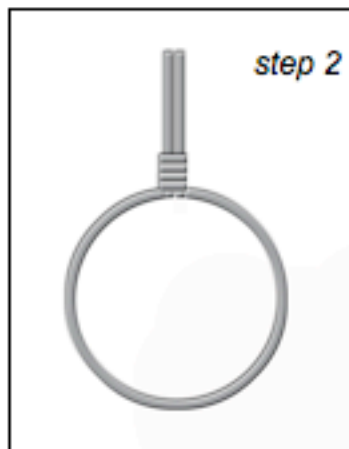
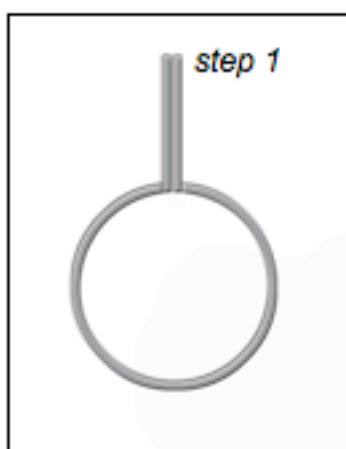


TOPAZ SUNBURST PENDANT

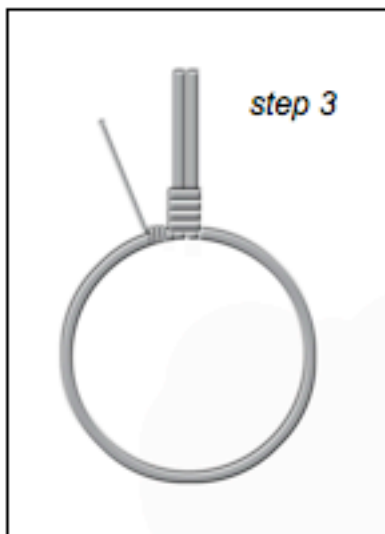
A faceted topaz gem is the centerpiece for this brilliant pendant. The stone measures .75" across. Surrounded by seed beads in clear, and two shades of topaz, the finished pendant measures 1.5". If you're looking for lots of sparkle and dazzle, this piece won't disappoint.



DIRECTIONS

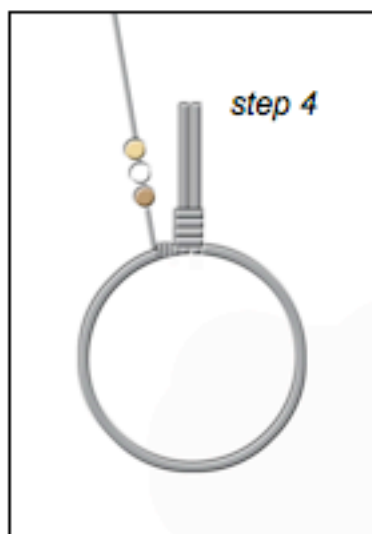


With flat nose pliers, create a 45 degree angle in a piece of 18 gauge wire, 1.5" from the end. Wrap and smooth the rest of the wire around an object that is the same size as your center gem, to form a circle. Create another 45 degree angle to match the first, leaving a 1.5" tail.

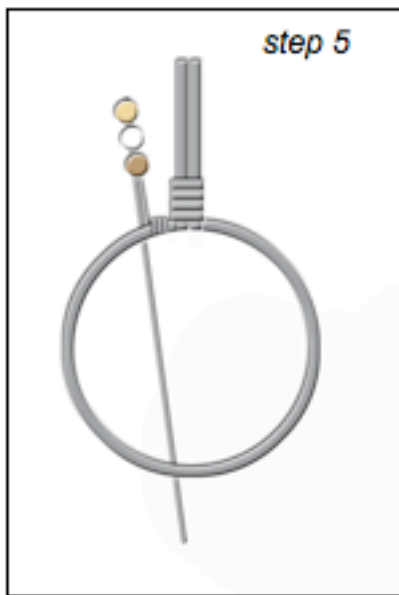


The amount of 24 gauge wire you will need to add beads to the circle is too long to work with comfortably. I used 24" lengths, adding new pieces as needed. Wrap the wire end around the 18 gauge three times near the center of the circle.

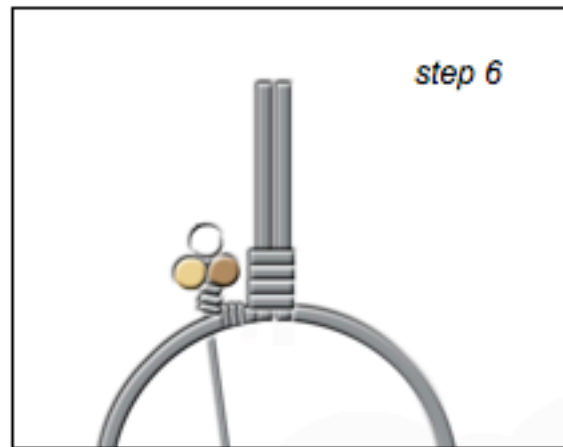
Wrap a small piece of 18 gauge wire around the two tails at their base four times. Trim the excess wire and smooth down the sharp end.



