

Golden Waves Necklace

This simple rectangle, knit from flexible wire and then curled, creates a unique twisted necklace.

Materials

- 34 gauge non-tarnish brass wire, 30 yards
- Size 0 knitting needles, preferably metal
- 4 small jump rings
- 18" chain, cut in half
- 1 clasp



Gauge

9 sts = 1 inch in garter st, however an exact gauge is not important to this pattern.

There are two kinds of knitters: those who loop the yarn around a needle to create a stitch and those who pick to create a stitch (continental knitters). It is easier to knit with wire if you knit by looping, as wire is not as flexible as yarn and may be too hard to "pick" the stitches.

Instructions

Cast on 20 stitches.

Knit each row until the piece measures about 2 times the width of your piece. My piece was 2.25 inches wide, so I knit until it measured 4.5 inches long.

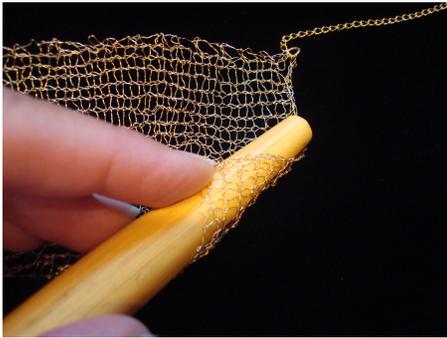
Begin bind-off when the cast on tail is on the same side as your working wire. (After you cast off, you want the cast off tail to be at the opposite corner of the rectangle from the cast on tail.) Cast off.

Using a jump ring, attach a chain to your knitted piece at a corner with a tail. (Open the jump ring, slide it through the last link of the chain, and then slide it through the corner of the piece.) Further secure the jump ring by wrapping the tail wire through it a few times. Cut the wire and crimp the cut. I use jewelry pliers to crimp the wire, but you could also use tweezers.

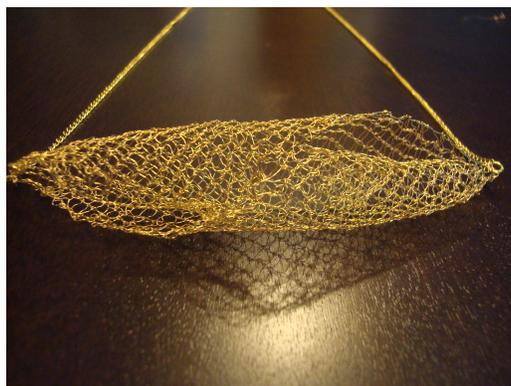
Repeat the last step to attach the other chain to the other corner with the tail.



Curl the two corners without chains towards each other by wrapping each corner around a tapered paintbrush handle and pressing firmly.



Attach the clasp to the ends of the chains using jump rings. Enjoy!



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