BREA BEAD WORKS

CHAIN LYNX

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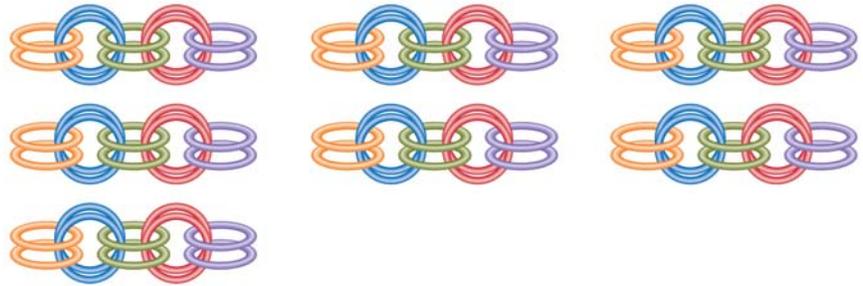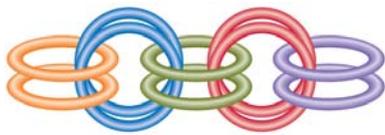### MATERIALS

▷ Jump rings; 4mm ID; 18-ga [70+ qty]
  (or 6mm OD; 18-ga)
▷ Twisted jump rings; 4.5mm ID [6 qty]
▷ Clasp of your choice [1 qty]
▷ Sunshine polishing cloth; *optional*

TOOLS

▷ Flat nose pliers or bent nose pliers [2 qty]

1. Condition sterling silver jump rings and prepare 6 closed rings and 4 open rings for each link set. Create 2-in-2 chain, 5 segments long.

2. Create 7 sets of these links.

Insert round nose at fold "*".

Insert open wire ends into drill

3. Create twisted copper jump rings by measuring 6 feet of 18-gauge round wire and folding it in half.

Insert open ends of wire into mouth of drill. Twist wire ends if drill isn't able to grab wires. **Tighten well.**

Insert round nose pliers at fold of wire (*) and firmly grasp wire. Be sure to pull wire taut for a consistent twist. When wire is twisting you will be moving slightly to the drill, as it is slowly taking length to accommodate the twist.

Put on safety glasses and power drill slowly to twist wire. You may increase drill speed a little to get a more consistent twist throughout the length of wire. Create a tighter twist so it doesn't try to untwist when forming jump rings.

4. Coil twisted wire on 4.5mm mandrel and cut jump rings. Close rings and flatten using a chasing hammer and bench block.

5. Join the sterling silver links together with twisted jump rings. Finish by attaching clasp to end rings.

OPTIONAL: For an oxidized look, clean chain well under soap and warm water to clean off oils and dirt. Oxidize in liver of sulfur and clean with fine steel wool and a polishing cloth for an antique look.