



FRENCH BEADED RAINBOW FLOWER BROOCH – BEGINNER

MATERIALS:

- 5 grams 11/0 seed beads (approx. 1/5 gram of 10 colors)
- 24 gauge silver copper-core wire
- Brooch pin
- Felt or fabric

TECHNIQUES:

- Continuous Loops
- Continuous Cross-over loop

RESOURCES:

<https://beadflora.com/rainbow-flower-brooch-pin/>

TOOLS:

- Wire cutters
- Chain nose pliers
- Bead spinner
- Scissors
- Ruler/Measuring tape

Resources include a step-by-step video tutorial, pre-requisites for techniques, and links for material resources.

ABOUT THIS PROJECT:

For this project, I walk you through making a French beaded rainbow flower brooch pin. This project combines two beginner techniques, the **continuous loop** and the **continuous cross-over loop**.

The colors I used for this project are in this order for a rainbow flower: Red, Pink, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Dark Iris, Dark Purple, Violet, Brown

I used a neutral color of silver since we are beading with so many colors. I recommend using 24 gauge copper-core wire as it will keep its shape better as an accessory. Alternatively, 26 gauge wire can be used but it will be more flimsy.

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Technique: - Continuous Loops (CL)/Continuous Cross-over loops (CCL)
Pattern: - **Stamens:** Six 10-bead CL, **Petals:** Ten 20-bead CCL)

PREPARE: String 10 beads of Red, Pink, Orange, Yellow, Green, and Blue on a length of 45 inch (114.3 cm) length of 24 gauge copper-core wire. Knot the ends so that beads do not fall off.

1. **Stamens:** Leave a 3 inch (7.6 cm) tail. Feed the beads down to the 3 inch mark and cross the wires. *Photo 1*. Twist twice to form a loop.

2. Leave approx. 1/8 inch (.63 cm) of bare wire space. Feed the 10 pink beads down and make a loop. *Photo 2*.

3. Follow Step 2 for the rest of the loops. *Photo 3*.

4. Gather the loops together and scrunch them together in the center.

5. Wrap the working-wire around the tail wire once. *Photo 4*.

6. Re-position the working-wire by wrapping it around the base a loop across from the wires. *Photo 5*.

7. **Petals:** String on approx. 2.5 inches (6.3 cm) of Red beads.

8. Leave approx 1/8 inch (.63 cm) of bare wire in between and make a loop. Pinch the loop so that it is elongated. *Photo 6*.

9. Push more beads onto the working-wire. Position the wire up in between the loop. *Photo 7*.

10. Remove any excess beads and bend the bare wire over the loop. *Photo 8*.

11. Push the beads up to cover the wire. Remove any excess beads then wrap the working wire around the base twice. *Photo 9*. The working-wire now is back on the right.

12. String approx. 2.5 inch (6.3 cm) of pink beads. Leave approx. 1/8 inch and make the next petal. *Photo 10*.

13. Follow Steps 8 to 11 for the remainder of the color petals in this order: Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Dark Iris, Purple, Violet, Brown. *Photo 11*.

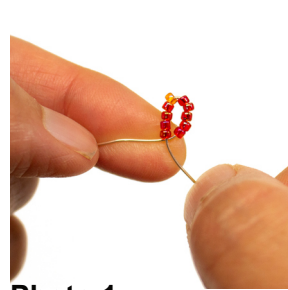


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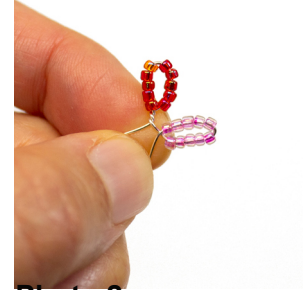


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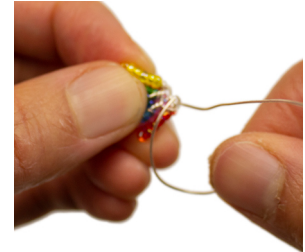


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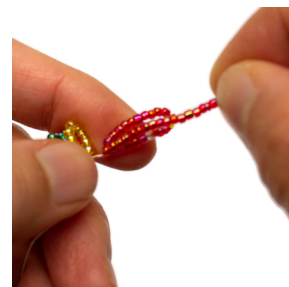


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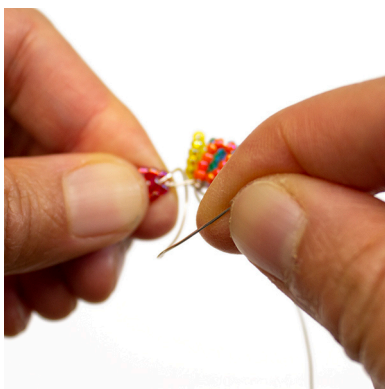


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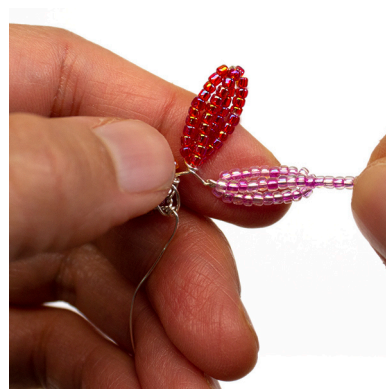


Photo 10



Photo 11

ASSEMBLY

1. Wrap the **Petals** around the **Stamen** tightly. Twist the two wires together slightly. *Photo 12.*

2. Re-position the working-wire to the other end of the flower by wrapping it around the base of a petal. *Photo 13.*

3. Open a brooch pin and insert the wires into the holes. If you have a brooch with three holes, insert the wires into the outer two holes. *Photo 14.*

4. Wrap each wire around the pin several times. *Photo 15.*

5. Take your pliers and wrap the tail wires around the base between the flower and the brooch and tuck them in. *Photo 16.*

6. Cut a small fabric circle to size to cover the back of the brooch pin. *Photo 17.*

7. Put some hot glue along the length of the brooch pin. *Photo 18.*

8. Press the fabric circle onto the middle. *Photo 19.*

9. Put glue along the flaps and press down. *Photo 20.*

10. Shape the petals. *Photo 20.*



Photo 12



Photo 13



Photo 14



Photo 15



Photo 16



Photo 17



Photo 18



Photo 19



Photo 20