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HOW TO: Use Memory Wire

Memory Wire is a hardened steel that 'remembers' it's shape.

NEVER cut it using good jewellery pliers - it will literally put holes in them. Use an old pair from the tool box or get a cheap pair from the hardware store.

Use smaller sizes or childrens wrists or a finer adult wrist. If you are stacking lots of beads on several coils you may also want to use the smaller size as the weight of the beads will cause the wire to stretch out somewhat.

If the bracelet is a little small, you can stretch the coils straight several times to help loosen it.

A memory wire bracelet can be as many coils as you like.

FINISHING THE ENDS: OPTION 1
Use a pair of round nose pliers (NOT the fine tipped Lindstroms) or an old pair of needle nosed pliers to coil a loop as small as possible to stop the beads falling off. You can then dangle a bead or charm from this loop as a nice touch. Thread all your beads on leaving enough wire at the end to turn a second loop.

FINISHING THE ENDS: OPTION 2
Glue memory wire caps to each end with an aryldite or superglue - make sure the first cap is well dried before stringing your bread. These are a small round bead with a hold drilled just half way through. We stock them in gold and silver, large and small.

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