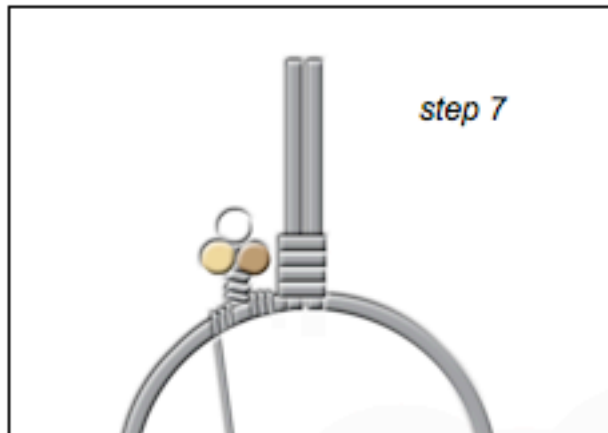
Attach a dark topaz, clear crystal, and light topaz bead to the 24 gauge wire.



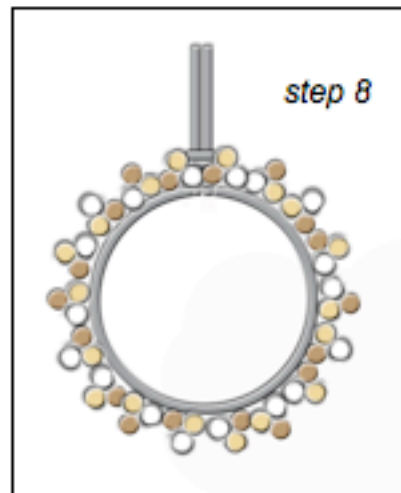
Holding the beads .50" away from the circle, make a curve in the wire above the light topaz bead.



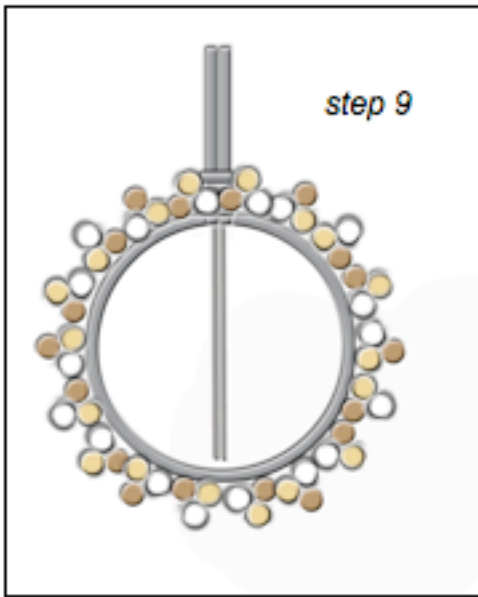
Slide the beads onto the curve. Grasp the three beads as though they are one, and twist them around three times making a wrap in the wire below them.



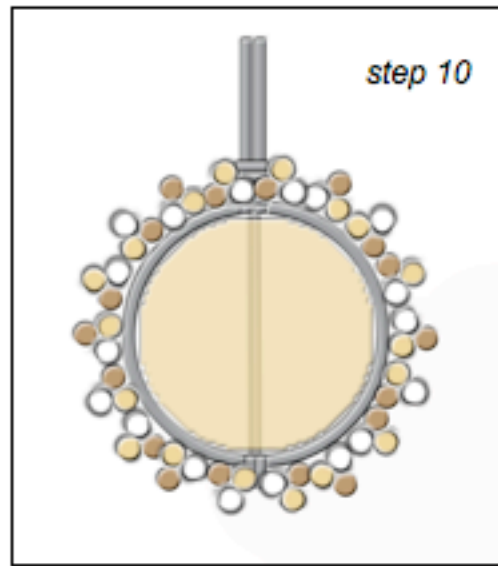
Wrap the 24 gauge wire around the circle wire three times. Note: The 24 gauge wraps are not pictured in the remainder of the photos.



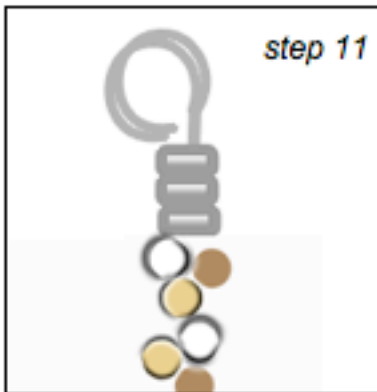
Add three more beads to the wire and repeat these same steps until the entire circle is filled. Finish at the center top by wrapping the wire three times and clipping off the excess. Smooth the sharp wire end.



Wrap the center of a new piece of 24 gauge wire around the base of the tails. Bring the ends down vertically.



Add the gem to the vertical wires and secure them to the center bottom of the circle with a triple wrap. Trim the ends and smooth the sharp wire edges.



side view

Use round nose pliers to shape the wire tails into a loop. Cut away excess wire. Bend and reposition all the beads around the circle where necessary.



What You'll Need

From Michaels

- Jewelry Essentials 10/0 seed beads in clear crystal, light and dark topaz
- Artistic Wire 18 gauge
- Artistic Wire 26 gauge
- round nose and flat nose pliers and wire cutters

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