



# Bold and beautiful

Dangles swing from a coiled cuff • **by Heather Powers**

As I was playing with some memory wire trying to design a bold cuff bracelet, I had a Eureka! moment. A flat, multihole bead or spacer would be the perfect unifying – and stabilizing – element evolved. Several sizes and colors of seed beads, an eclectic mix of dangles, and a few accent beads gave me just the look I wanted.



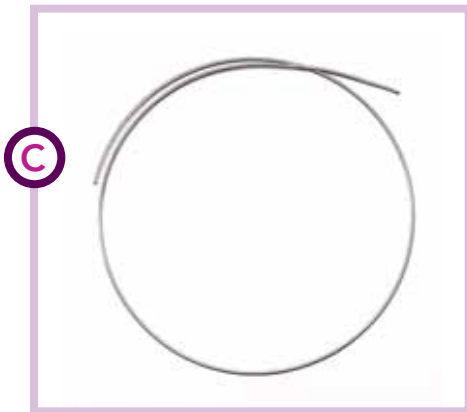
**A**



**B**

1. String a 6mm accent bead onto a head pin; repeat with the remaining 6mm beads, adding a 2mm spacer bead on one. String a 4mm accent bead and a flat spacer onto a head pin. Trim the head pins to  $\frac{3}{8}$  in. (10mm) above the beads and turn a plain loop (Basic Techniques, p. 108). Set aside.

2. To make a sixth dangle out of wire, trim the end off a head pin. Use roundnose and chainnose pliers to turn a spiral design. Make a plain loop above the spiral. Set aside.



**C**



**D**



**E**

3. Use heavy-duty wire cutters to cut six  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -coil pieces of memory wire. On each piece, use chainnose pliers to straighten the curve about 1 in. (25mm) from one end.

4. String the straightened end of each piece of memory wire through the art bead.

5. String a 2mm bead and  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. (13mm) of seed beads, ending with a 4mm accent bead. Turn a plain loop at the end of the memory wire. Open the loop on a dangle, attach it to the memory-wire loop, and close the dangle's loop.



**F**



**G**

6. On the other end of the wire, string a 2mm bead. String seed beads on the rest of the coil and turn a plain loop at the end. Repeat steps 5 and 6 with the remaining five coils of memory wire, varying the sizes and colors of beads.

7. Snip the end from a head pin and turn a loop or coil at the end. Slide the pin through the six loops on the bracelet and turn a matching loop at the other end. ❖

## SupplyList

- 6-hole art bead (Heather Powers, [humblebeads.com](http://humblebeads.com))
- 5g size 8° seed beads, four colors
- 3g size 11° seed beads, two colors
- 13 2mm spacer beads
- 4 6mm accent beads or crystals
- 7 4mm accent beads or crystals
- 4mm flat spacer bead
- 7 2-in. (51mm) head pins
- memory wire, bracelet diameter
- chainnose and roundnose pliers
- diagonal wire cutters
- heavy-duty wire cutters

Heather, a polymer clay bead artist, offers kits for this project. Contact her through [humblebeads.com](http://humblebeads.com).