

How to Make a Beaded Bobby Pin

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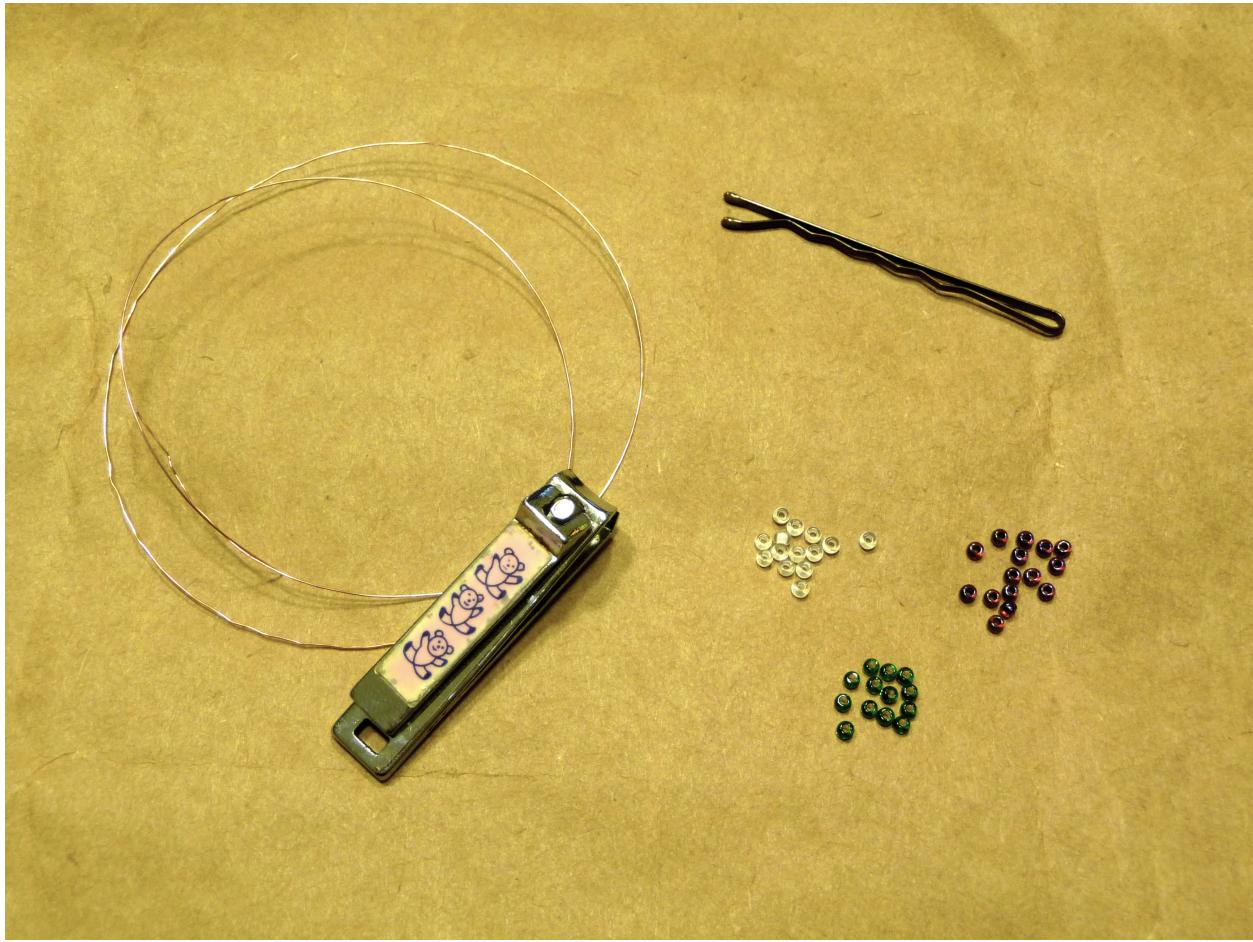
When I was a small child, I loved Klutz craft books. I tried to obtain as many of them as I could, and I treasured the ones I possessed. I did not necessarily use all the ones I had, but I loved paging through them, soaking in all the DIY knowledge. However, there was one book I used frequently and still use today: Beaded Bobby Pins. After learning the basics from the book, I have started making my own designs, one of which is a retro-inspired cherry beaded bobby pin.

Beaded bobby pins are a simple DIY that don't require much money or time and are an easy way to spice up a look!

