

"Flower Girls" Bobby Pin

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This design is made with
CRYSTALLIZED™ – Swarovski Elements.



Suggested Materials:

<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Stock #</u>	<u>Name</u>
1	05-308-06-02	CRYSTALLIZED™ 6mm faceted disk bead, crystal/aurora borealis
1	04-139-14-150	CRYSTALLIZED™ 14mm cosmic ring, crystal/golden shadow
45	05-000-04-182	CRYSTALLIZED™ 4mm faceted round beads, indian pink
27	05-000-04-13	CRYSTALLIZED™ 4mm faceted round beads, fuchsia
2	28-549-372	15x20mm glass leaf pendants, emerald
1	43-147-03-3	10mm filigree bead cap, silver plate
2	44-154-3	25mm round filigrees, silver plate
22	41-256-02-3	1.8x2mm crimp tubes, silver plate
1	37-422-2	2" standard head pin, yellow
1	30-822-1	2" bobby pin with 10mm pad, white
6"	61-890-44	Hollow wire mesh tubing, olive
5"	61-890-2	Hollow wire mesh tubing, yellow
72"	61-013	0.012" 3-strand Acculon™ stringing cable, steel

Tools and supplies: flush cutters, round-nose pliers, crimping pliers, E-6000 Adhesive (#60-260)

To make this design:

Create the petals:

1. Cut ten 6" pieces of stringing cable.
2. String 9 indian pink crystals onto each of five wires. Pull snug into the center and crimp. These will be the outer petals (see figure 1).
3. String 9 fuchsia crystals onto each of three wires. Pull snug into the center and crimp. These will be the inner petals (see figure 1).

TIP: Make all flower petals, before assembling.

Attach the outside petals to the filigree:

1. To attach the outside petals, slide the two wires of a petal through a teardrop cutout on one of the filigrees (see figure 2).



Figure 1



Figure 2

2. Take one strand of wire and pull it through the half moon cutout at the top of the filigree, from the back to the front.
3. String the wire through the center of the petal group and between the first two crystals closest to the crimp tube. Pull the wire tight.
4. Pull the wire tight and slide through the closest larger circle-shaped cutout in the filigree (from the front to the back).
5. Repeat steps 2 & 3 for the second strand of wire (sliding through cutouts next to the first), so that the petal lays flat against the filigree.
6. Slide a crimp tube over the two strands of wire and use flat nose pliers to crimp the tube flat against the back of the filigree.
If done correctly, the wire should make a heart shape on the back of the filigree (see figure 3).
7. Repeat steps 1-5 for the remaining four outer petals.



Figure 3

Attach the inside petals to the filigree:

8. To attach the 3 inside petals, slide the wires of a petal through the center hole in the filigree leaving a slight amount of slack (see figure 4).
9. Run one wire through the closest teardrop shaped cutout so that it is on the outside of the petal (from back to front).
10. Pull the wire tightly between the closest two crystals to the crimp tube.
11. Slide the wire down through the closest triangle-shape cutout on the filigree (from front to back).
12. Repeat steps 8 and 9 with the second strand of wire (sliding through cutouts next to the first).
13. Slide a crimp tube over both two strands and flatten the tube against the back of the filigree away from the center hole (see figure 5).
14. Repeat steps 7-10 the next two petals.



Figure 4



Figure 5

Create and attach the leaves.

15. Slide mesh tubing over the leaves, secure with a knot and cut excess mesh (see figure 6).
16. Open the wire loop on the glass leaf and attach to filigree in a desired location.

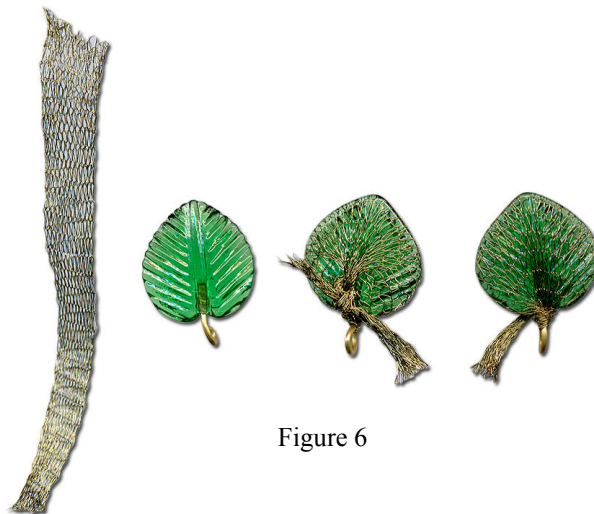


Figure 6

Attach the flower center:

17. Cut two 6" pieces of stringing cable and place on each side of the bead cap.
18. Let the wire fall through the center of the crystal ring (see figure 7).
19. Run the cable wires through the filigree so that it holds the bead cap and crystal ring in the center of the flower.
20. Use one crimp tube to secure all 4 strands flat against the filigree back.
Do not cut excess wire.
21. Place the wafer crystal in the center of the bead cap and hold it in place with a head pin.
22. Bend the head pin 90 degrees against the back of the filigree, make a wrapped loop and cut away excess head pin. (See tips for making wrapped loops on the next page.)

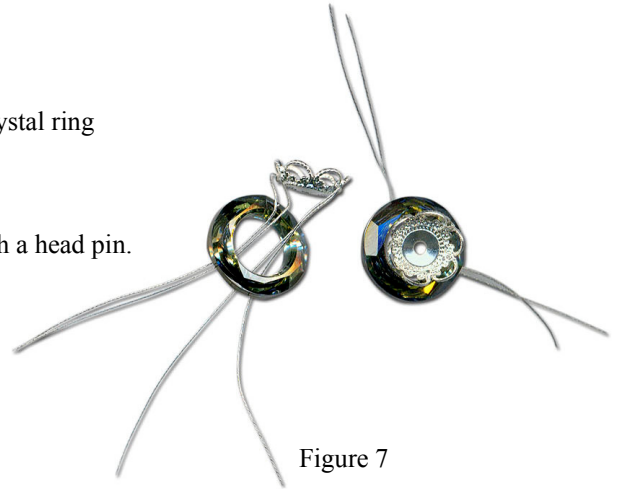


Figure 7

Attach the bobby pin:

23. Run the top leg of the bobby pin through the desired half moon cutout on the second filigree.
24. String the excess wire (from step 20) through different holes on the second filigree so that it pulls snugly against the first filigree back.
25. Separate the wire into two sections and pull them to opposite sides of the filigree.
26. Use a crimp tube on each batch of wire to tightly secure the ends, and trim any excess.
27. Tie the yellow mesh wire to the second filigree to make the desired accent around the flower and cut away any excess material.
28. Apply a dime-sized amount of glue between the bobby pin and filigree back, push together and set aside to dry. (see figure 8)



Figure 8

To make nice wire-wrapped beaded head and eye pins:

(For best results, use both chain-nose and round-nose pliers.)

1. Use chain-nose pliers to grasp the wire just above the top of the bead.
2. Use your fingers to bend the wire sharply over the top of the pliers, at a 90° angle. You should have 2-3mm of straight wire between the bead and the bend.
3. Use round-nose pliers to grasp a spot just above the bend, and use your fingers to smoothly bend the wire all the way around the tip of the pliers. (For different sizes of loops, bend the wire around thinner or thicker portions of the pliers' tip.)
4. Now use pliers to grasp the wire firmly across the loop. Use your fingers or chain-nose pliers to carefully wrap the wire around the stem. For best control, experts recommend you break this step into a series of half wraps.
5. Trim excess with flush cutters.

