

# Cinnamon Stick Ornaments

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These ornaments are so quick to make and make wonderful tree ornaments, stocking stuffer gifts or package decorations. Place them near a light on your tree so the heat of the light will release more of the cinnamon scent.

## Materials

3 inch cinnamon stick  
12 inch piece dark brown 26 gauge wire  
11/0 seed beads, any color for flower  
11/0 seed beads, green  
4mm bead for each flower center  
26 gauge wire to match the beads you've chosen  
green floral tape  
small piece of ribbon

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## Wire the Cinnamon Stick

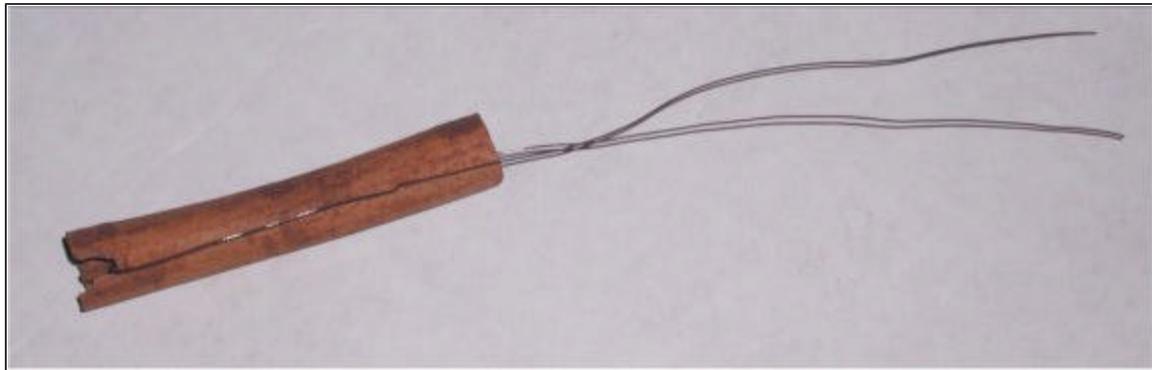
Cut a 12 inch piece of 26 gauge brown wire.

Insert the wire through the cinnamon stick.

The photo to the right shows a cinnamon stick from the top. The red arrow points to the hollow space between the two spirals of the cinnamon stick. This is where you insert the wire.



At the bottom of the cinnamon stick bend the wire up the back so that the two ends of the wire are even as shown in the photo below. (The back is the flat side).

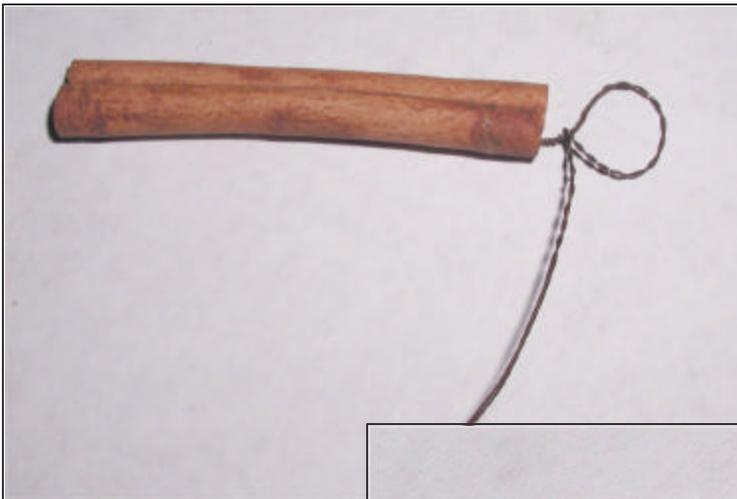


Pinch the two ends close to the top of the cinnamon stick and twist tightly 2 or 3 times to secure the ends. Then twist evenly up the rest of the two wires. Your cinnamon stick now looks like this:



## Form a Loop for Hanging the Ornament

Leave  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch of the twisted wire straight and begin forming a loop as shown to the right.



Wrap the end of the wire around the straight part to form 3 or more wraps.

