

Whip up bubble wands with colorful wire and large-hole beads

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Make simple wands by wrapping wire around a round object like a highlighting marker, a bottle of correction fluid, or a lipstick tube. Then grab some soapy liquid and let the bubbles fly!



1 Cut a 16-in. (41 cm) piece of wire. Wrap one end around a round object with a 20–30 mm diameter. Make a wrapped loop (Basics, p. 75).



2 String 2–3 in. (5–7.6 cm) of seed beads and 7–20 mm beads.



3 Using a round object with a different diameter than the first one, make a wrapped loop. If you have trouble keeping the round shape as you complete the wraps, use your fingers to make the wraps with the round object still in the loop. ●

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For more bubble formulas, visit bubbleblowers.com/homemade.html.

you'll need

- ◆ **6–10** 7–20 mm large-hole beads (\$1)
- ◆ **5–8** 6° or 8° seed beads*
- ◆ 16 in. (41 cm) 18-gauge colored wire (Fire Mountain Gems and Beads, 800.355.2137, firemountaingems.com, \$1)
- ◆ chainnose and roundnose pliers
- ◆ diagonal wire cutters

*These items cost less than \$1.

Try the Exploratorium's formula for bubble solution: $\frac{2}{3}$ cup Joy dishwashing soap, 1 gallon water, and 2–3 tablespoons of glycerine.