You'll Need:

- A bobby pin
- 14 red seed beads

- About 17 white seed beads
- 15 green seed beads
- 18-20 inches of 28-gauge wire
- A fingernail clipper



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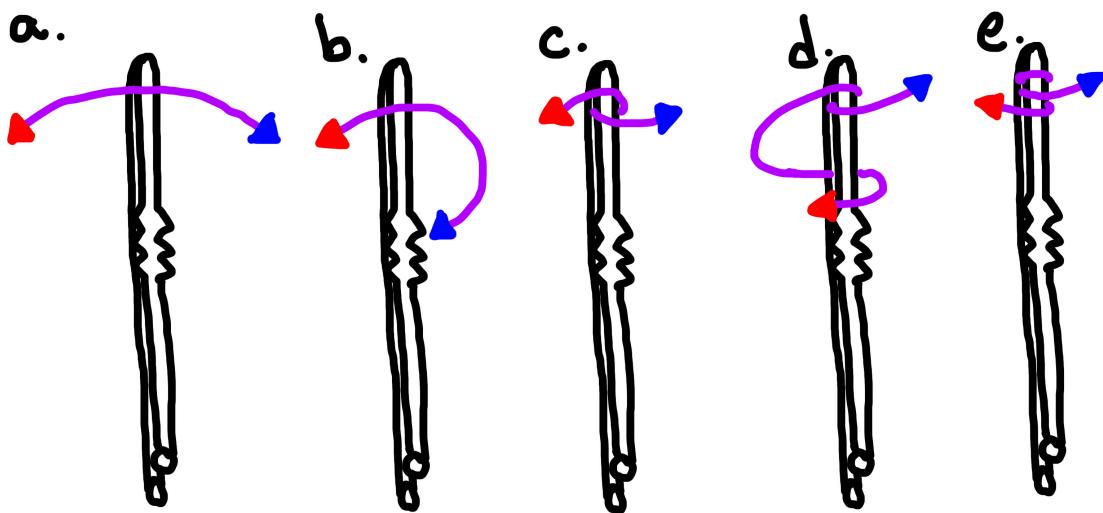
a. To start the bobby pin, have the bobby pin facing you. Find the middle of the wire (I like to bend the wire in half to find the middle) and hold the middle over the bend of the bobby pin.

b. Take the right half of the wire and slide it between the two metal bars of the bobby pin.

c. Wrap the right half of the wire back over to its original side.

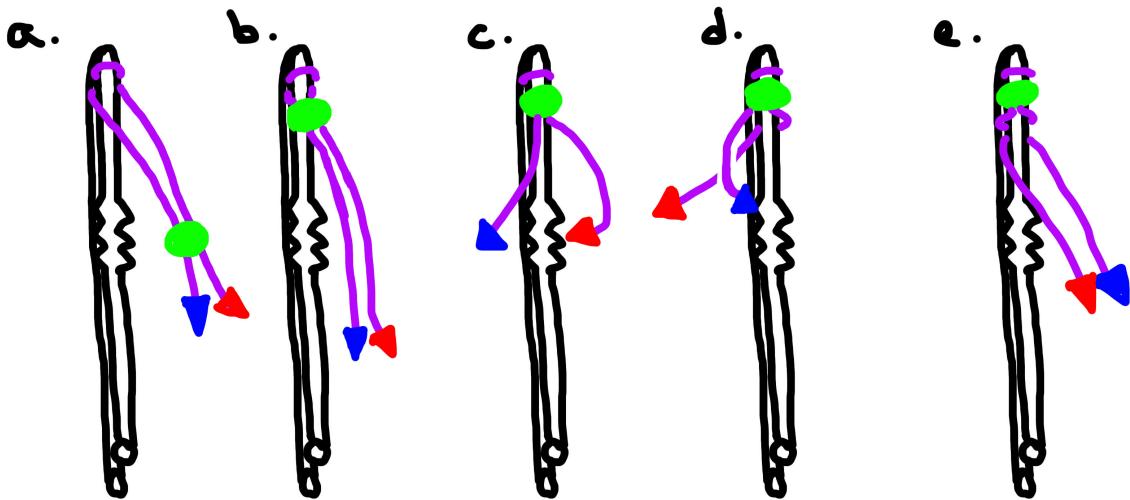
d. Take the left half of the wire and slide it between the two metal bars of the bobby pin (basically what you did for the right half of the wire, but now on the left side).

e. Wrap the left half of the wire back over to its original side. Now the wire should be wrapped around the bend of the bobby pin.



2.

