

# BREA BEAD WORKS

## CHAIN LYNX

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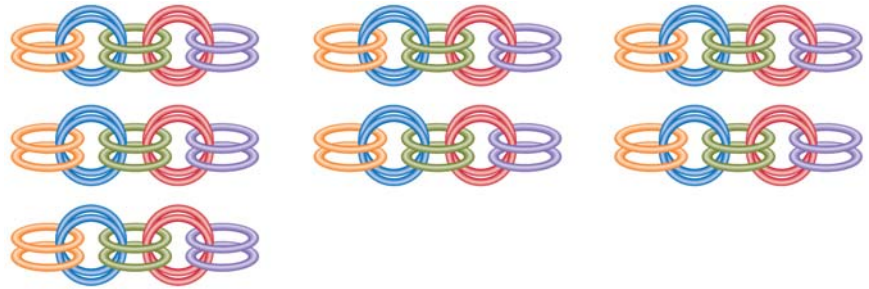
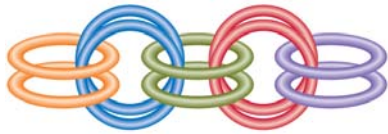


### MATERIALS

- ▷ 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.