## 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.

1. Leave a 3 -inch $(7.6 \mathrm{~cm})$ 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 $(.31 \mathrm{~cm})$ 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.

