

LINDY'S CAKE JEWELLERY GEMS

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Easy and effective
ways to add
sparkle to your
cakes



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Lindy's dvds are designed to be watched on either your television or your computer. You may find however that due to the large file sizes used, some computer dvd drives will not run as smoothly as you would like. In this case we suggest using a different drive or using a televisions dvd drive.

DVD Contents:

Disc one: The main film

The disc is divided into 2 minute chapters for easy scrolling. We would have liked to include a clickable menu on the main film however the balance between quality and length has meant that this is not possible. Therefore to help you go back to the sections that you wish to watch again, we are providing you with a list of contents together with the chapter and time it appears:

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Disc Two: The extras

This extras disc is divided into 4 clickable titles, as below, so sit back and enjoy watching your chosen section.

Contents
Jewellery gems, getting started: - Introduction to the equipment
Lindy answers some of your frequently asked questions
Lindy in conversation with wedding planner Tammy Wilson
Step by step online ordering with Lindy

Getting Started

Basic tools

You only need a few tools to get started:

- Wire cutters** These are essential as you don't want to ruin a pair of scissors
- Jewellery pliers** Essential for creating fountains and some cake crown elements
- Round nose pliers** These are used to make coils, so only necessary once you wish to experiment with these

Bead mat

These are a fantastic and relatively new invention, they stop your beads scattering because if you drop a bead the mat catches it rather than letting it roll.

Glue

You will need a strong acrylic based non toxic jewellery glue, this is available from most bead and jewellery making suppliers. Lindy's cakes also supply the glue in a handy little bottle which makes beadwork a lot easier. The glue is permanent after 72 hours which means that the beads set fast and there is no danger of them dropping off.

Wires

It is very important that you use the right wire for the right purpose. Some of the wires are interchangeable, whilst others are not.

There are two different parameters when choosing a wire:

The core material of the wire as this gives you an indication of its strength.

So for example a steel cored wire will be a lot stronger than a copper cored wire

Size or thickness of the wire – i.e. the gauge or diameter

NOTE: wires are measured both by gauge and thickness; however these measurements vary depending on where you live or where the wire was manufactured. In Europe we use standard wire gauges and mm however in the States American wire gauges and inches are used! Please refer to the conversion chart :

Wire	Metric (mm)	Gauge	Inches (American wire gauge)
Soft beading/ binding wires			
Bullion wire	0.315	28	0.012
0.315mm coloured craft wire	0.315	28	0.012
28 g beading wire	0.315	28	0.012
Intermediate wires			
24g floristry wire	0.5	24	0.020
0.5mm coloured craft wire	0.5	24	0.020
0.6mm jewellery wire	0.6	22	0.025
Strong wires			
1.2mm jewellery wire	1.2	16	0.050
Aluminium wires			
1.5mm	1.5	15	0.0571
2mm	2	12	0.0808

Thin



Thick

The Different wires Lindy uses on the DVD:

We have found that many people often find wires very confusing so Lindy splits them into groups to help to try and demystify them!

Soft beading/binding wires

These are soft wires that are used in for example the creation of cake crowns and beaded garlands. They include the following:

- 0.3mm copper craft wires
- Beading wire 28 gauge (steel core and can be quite rough on your fingers)
- 0.4mm jewellery wire, slightly firmer than the above but ideal if you want a more chunky effect, not ideal for beginners.
- Bullion wire – a crinkly wire, used by many crafts, Lindy uses it to make beaded garlands

Intermediate wires

These are stronger wires that can support a little weight; they are used to create cake fountains, wired cake tops and elements of cake crowns e.g. coils

- Straight, paper covered, steel, floristry wire, available in many gauges with 24g being the recommend strength for cake fountains. This wire is not suitable for cake crowns.
- 0.5mm craft wire and 0.6mm jewellery/hobby wire, ideal for coils and bead support on cake crowns. It is also thin enough to go through the holes in most beads so lends itself to beaded cake toppers. The difference between them is that the craft wire has a copper core so is softer and the 0.6mm has a steel core so is harder.

Strong wires

Heavy duty wires used for the base of cake crowns.

1.2mm jewellery wire - this is the wire that you bind all your cake crown elements to.

For beginners this wire is ideal as it retains its shape however as you become more proficient at binding you may find using aluminium wire easier to use.

Aluminium wire

This is available in many widths but for cake decorations Lindy would recommend 1.5mm and 2mm. The wire is wonderful to work with as it can be easily bent to create any shape you wish; it is also available in an ever increasing range of colours opening up all sorts of possibilities for cake decorators.

Beads

Beads can be used to compliment a cake design or be used in their own right as the principle decoration on a cake. There is a huge choice of beads available from around the world, from cheap plastic to expensive crystal, which you choose for your cake project will depend on your budget and the effect you are trying to create.

