nose pliers

Yarn:

Crochet cotton thread size 8 or 10.

Brown for the rustic version; white with gold glitter for the glitter version.

Notions:***Rustic version:***

Wood beads, 0.75cm (with adequate size hole to fit the spring wire), 6 in orange color, 6 in natural wood (*if you are using 24” spring wire, you will need 7 orange color beads and 7 natural color beads*).

Glitter version:

Purple and white drop glass beads, 1cm at the longest side (with adequate size hole to fit the spring wire), 12 pcs

Iridescent glass seed beads, 4mm (with adequate size hole to fit the spring wire), 24 pcs

(If you are using 24” spring wire, you will need 14 pcs drop glass beads and 28 pcs seed beads).

Hooks:

Steel crochet hook size 6 (1mm)

Gauge: Gauge is not important in this project.

Terminology: Pattern is written using US crochet terminology (see chart on last page for conversion).

Tip: To seal off thread at both ends of the bracelet, I use “Sew-No-More” fabric adhesive.

Bracelet:

(Rustic version)



*Photo 2: The Rustic Version of the bracelet use alternating colors of wood beads.
Experiment with beads and color!*

Using pliers, make a tiny loop at one end of the spring wire, then thread the beads through the other end of the wire, alternating orange and wood color beads. Make a tiny loop at the other end of the spring wire to enclose the beads in the middle.

***Tip:** Crochet around the wire snugly but don't crowd the stitches. Give the stitches a bit of room to breath so they can lie next to each other evenly and not crowd and make bumps around the wire.*

Rnd 1: Make a slip knot on the hook and slip through the tiny loop in the wire wire. Make 3 sc. Slip one bead next to the sc.

Crocheting over the beads: Hold (push slightly) the bead close to the sc with the thumb and middle finger of your hand that's holding the thread. Point the hook under the bead to catch the thread, YO, and pull the thread up, YO over the bead and pull through two loops. There must now be two threads over the bead and this thread must snugly pull against the end of the bead.

Make 16 sc around wire.

Repeat the process for ***crocheting over the beads*** with 5 beads, separating each bead with 3 sc.

Make 28 sc around wire.

Repeat the process for ***crocheting over the beads*** with 5 beads, separating each bead with 3 sc.

Sc around wire until you are 1 bead away from the end of the wire. Repeat process for crocheting over this last beads; 3 sc and secure thread in loop of wire. Ch 1 turn.

Rnd 2: Sc in next 3 sc, *ch 3, 5 dc in sc at base of 3-ch, sc in 2-thread loop over the beads (scallop made), sc in next sc until you reach the next bead. Rep from * over the next 5 beads with sc in each 3 sc between beads. Sc in next 28 sc.

Rep from * over the next 5 beads with sc in each 3 sc between beads. Sc in next 16 sc. Rep from * over the next 5 beads with sc in each 3 sc between beads. Sc in next sc until the last bead and rep from * over last bead.

Sc in last 3 sc. Fasten off.

***Tip:** Change the number and order of beads to your liking. Add more sc's between beads or have less sc's and more beads. Experiment and explore.*



Photo 3: The Glitter Version of the bracelet has a round of picots along the scallops and uses tiny seed glass beads.

Bracelet:
(Glitter version)

Using pliers, make a tiny loop at one end of the spring wire, then thread the beads through the other end of the wire. In this project, there are 12 beadsets (a beadset consists of the order of beads: seed bead, glass bead, seed bead). Double-check that you have the right number and order of beads! Make a tiny loop at the other end of the spring wire to enclose the beads in the middle.

***Tip:** Crochet around the wire snugly but don't crowd the stitches. Give the stitches a bit of room to breath so they can lie next to each other evenly and not crowd and make bumps around the wire.*

Rnd 1: Make a slip knot on the hook and slip through the tiny loop in the wire. Make 3 sc. Slip one beadset next to the sc.

Crocheting over the beads: Hold (push) the beads close to the sc with the thumb and middle finger of your hand that's holding the thread. Place the hook under the beads, YO, and pull the thread up, YO over the beads and pull through two loops. There must now be two threads over the beads and this thread must snugly pull against the end of the beads.

(Don't worry if the seed bead slips off the 2 threads across the beads, you can slip this in later between the sc over the 2 threads and the sc around the wire when you 'seal off' the beads with the sc around the wire.)

Ch 3, 5 dc in sc at base of 3-ch, sc in 2-thread loop over the beads (scallop made), sc around wire, 16 more sc around wire.

Repeat the process for ***crocheting over the beads*** with 5 bead sets, separating each beadset with 3 sc.

28 sc around wire.

Repeat the process for ***crocheting over the beads*** with 5 bead sets, separating each beadset with 3 sc.

Sc around wire until you are 1 beadset away from the end of the wire. Repeat process for crocheting over this last beadset; 3 sc and secure thread in loop of wire. Ch 1 turn.

Rnd 2: Sc in next 3 sc, *ch 3, sc in first dc of scallop (picot made), ch 3, sc in next dc (next picot made), rep picots across scallop, [ch 3, sc, along side of last dc in scallop] 3 times, sc in next sc until you reach the next beadset. Repeat from * to the last beadset. Sc in last remaining 3 sc. Fasten off.

Tip: *Change the number and order of beads to your liking. Add more sc's between beads or have less sc's and more beads. Experiment and explore.*



Photo 4: Explore spring wire and crochet, for jewelry like bracelets, anklets or chokers, as well as items for the home.

I found old stocks of spring wire while cleaning up at my mom's house. I can't remember exactly when I bought them but they must be 10-15 or maybe even 20 years ago. Spring wire bracelets were the rave in the 90's and almost all that I've seen of them were strung with beads, none were crocheted. It's lucky I found these wires and especially now that I've just revived my love for crochet.

I hope this project inspires you to work with spring wire, which can be used as bracelets, chokers and anklets. Use other crochet and bead crochet techniques – these are just starting projects – there are many many other possibilities!

For more information about this project,
visit <http://crochetology.net/2010/04/spring-wire-bracelet/>

Happy Crocheting!



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Crochet Terminology Conversion Chart

U.S Term	U.K./Australia Term
sl st slip stitch	sc single crochet
sc single crochet	dc double crochet
hdc half double crochet	htr half treble crochet
dc double crochet	tr treble crochet
tr treble crochet	dtr double treble crochet
dtr double treble crochet	trip tr / trtr triple treble crochet
trtr triple treble crochet	qtr quadruple treble crochet
rev sc reverse single crochet	rev dc reverse double crochet
FPdc front post double crochet	FPtr front post treble crochet
yo yarn over	yoh yarn over yfwd yarn forward yrn yarn around needle
gauge	tension
skip	miss