End the wrapping towards the front of the cinnamon stick and clip off the extra wire.

The enlarged photo below shows the finished loop.



## The Flowers

Each ornament contains a large and small flower.

### Large Flower

The larger flowers are simple five petal double wrapped continuous loops.

Work the flowers from beads strung on the wire attached to the spool of wire.

Leave about 3 inches of bare wire at the beginning.

Start with a 10 bead loop.

Wrap around the loop once.

You've now completed a petal.

Leave about one-quarter inch of wire, form a 10 bead loop, wrap around the loop once to form the second petal. Repeat this step until you have 5 petals.

Leave about 3 inches of bare wire and cut from the spool.

Bring together the wires at each end to form the petals into a circle and twist to secure.

### Small Flower

The small flower is 5 continuous loops of 8 beads and are formed in the same manner as the larger flower without the extra wraparound.

## Flower Center

Cut a 6 inch piece of wire from the spool and place the 4mm bead in the center of this wire. Pinch the wire underneath the bead so the bead is center and twist the wires to secure the bead.

## Flower Assembly

Insert the flower center into the hole formed by the 5 petal circle. Twist all the wires together and cover with floral tape.

## Leaves

### Leaf Style 1

6 bead basic, 3-5 rows. Cover bare wires with floral tape.

## Leaf Style 2

Measure 3 inches of beads and form into a loop. Twist the wires at the bottom of the loop to secure the beads. Twist the loop of beads. Cover bare wires with floral tape.

## Ornament Assembly

Assemble a large flower, small flower and 2-3 leaves into a small bouquet. Wrap the wires with floral tape and curl the end to your liking. Variations are shown in the cover photo.

Attach the small bouquet to the cinnamon stick with a piece of ribbon tied securely.

You can also use wire to attach the bouquet to the cinnamon stick and cover the wire with ribbon.

Or, a drop of glue (hot glue or anything that dries clear) will also secure the bouquet to the cinnamon stick.



## Double Wrap Continuous Loops 5 Petal Flower

### First Petal



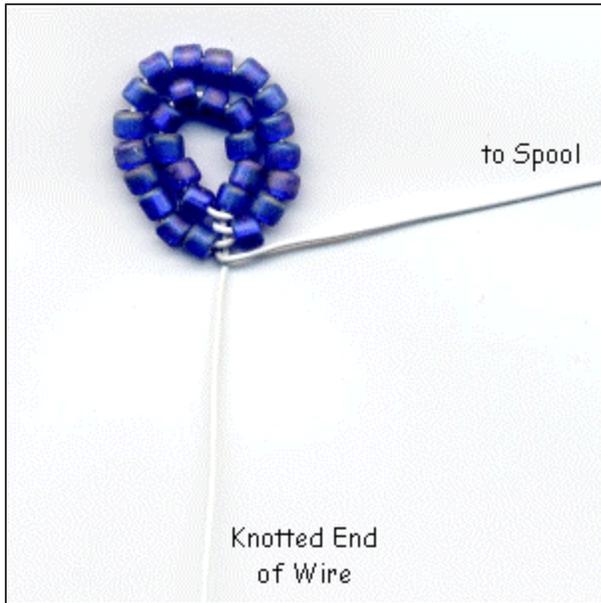
Step 1 - Move 10 beads down to within 3 inches of the knotted end of the wire and form these beads into a loop going counterclockwise.



Cross the spool end of the wire on top of the knotted end of the wire. Wrap the spool end of the wire around the back and to the front ending with the wire pointing to the right.



Step 2 - Move more beads down to the loop you just formed and wrap the beads counterclockwise around the first loop. Move the extra beads back down towards the spool.



Again, Wrap the spool end of the wire around the back and to the front ending with the wire pointing to the right.

You have now completed a double wrap loop.

## Second Petal



Step 3 - Move 10 beads down to within 2-beads width (approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch for size 11 beads) of the first petal. As in Step 1a, wrap the spool end of the wire around the back and to the front ending with the wire pointing to the right.