- a. To add the first bead, take a white seed bead and slip it through both ends of the wire.
- b. Slide the bead to the end of the wire so it touches the bobby pin.
- c. Take the right half of the wire and slide it between the two metal bars of the bobby pin.
- d. Take the left half of the wire and slide it between the two metal bars of the bobby pin.
- e. Make sure there is no loose wire; pull tight anything that is loose. Ta-da! The first bead is now on the bobby pin!



3. Add two more white beads using the technique from step 2. Then, slide six red beads onto the right wire. Make sure you slide them all the way to the end of the wire, and, in the same direction, insert the tip of the wire through bead 1 a second time.



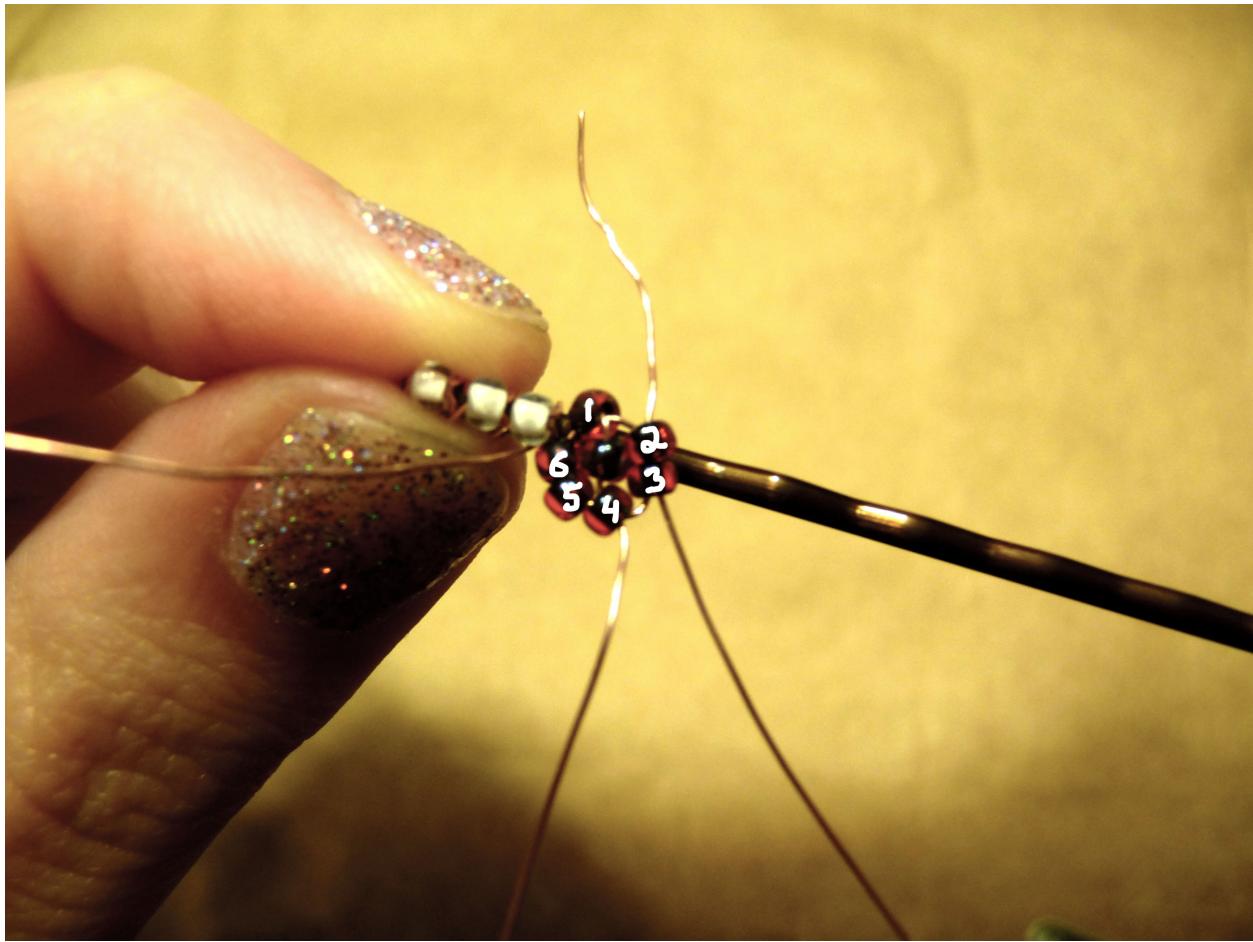
4. Pull the wire tight, making sure there is no loose wire between any of the beads so they form a circle.



