

Technique: Lacing

1. Lacing Method 1: Across. Have the back of the petal facing up. Cut a length of 30-gauge wire that is 2.5 times the length of the petal you are lacing. Place the wire over the middle of the outer left row. Weave the wire down between the first and second row and wrap it back around to the front. Do this twice to the first row. (*Photo 1*)

2. Weave the wire down between the second and third row and bring it back to the front between the first and second row. You have now created the first "stitch." (*Photo 2*)

3. Continue lacing until you have all the rows to the petal laced. Wrap around the last row twice. Cut the ends and tuck in the wires. (*Photo 3*)

4. Lacing Method 2: Starting from the Middle. Cut a length of 30-gauge wire that is 2.5 times the length of the petal you are lacing. Have the front facing up. Fold the wire in half and have it straddle the middle of the basic row. (*Photo 4*) Turn the petal to the back and cross the wires.

5. Take one of the wires and lace to one side. Wrap around the most outer row twice. (*Photo 5*) Lace to the other side with the other wire. Cut the ends and tuck in the wires.



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3

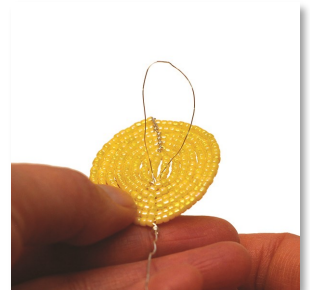


Photo 4



Photo 5