

Memo or Photo Holder

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Have you ever wanted to be able to make a beaded gift for a man? Well, they're really hard to think of. After considering it for a long, long time, and I think this is a winner! My husband said he wouldn't have any problem having this on his desk. Of course, it wouldn't HAVE to go to a man.....

Tools:

Wire Cutters
Flat Nose Pliers
Round Pencil or Dowel

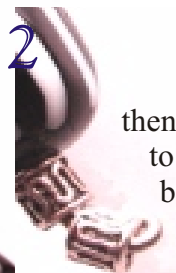
Supplies:

2 Feet 16 Gauge Wire
4 Zebra Beads
9 6x6mm Snake Tubes
Alligator Clip
Adhesive (like E-6000
or G-S Hypo Cement)

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Use your needle nose pliers to make a loop in the end of the wire. For now, close it small enough that the small beads won't fall off.



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String two of the silver color beads onto the wire, then a zebra bead, and then three more metal beads. You're going to do all of your bending under the metal beads. If you try to bend the wire under the zebra beads, they'll break (Anyone want to buy a couple of zebra bead halves?) - you want about a 90° angle between each bead. Bend each corner as you go - it helps you space things properly.

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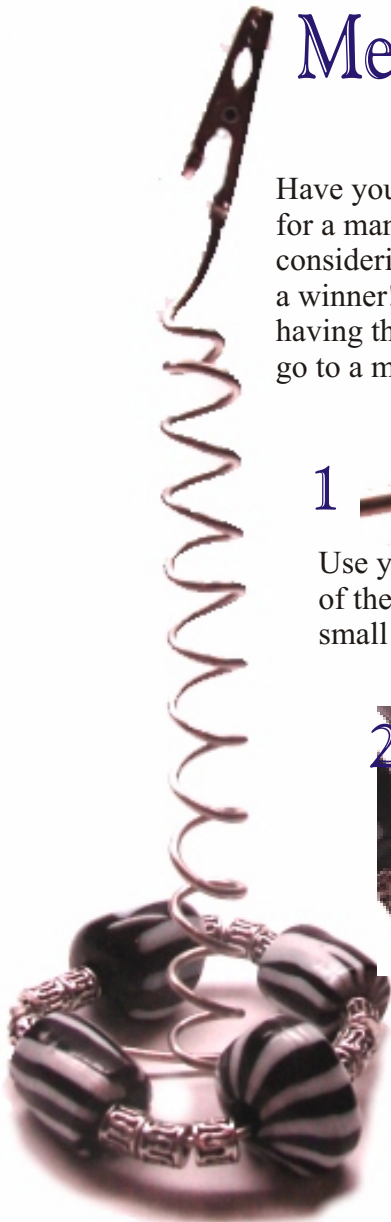
Here's a picture of all the beads on the wire, showing that I've shaped this in more of a square than a round. Again, if you try for a circle, you're apt to break the beads. I've hooked the loop over the wire to make a loop.

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Gently work the wire over to the center of the ring. Try to keep the wire rather straight as you go to the middle, but whatever looks right is fine. Put the pencil in the middle and start wrapping - I tried for nice even loops, but whatever design you like is fine. I just used the rest of the wire.

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No picture is needed for the last step - just attach the alligator clip to the top of the holder. I have to say that this is the hardest part. I roughed up the wire a bit with my cutters, and clamped the clip with the needle nose pliers. It still slipped around just a bit, so I added some adhesive, which held it really tight after about 24 hours. If you can get yours clamped without the glue, more power to you.



Any heavy beads with large holes will work. These zebra beads work especially well - they're really heavy. (And great looking!)

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