5. Slide another red bead onto the same wire, then insert the wire once more through bead 3 in the direction of the right side of the bobby pin. Pull tight.



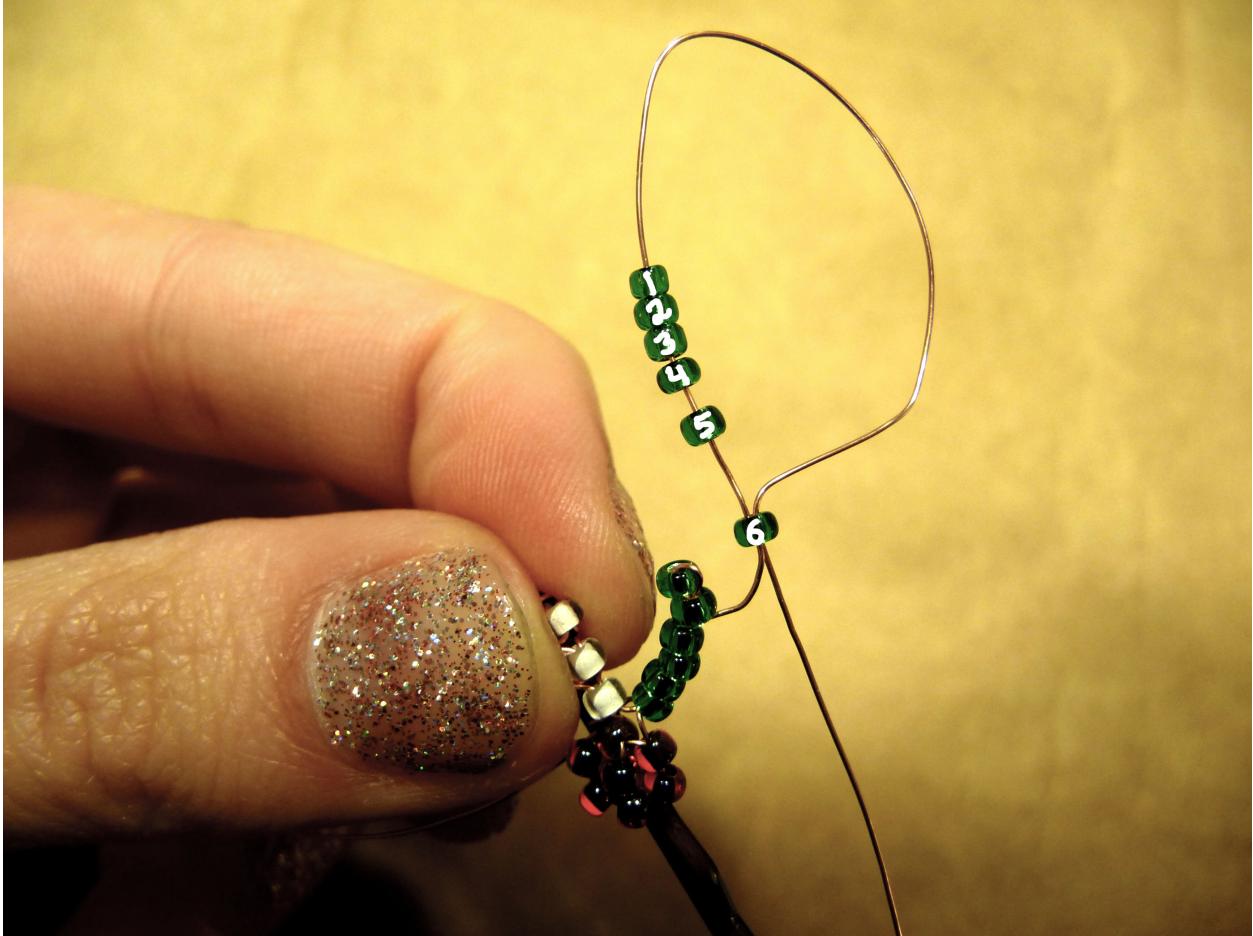
6. Then, in the same direction, insert the wire through beads 3 and 2 so the wire ends up next to bead 1. Pull tight. Now you're done with the first cherry!



