

# JANUARY 2010

## Project of the Month

### - Beaded Hair Slide -

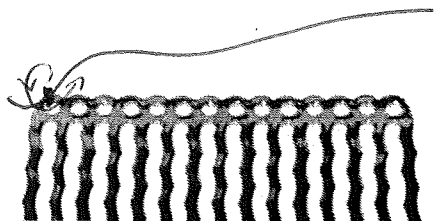
#### INGREDIENTS

- ❖ 1 metal hair slide with open holes or loops at the top
- ❖ 60 – 80 cm of 28 gauge wire
- ❖ A selection of beads, different shapes and sizes, 15 – 20 in total

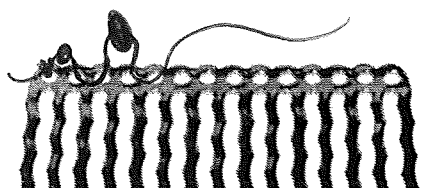
A pair of wire cutters is needed to trim the wire, and a pair of chain nose pliers will come in handy. Work on your bead mat to stop your beads escaping.

#### RECIPE

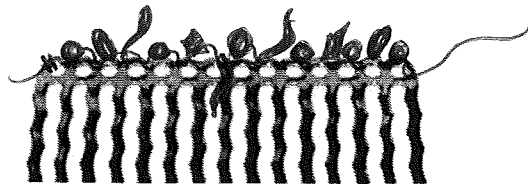
1. Take the end of your wire. Poke approx. 6cm through the end hole of the hair slide. Wrap the short piece of wire in and around the hole 3 – 4 times to secure the end. Leave the short tail sticking out for now.



2. Slide a small bead down the long end of wire. Feed the wire through the next hole, and pull it up tight. Adjust the bead if necessary, and wrap the wire back through the hole for security. Pick up another bead, slide it down the wire, and feed the wire through the next hole as before.



3. Continue in this way until you reach the other end of the hair slide.



4. Take a look at your work. Identify any loose beads, holes, or spots you are not happy with.

Weave your way back to the other side, adding beads where necessary, filling the gaps, and adjusting the beads that are already on. If a bead is a little loose, go through it again with the wire on the way back.

5. To finish, wind the wire through the second to last hole 3 – 4 times. Trim both tails nice and close and you are done!

#### TIPS

- ❖ Leaves and drops look good, and add another dimension to your work so it doesn't look too flat
- ❖ Use small beads either side of big beads for balance
- ❖ Wire larger beads 2 – 3 times to make sure they stay in place
- ❖ Buttons look great – just wire through the shank. If it has holes like a shirt button, go through one hole, pick up a small bead, then go back through the next hole and continue. The bead will disguise the wire in the middle of the button.
- ❖ Try not to make the slide too heavy or it will not stay in your hair so well.

Enjoy!