Step 4 – Make another loop of beads around this loop just as you did for the first petal. Twist the wires underneath the double loop one time as in Step 2a.

### Petals 3, 4, 5



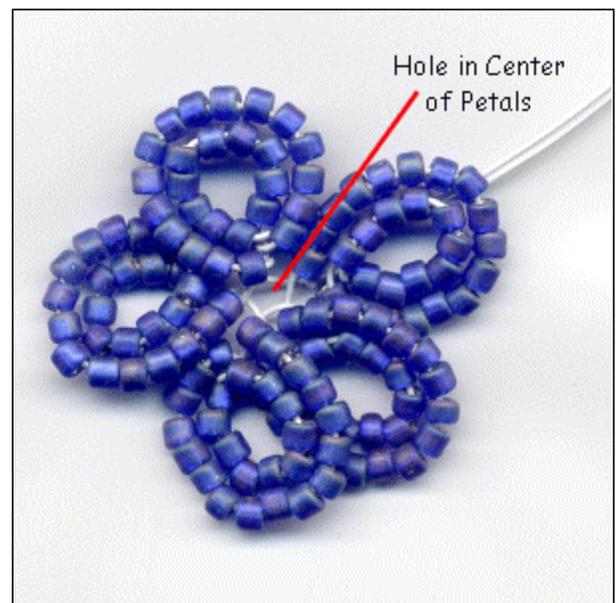
Step 5 - Repeat second petal until you have 5 continuous double wrapped loops.

Leave 3 inches of bare wire and cut from the spool. Be sure to knot the end of the spool wire so you don't lose the rest of the beads that have been strung.

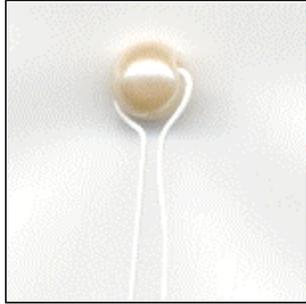


Step 6 – Twist the wires at each end of the 5 petals together as tightly as possible but leaving a small hole in the center.

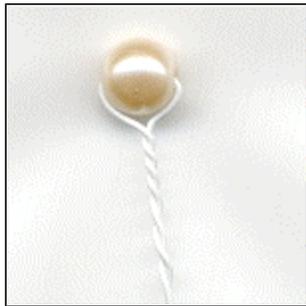
Arrange the petals evenly around the center hole.



## Flower Center



Step 7 - Cut a 6 inch piece of wire and center the large bead on this wire. Pinch the two ends of the wire together so that they're centered under the large bead.



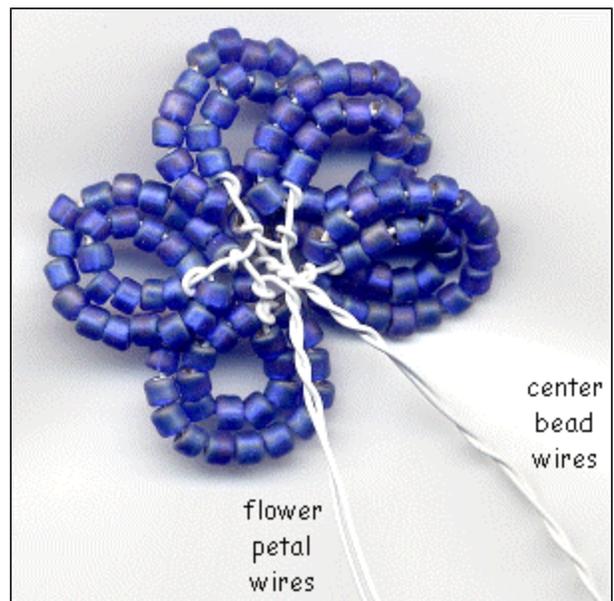
Once the bead is centered on the wire, twist the two ends together.

## Insert Center into Flower



Step 8 from the back is pictured to the right.

Step 8 – Insert the flower center into the hole in the flower (see step 6a) until it is flush against the flower petals.





Step 9 - From the back, twist the flower center wires with the flower petal wires.



Finished Flower