



FRENCH BEADED BOW – INTERMEDIATE

MATERIALS:

- 5 grams 11/0 seed beads
- 24 gauge bead color copper-core wire
- 30 gauge bead-color copper-core wire

TOOLS:

- Wire cutters
- Bead spinner
- Ruler/Measuring tape

TECHNIQUES:

- #Continuous Split Basic

RESOURCES:

Login: <https://beadflora.com/french-beaded-bow/>

Resources include video lessons, prerequisites for techniques, and links for material resources.

ABOUT THIS PROJECT:

These beaded bows are fast to whip up using the Continuous Split Basic Technique. This tutorial does not teach the techniques. For more in depth tutorials on techniques, check out the link above.

These bows are best made with 24 gauge wire to keep its shape better. But if you are having a hard time with shaping the loops using 24 gauge wire, it's possible to use 26 gauge wire as an alternative.

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If you need any help, feel free to email me at fen@beadflora.com.

SMALL BOW: - Continuous Split Basic

Pattern: - **Bow:** Two 20-bead CSB on 6 inch (15.24) top basic wire, RT RB, 3 rows, **Tails:** Two 20-bead basic, PT RB, 3 rows

PREPARE: String 17 inches (43.8 cm) of beads on a spool 24 gauge bead-color wire.

1. Make a 20-bead basic frame with an 6 inch (15.24 cm) top basic wire. Make the basic loop to be approx. 3 inches (7.6 cm). Make about 2 to 4 twists for the twisted wire.
2. Make the first bow unit with a **rounded top** and **rounded bottom**. Lace along the middle with 30 gauge wire. *Photo 1.*
3. Bend the unit over your finger to form the bow loop. *Photo 2.*
4. Take the top basic wire and wrap it around the base twice securely. *Photo 3.*
5. Twist the working-wire and the top basic wire together approx $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (.63 cm) to form a new twisted wire. *Photo 4.* **NOTE:** The length of twisted wire here determines how big of a center allowance you can have. You can adjust the length here to make a smaller or wider center.
6. Make another **Bow** loop according to the pattern. *Photo 5.* Lace along the middle.
7. Form the second **Bow** loop and wrap the top basic wire around the base securely. *Photo 6.*
8. Undo any twists in the twisted wire. Cut the loop so that there are two wires. *Photo 7.*
9. Feed beads onto the working-wire and wrap it around the middle twisted wire.
10. Make two more wraps around the twisted wire.
11. Flip the whole unit to the back. Line the working-wire and the inner split basic wire together. Remove any excess beads and twist the wires together. Make the twisted wire so that you have room for one wrap. You only need to make 1 to 2 very tight twists. *Photo 10.*
12. String 20 beads onto the split basic wire and knot the end. Feed beads onto the working-wire and make the tail with a **pointed top** and **rounded bottom**. *Photo 11.*



Photo 1

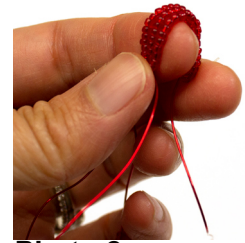


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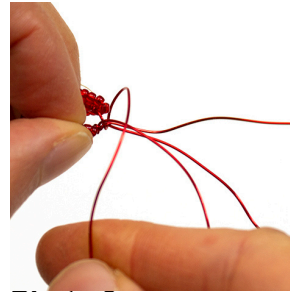


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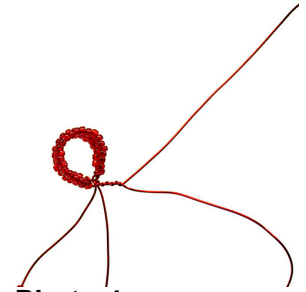


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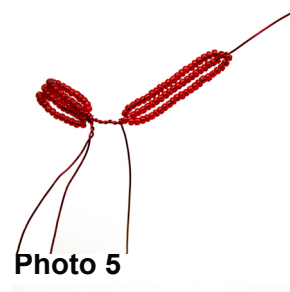


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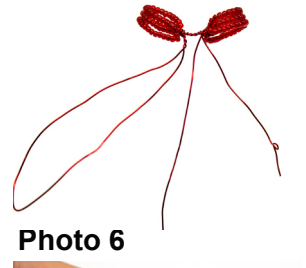


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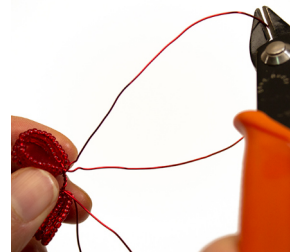


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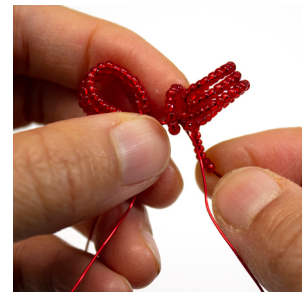


Photo 8



Photo 9



Photo 10



Photo 11

14. Wrap the working-wire around twice to make sure it is secure and bring the working wire to the back of the unit. *Photo 12.*

15. Hold onto the center firmly and gently tug the working wire to pull the tail as close to the base as possible. *Photo 13.*

16. Follow Step 11 and twist the working-wire and the top basic wire together.

17. String 20 beads onto the wire and make the second tail according to the pattern. Tug the working wire gently towards the center.

18. Cut another tail wire off the spool.

19. Finish the top wires and lace along the centers. Shape the bow tails.



Photo 12



Photo 13



Photo 14



Photo 15

TAIL WIRES:

What you do with the tail wires will depend on how you'd like to use the bow.

Glue: To glue the bow onto objects, twist the wires together. Wrap the wires around in a circle to form a base then trim. *Photo 16.*

Brooch: Insert the two tail wires and wrap it around a brooch pin to secure. *Photo 17.*

Ornament: Twist the wires together. Form a loop use for hanging ornaments. *Photo 18.*



Photo 16



Photo 17



Photo 18

SIZE VARIATIONS: LARGE BOW

Use varying lengths of the basic row to get different sized bows. In this pattern, I doubled the beads for the basic row.

Pattern: - **Bow:** Two 40-bead CSB on 9 inch (22.8 cm) top basic wire, RT RB, 3 rows, **Tails:** Two 40-bead basic, PT RB, 3 rows