

TECHNIQUE: CONTINUOUS LOOPS (CL)

PRACTICE CALYX - 11/0 seed beads/24 gauge wire

Pattern: Five 10-bead CL

PREPARE: String approx. 4 inches (10.1 cm) beads onto a spool of 24-gauge wire.

1. Leave a 3 inch (7.6 cm) tail and move 10 beads over from the spool and cross the wires underneath the beads to form a cross. *Photo 1.*

2. Twist twice to form a loop. **TIP:** Put the cross over your forefinger to steady the beads to form the first loop. *Photo 2.* This is the first **continuous loop (CL)**.

3. Move 10 more beads over from the spool. Leave a small space after the first loop so you have room to twist the next loop. Cross the wires to form a new loop. *Photo 3.* Twist to form the second **continuous loop (CL)**.

4. Make five (5) **continuous loops (CL)** total. Cut another tail off of the spool. Twist the two ending tail wires together a few times at the base. See finished Calyx in *Photo 4.*



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4