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What You'll Need

Materials:

Briolette

- Briolette bead
- 21-ga., Half-hard wire—sterling silver

Horizontally Drilled Pendant

- Pendant of choice
- Decorative head pin

Tools:

- Chain nose pliers
- Flat nose pliers
- Flush cutters
- Round nose pliers

Instructions:

Bail for a Briolette

1. Cut a 2½–3-in. length of wire with flush cutters. Form a simple loop on one end of the wire with round nose pliers.

2. Slide the wire through the briolette. Form a simple loop on the other end of the wire (**Fig. 1**).

3. Center the bead on the wire. Place the tip of a pair of pliers close to the bead

on one side. Rotate the pliers to form a 90° bend in the wire that points upward (**Fig. 2**).

4. Repeat Step 3 to form a 90° bend in the wire on the other side of the bead. Make any needed adjustments so the loops meet at the top.

Bail for a Horizontally Drilled Pendant

1. Slide the head pin through the pendant with the decorative end in front.

2. Make a 90° bend (**Fig. 3**).

3. Make a loop at the top. Bring the end of the wire to the front, wrapping around the decorative head until the wire can't be seen (**Fig. 4**).

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