

Posh Bow Peep Beaded Alligator Clip Instructions

Supplies:

Everything is the same as in the French clip instructions, except you need alligator/pinch clips.

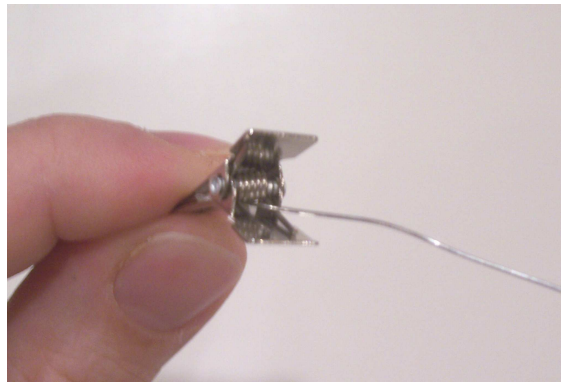
I recommend 4mm beads with alligator clips, but as always, use your imagination.

For these type of barrettes, you will need 22-32 4 mm beads. You will need only 22 beads if you just want a single layer of beads. You will need 32 if you want a row of beads to run down the center, like pictured in the example. I prefer the one with 32 beads because it shows less wire and looks more expensive.



Instructions:

1. Cut a piece of wire about 20 inches long. Starting at the top of the clip (where the spring is located), try to anchor the tip of the wire into the corner. It won't be secure, but that's okay. I like to do this so it won't slip when I begin to wrap. I think it helps to prevent some frustration! 😊



2. You will notice that there are two little grooves on each side of the barrette. This is where you need to begin wrapping the wire. Carefully begin wrapping, making sure the tip doesn't come out of the corner from step 1. Once you make your first wrap, tighten with the pliers. Continue to wrap about 2 more times to thoroughly secure.



3. This is what it should look like after wrapping. Put the barrette aside and we will now begin the second step. You will continue with the alligator clip later, but for now, we need to work on beading.



4. Cut another 10 inches of wire or so. This is a lot more than you will need, but I always like to allow myself more wire. You can adjust after you feel more comfortable in the future.

5. Slightly crimp your end of the wire. This is merely a way to prevent your beads from slipping off along the way. There is no special way to do this.



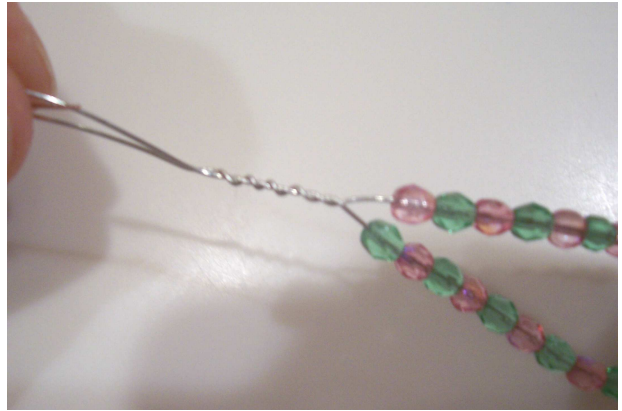
6. Now thread all 22 beads through the wire. I am using a pattern with alternate colors, but you can do whatever you like. It may be easiest to begin with a single color.



7. Now carefully take each end and form a loop, like shown in the picture.



8. Leaving about a 1/4" space (no more) between the crimp and the beads, tighten the wire by twisting about 3-4 times. It's important that you don't tighten down to the beads because when you attach the beads to the barrette, you will need a small gap to wrap the wire around the barrette. Trust me, it will be very tight in the end.



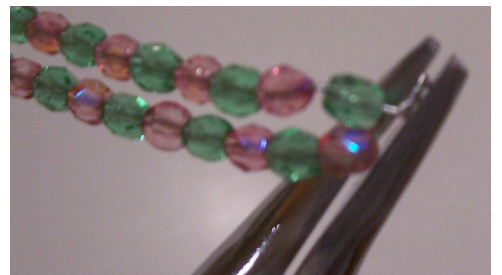
9. Now align the beads so they are side-by-side of each other. Push them together too. You'll notice the gap between the wire and beads shrink.