Sizes

Beads range in size from the tiny seed beads to large beads designed to be worn as pendants. 6mm and 8mm beads tend to be the most frequently used in cake jewellery, although smaller beads such as silver lined Japanese Rocailles are used to add sparkle and larger beads such as 15mm wooden beads are added to create focal points.

Shapes

Most people think of beads as round but of course they are available in a variety of shapes. Round beads are the most frequently used for cake jewellery but heart, star and cut crystal shapes are often appropriate too.

Mix of colours

When Lindy first started she used two or three different types of beads on a cake however as she's become more experienced she has found that actually she prefers to include a wide assortment of colours, shapes and sizes and when teaching usually recommends about 6 types, however this is purely a personal choice here, there is no right or wrong.

When choosing beads, cake jewellery is most effective when it reflects the other colours used on the cake including the icing, so for example if a cake is covered with an ivory icing then it helps to have a few ivory pearls in the jewellery to bring the design together. Likewise, if you have a coloured cake board using beads of a similar colour will help pull the cake together.

Selecting beads

It is a good idea to place the beads you have chosen for a project together on a bead mat so you can see what they look like all together. This also enables you to add or subtract beads or colours to achieve a balance between the colours and shapes that you are happy with.

The Demonstration Cakes



Please find below a list of beads and wires that Lindy used on her DVD cakes:

Aqua Garland and fountain cake:

Wires:

- Ice blue bullion wire
- 24g silver floristry wire
- 0.5mm Craft wire for heart topper

Beads:

- 6mm & 8mm Turquoise waxed pearls
- 6mm & 8mm clear iridescent beads
- Mixed seed turquoise seed beads e.g. turquoise candy tube
- Silver lined Japanese Rocailles – sky blue and clear
- 6mm matt crystal glass hearts
- 5mm & 6mm Swarovski crystals AB
- 6mm turquoise round glass crackle beads

Sundries:

- Jewel glue
- Bead mat
- Posy pick
- Oasis fix
- Jewellery pliers
- Wire cutters

Cake decoration

The cake tiers have been embossed with the patchwork clematis embosser and then decorated with brush embroidery. Modelling paste stems and tendrils have then been added using a sugar shaper.



Jewellery band and simple twist cake crown:

Wires:

- 1.5mm aluminium wire or strong jewellery wire
- 0.5mm warm silver coloured craft wire
- 0.315mm coloured craft wire – warm gold and warm silver

Beads:

- 6mm amber miracle beads
- 6mm burnt orange miracle beads
- 5mm ivory pearls

Sundries:

- Bead mat
- 7.5cm (3in) hardboard cake card - to act as a template
- Wire cutters

Cake decoration

- The sugarpaste on this cake has been coloured using a mixture of Sugarflair autumn leaf and chestnut paste colours.
- The board and top tier have been stencilled using the French medallion side design and a golden brown royal icing. The pattern once dry has then been painted using SK edible bronze & copper lustre dust mixed with confectioners glaze.
- The modelling paste pattern has been cut out using the diamond from my card suit sugarcraft cutter set and the small scroll cutter from my Indian scroll and petal set.
- The royal iced dots have been piped using PME No 2 and No 0 tubes.



Sparkling ocean cake

Twist with extra beads

Wires:

- Iced blue bullion wire
- 0.315mm champagne craft wire
- 1.2mm strong jewellery wire or 1.5mm aluminium

Beads:

- Pearls, 4mm, 6mm, 8mm & 10mm ivory
- Miracle beads 6mm & 8mm Royal blue
- Iridescent beads 6mm & 8mm blue
- Japanese Rocailles, sky blue & royal blue
- Moon star lamp turquoise
- Swarovski crystals:
 - 5mm & 6mm clear AB,
 - 6mm blue zircon & light sapphire,
 - Sapphire drop pendants



Pink and black jewellery flower cake

Group twist

Wires:

- 0.315 pink/raspberry craft wire
- Strong jewellery wire or 1.5mm aluminium

Beads:

- Ivory pearls - 4mm, 5mm, 6mm & 10mm
- Wooden beads 6mm & 8mm pink, fuchsia & black
- Miracle - 6mm & 8mm cerise and crimson
- Iridescent - 6mm & 8mm clear
- Crystals, 6mm pink, fuchsia & clear AB

Cake decoration

The board has been embossed using Lindy's diamond and flat floral cutters. The centres of the flowers have been made using a daisy centre stamp (JEM).



