

Totally Twisted!

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Intriguing and elegant – make this necklace with a simple twist. Wear it by itself or clip on a pendant for a completely different look in a jiffy. Create a pendant as desired and finish with an Alacarte Hinged Bail to clip over the twisted area of the WireLuxe. Have a pendant with a small bail on top? Repurpose a pendant by replacing the bail with an Alacarte Hinged Bail.

Necklace Supplies:

- 1 24-inch WireLuxe (shown in Mercury and Laguna)
- 2 7mm Alacarte Clamshell endcaps CA103M7 (available in Rhodium, Gold and Gunmetal)
- 1 Forged Arrow Clasp & Toggle, Tierra Cast 94-6211 (Or use any toggle, lightweight clasp or lobster clasp and lightweight chain for an adjustable length)
- 6 4mm or 6mm jump rings, round or oval to attach the toggle

Pendant:

Repurpose a pendant by replacing a bail with a hinged bail you can the clip inbetween the twists making it totally portable! Or use an Etched bail to make a new pendant you can add anytime.

- 1 Hinged Bail from Alacarte Clasps (Shown “Etched Bail” available in Gold, Rhodium and Gunmetal)

Tools:

Ruler

Removeable chalk or marker or 15 sewing pins

Wire Smoothing Pliers OR Chain nose pliers with a cloth

Scissors or Wire Cutters

2 part all purpose clear drying epoxy (Brand or similar: Devon 5-minute)

Instructions:

- 1) Lay 24-inch WireLuxe flat. With removeable chalk or sewing pins, mark WireLuxe every $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches on one edge. You will have 15 marks. (If the WireLuxe is a bit longer add another mark and segment).
- 2) With your thumb and index fingers on each side of the first mark twist the WireLuxe $\frac{1}{2}$ revolution on the mark. Squeeze on top of each twist as to help it hold. (You will go back later to press each twist).
- 3) Repeat Step 2 always twisting in the same direct. When finished you will have 16 segments. The 24" WireLuxe will have shortened to about 19".
- 4) Determine the final desired length – the Forged Toggle clasp will add about 1" to the length. Or use a lightweight extender chain and lobster clasp for more flexibility to the length.
- 5) To shorten the WireLuxe untwist the last segment, flatten and cut with scissors or wire cutters at the segment mark.
- 6) To finish the ends, hold each side of the thicker edge and curve them into each other so the thicker side edges slightly overlap forming the last section.
- 7) Mix epoxy according to manufacturer's instructions and place a dab on both sides of the WireLuxe where the edges overlap. Slide the clamshell over the glue and overlapped edge positioning it to flow into the shape of the last section, squeeze the clamshell closed. Wipe off any glue that oozes out. Let dry.
- 8) Add jumps rings to clamshell for desired length and attach toggle on one side and Forged D-Ring clasp on the other.
- 9) Using a wire smoother plier or chain nose pliers (with a cloth covering the WireLuxe) squeeze on top of each twist to flatten and set the twist.

Securing the Twist:

The twist shape will hold after being firmly flattened, however, if you want it permanent so that it cannot be untwisted you can:

- 1) Sew Tack: using a needle and matching thread (metallic works best) and sew tack each segment
- 2) Glue: Curve the necklace before gluing to ensure the necklace contours around the neckline when the glue dries. Add a small dab of two-part epoxy inside the twist area where it is hidden.

Finishing the shape:

- 1) Create a wider shape in the middle section simply using your fingers to pull on each edge in the center of the segment to wide.
- 2) Create an elongated shape by gently pulling on the ends– this will lengthen it slightly as well.

Varying the Twist:

For shorter, smaller twists, mark every $1\frac{1}{4}$ ", giving 19 segments and an 18" length (before adding clasp). Each twist uses $\frac{1}{4}$ " of length.

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