## TECHNIQUE: CONTINUOUS CROSS-OVER LOOP (CCL)

PRACTICE PETALS - 11/0 seed beads/24 gauge wire Pattern: Seven 20-bead CCL

PREPARE: String approx. 30 inches (76.2 cm) beads onto a spool of 24-gauge wire.

- I. Leave a 3-inch (7.6 cm) tail. Make a 20-bead loop. Pinch the loop so that it's a long oval.
- 2. Move the working-wire so that it is up in between the loop. *Photo 1.*
- 3. Feed enough beads so that it covers the wire and then bend the bare wire over the top of the loop and go down the backside. *Photo 2.*
- 4. Feed and push (*Photo 3*) more beads up the wire until it covers the wire. There will be a small amount of wire peeking through at the top and that's okay. TIP: Using the same color wire as your beads will make the wire less noticeable.
- 5. Wrap the bare wire around the base twice to secure. *Photo 4.* You now have one (1) **cross-over loop (CCL)**.
- 6. Start another loop next to the first petal leaving about 1/8 inch (.31 cm) of space in between. *Photo 5*.
- 7. When finishing the wrap for the subsequent cross-over loops, make the wrap on the bare wire in between the petals. Continue making the cross-over loops until you've reached your desired number of petals.
- 8. Re-positioning Tail Wires: Take one of the tail wires and wrap it around the base of a petal across it. *Photo 6.* See final **Practice Petals** in *Photo 7* with the front view and side view.