Crewel border jewellery cake

Branch twist & large aluminium coils

Stencils:

- Crewel border side design

Wires:

- Bullion Wire - rose
- 0.315 craft wire - pink/raspberry
- Strong jewellery wire or 1.5mm aluminium
- 1.5mm aluminium - green chartreuse

Beads:

- Waxed pearls, deep violet
- Miracle, violet, dusty pink & peach melba
- Pearls - ivory, 4mm, 5mm & 6mm
- Heart Crystals - rose
- 6mm crystals - light rose, clear AB & olivine
- Swirly lamp beads - lime
- Rocailles, lime green, lavender & pink (candy tube)

Cake decoration

The cake sides have been decorated using the crewel border side design stencil and three different colours of royal icing. Modelling paste rings have then been added, using a sugar shaper, to the top edge of the cake.



Petite red and bronze jewelled cake

Double twist with anchor bead

Wires:

- 28g beading wire - gold or 0.315mm coloured craft wire
- 24g floristry wire - metallic gold
- Strong jewellery wire or 1.5mm aluminium

Beads:

- Pearls - ivory & gold 4mm, 6mm, 8mm & 10mm
- Wooden beads 6mm & 8mm red
- Glass pearls - red & bronze

Sundries:

- Posy pick
- Jewel Glue

N.B. The wire flowers Lindy has used have been discontinued



Banded lace jewellery cake

Small coils

Sundries:

- Posy pick
- Jewel Glue

Wires:

- 0.315 craft wire - antique gold
- 0.5mm craft wire - purple
- 24g floristry wire—metallic gold
- Strong jewellery wire or 1.5mm aluminium

Beads:

- Pearls - ivory 5mm, 6mm & 8mm
- Wooden - 8mm purple
- Miracle - 6mm burnt orange
- Iridescent - 6mm lilac
- Rocailles - purple

Cake decoration

The cake sides have been decorated using the banded lace side design stencil and the top decorated with the rosette stencil.



Dainty jewelled flower cake

wire flowers

Wires:

- 0.315 mm coloured craft wire - pink/raspberry
- 0.5 mm coloured craft wire
 - warm silver,
 - pink/raspberry
 - silver grey
- 1.5mm aluminium wire - light pink or shiny silver

Beads:

- Iridescent, 6mm clear
- Pearls, 6mm ivory
- Miracle beads 6mm dusty blue, dusty pink & crimson
- Swarovski crystals:
 - o 6mm iced blue AB
 - o 6mm crystal AB
 - o 6mm rose



Cake decoration

The cake has been decorated with cut out flowers, Lindy used a cutter from her flat floral collection - set one. Modelling paste stems have then been added using a sugar shaper.

Mango and raspberry bubbles

Wire springs

Wire:

- 0.315 mm coloured craft wire:
 - deep magenta
 - antique gold
- 1.5mm gold aluminium wire or strong jewellery wire

Beads:

- Wooden beads 6mm, & 8mm tangerine & cerise
- Miracle beads 6mm & 8mm cerise & burnt orange
- Waxed pearls, 6mm & 8mm mango



Jewelled abstract flower cake

Something completely different

Wire:

- 0.5mm coloured craft wire, green chartreuse

Beads:

- Pearls, 4mm, 5mm, 6mm, & 8mm ivory
- Miracle beads 6mm & 8mm violet
- Lime green swirly lamp beads
- Waxed pearls, 6mm & 8mm dark violet
- Swarovski crystals:
 - o 6mm Violet AB,
 - o 6mm purple velvet
- Japanese Rocailles, lavender & lime green

Sundries:

- Jewel Glue

Cake decoration

The cake tiers have been decorated with cut outs pieces made from modelling paste. Lindy has used her curled leaf cutters and her flame cutters. The sugar jewels on cake are cut out using piping tubes and then piping gel has been added so they catch the light and reflect the beads on the decoration.

Sugarcraft Cutters

- Lindy's curled leaf cutters
- Lindy's flame cutters

Striped wonky cake

Aluminium flower

Wire:

- 1.5mm pink/raspberry aluminium wire

Beads:

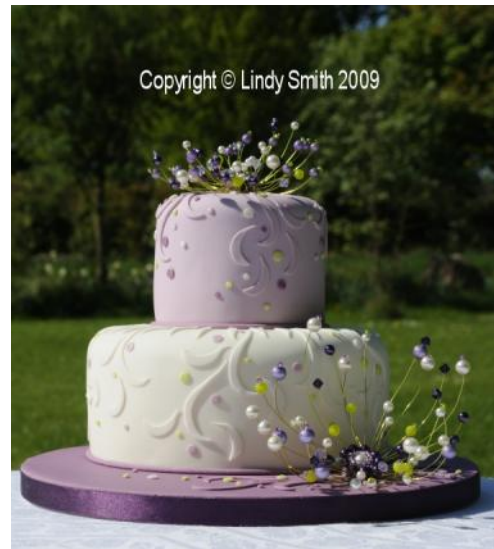
- 15mm orange wooden bead

Sundries

- glue

Cake decoration

Instructions to decorate this cake are available on Lindy's Wonky Celebration Cake DVD.



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