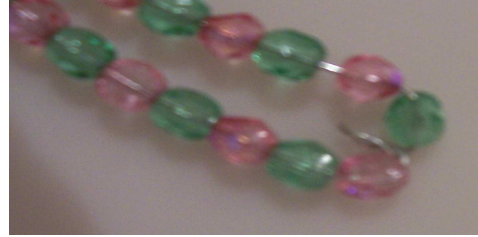
10. Using your wire cutters, cut the wire so there is a tiny tail. Don't cut it too short as it could unravel when you manipulate the wire during the next step.



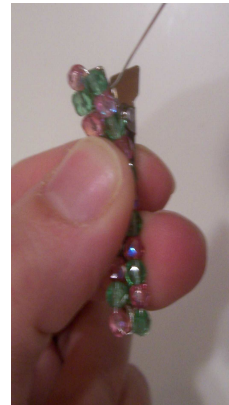
11. Now with your pliers, bend the tail underneath and down the center.



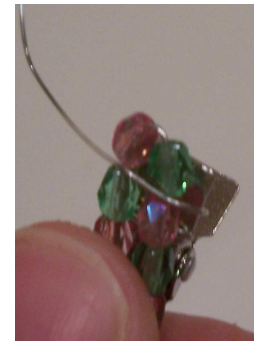
12. This is how it should look...



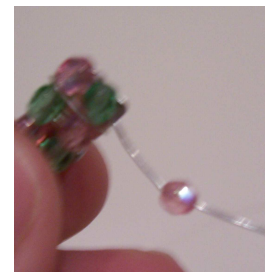
13. Okay, now take out your alligator clip. Place your wired beads over the top of the clip and carefully push into form to contour the clip.



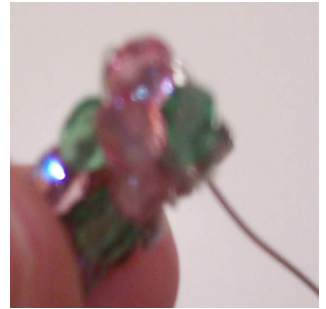
14. This part is a little tricky at first, so please take your time under you get the hang of it. You'll notice that the wire is underneath your clip. This is good. While placing the beads on top of the barrette, like in step #13, take your wire and wrap it OVER your first row of beads. Make sure the beads are aligned and pushed to the top before doing so. Tighten.



15. Wrap the wire underneath the same row once more for added stability. Now you have a choice. You could continue to wrap the wire about again more time OR you as you wrap around again, you can add another bead. I chose to add a bead for this example. Either way, you need to wrap each row two times. Also remember to wrap really tightly and try to push the wire into the grooves of each row.



16. As you pull the bead over the barrette, make sure it rests in the center. Wrap it underneath once again, then around the next layer.



17. Continue with your next bead and repeat all the steps until you fill your barrette. Make sure as you thread, you are always checking, aligning, and tightening.



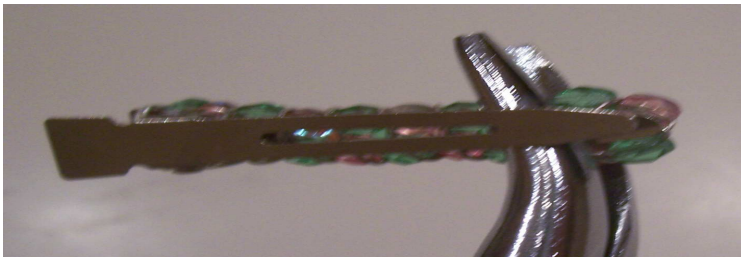
18. Once you fill your barrette, turn it over and open the clamp. You will need to secure the end. Push the end of the wire through the wire that is wrapped around the barrette. Please view the photo for a clearer example.



19. Wrap and rewrap a couple of times. Gently tighten.



20. Carefully clamp the wire flush against the barrette.



21. This is optional, but you might choose to do this. You can cut a strip of Velcro and glue it underneath. Go to www.lookatmebaby.com and they sell hair grips. This helps with slippage of fine hair.

Best to you and please email me with any questions!!!! ☺

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