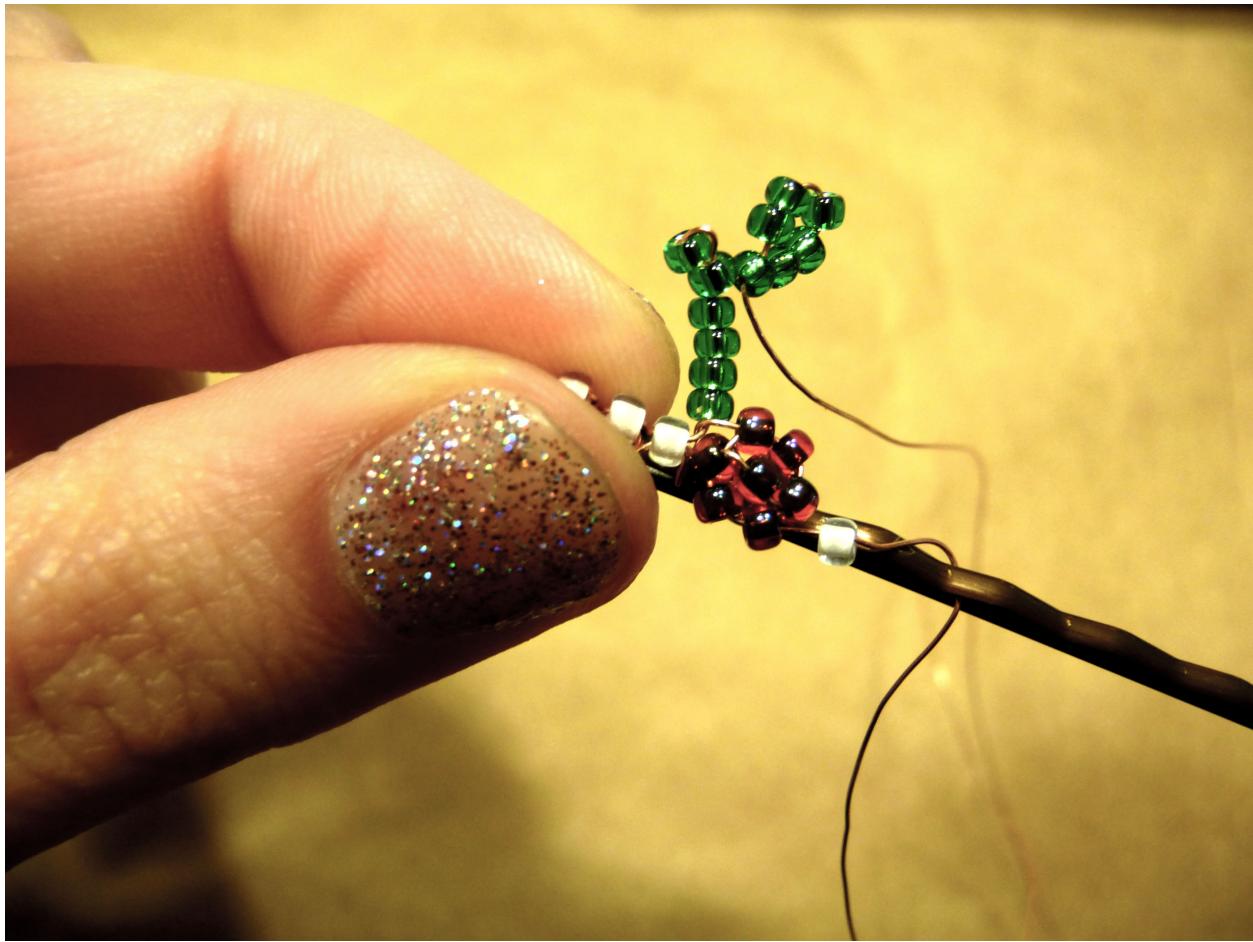
7. Add six green beads onto the same wire. Insert the wire back through bead 5 in the opposite direction as the first time and pull tight. Now you have the first stem.



8. Now it's time to make the leaf. Add six more green beads onto the same wire. Insert the wire back through bead 6, in the opposite direction as the first time. Pull tight, making sure there is no loose wire between any of the beads.



