

How To Choose The Right Wire Gauge For Your Beading Project - Part 2

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Use a 24 gauge wire (thin) when you are wire wrapping smaller crystals, semi-precious beads and freshwater pearls to chain. You're going to want to use a wire straightening plier with this wire when it gets kinks, which it has a tendency to do.

Use a 26 gauge wire (very thin) when you are going to wire wrap beads to tiaras and in wire projects where 24 gauge wire is just too heavy for the beads. In order for this wire to maintain a loop, loops must be wire wrapped closed. Tools with very fine tips should be used with this wire.

Use 28, 30 gauge wire (very, very fine) when wire weaving, crocheting and free form wire wrapping using small beads You should use tools with very fine tips. Also, this wire kinks easily and a wire straightening plier is required for use with this size wire.

And... to ""wire wrap"" this series up... remember that the higher the number the thinner the wire. So a 26 guage wire is thinner than a 20 guage wire. And if you have a spool of unlabeled wire, use a wire guage to measure it.

Happy Beading!

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