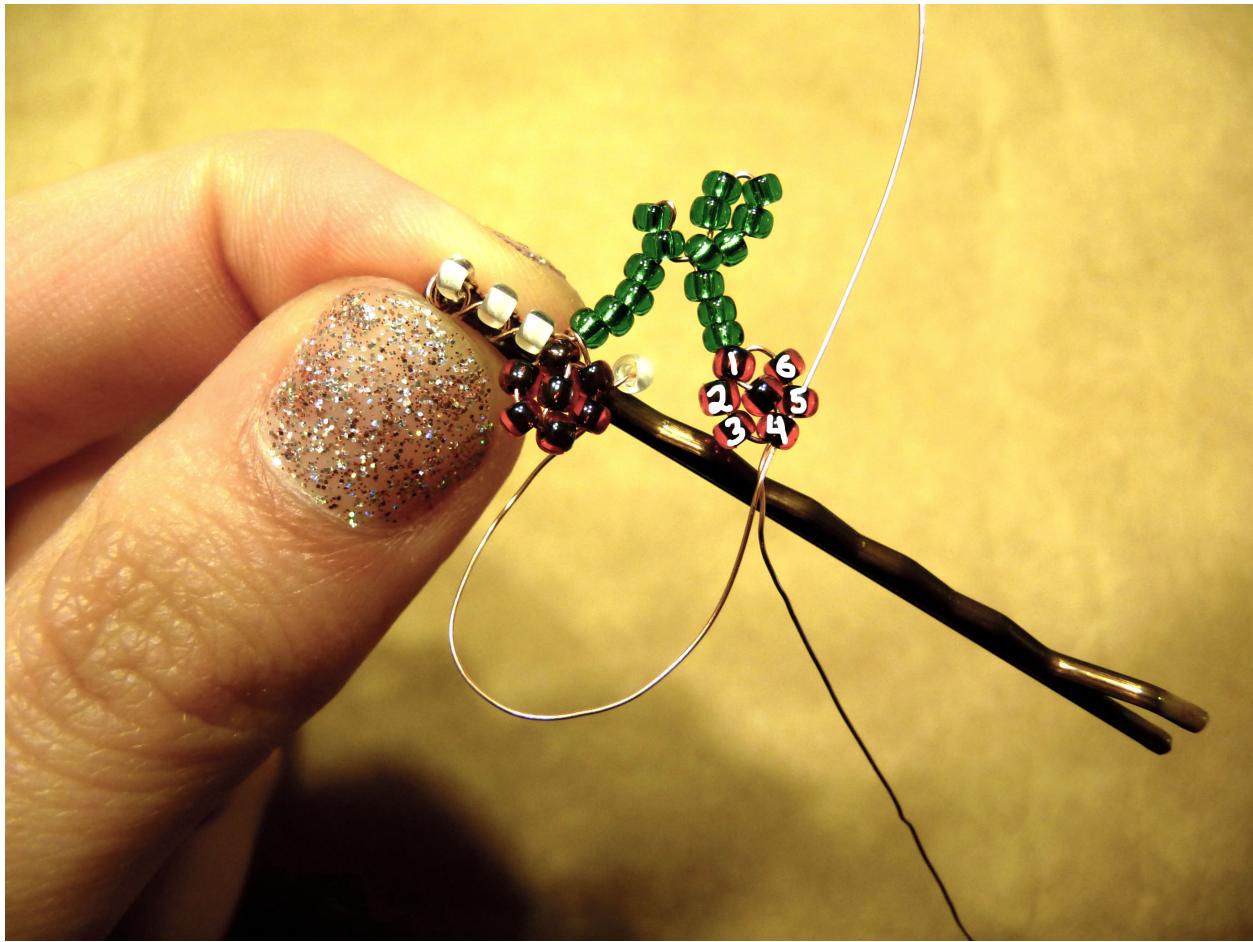
9. Take the left wire, and slide a white bead onto it. Make sure the bead is all the way to the end of the wire, next to the cherry. Then, wrap the wire over to the right side, slide it between the two metal bars of the bobby pin, and bring it back to the left side so you have secured the bead onto the bobby pin.



10. Slide three more green beads to the end of the right wire to make the second stem. Then make another cherry, using the same technique as the first time, but this time make the circle in the opposite direction so the wire points to the left side when you have finished. Slide another red bead onto the wire to make the middle of the cherry and then slide the wire through bead 4 so the wire points toward the left side. Pull tight. Now you've finished the hardest part!



11. Now take the left wire and insert it through beads 4 and 5. It might seem like the wire won't fit, but it will. Pull tight. As you've probably noticed, the wires have now switched sides. Secure the cherry by moving the wires back to their original sides. To do so, slide both wires between the two metal bars of the bobby pin.



12. Using the technique from step 2, add on white beads until you reach the end of the bobby pin. To secure the wires, wrap each wire two or three times in front of the last bead and then two or three times behind the last bead. When you have finished, clip the wires short and try to hide the ends so they won't stick out and poke you accidentally.



And there you have it! Now you have an adorable accessory for any vintage-inspired look!

