



Perfectly Twisted Jewelry Tutorial

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Tutorial

Wire Weaved Spiral Earrings

by Perfectly Twisted Jewelry



These beautiful wire weave earrings are perfect for beginners and wire experts alike! Easy, versatile and best of all, reversible, so TWO pair for every effort.

Learn to weave simple round earrings that will be perfect for every occasion!

The pattern allows for endless variety in design, so enjoy all the corners of your imagination and create as many as you can dream up!

Supplies:

Qty 4 x 20 gauge, round, dead soft wires
8 inches each

Qty 2 x 28 gauge, round, dead soft wires,
33 inches each

Qty 2 x 10mm (8 - 12 mm), round beads, side drilled
Qty 2 x earring hook wires

(Optional, see instructions for making your own at the end of this tutorial)

Tools:

Flush wire cutters

Round nose pliers

Chain link pliers

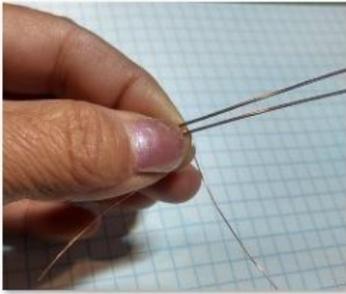
5-7mm Dowel (pen or pencil work also)

Nylon Jaw pliers (optional)

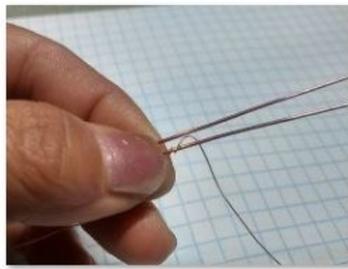
To Begin:

Cut 4 lengths of 20 gauge wires, 8 inches each. Use your fingers, a polishing cloth or Nylon jaw pliers to rub the wires two or three times. This straightens them and removes small warps.

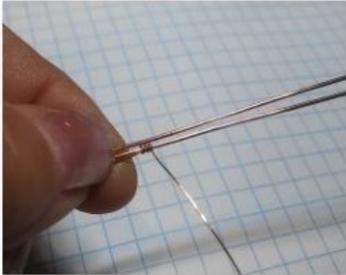
Cut 2 lengths of 28 gauge wires, 33 inches long each. These thinner wires do not need to be straightened, but be careful not to kink or tangle them. Set aside neatly for use.



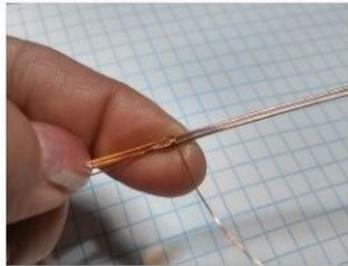
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Step 1

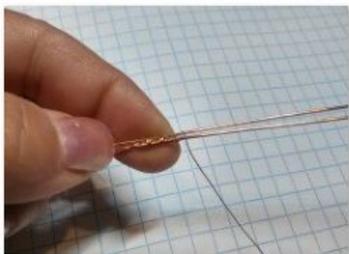
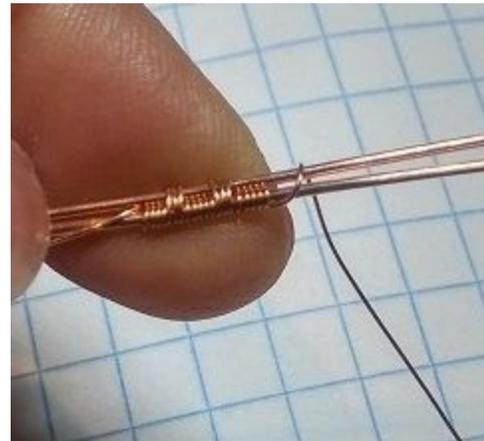
Hold two frame wires evenly, with your less dominant hand and slightly fanned out. *Image 1*

Take a length of 28g weaving wire and insert a 1 inch tail, 3 inches from the edge your frame wires. *Image 2.*

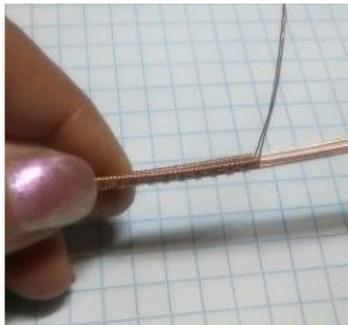
Make 5 tight, neat coils around the bottom frame wire. *Image 3.*

Then wrap 3 coils around both frame wires. *Image 4 and Closeup*

Continue to weave in this 5 to 3 coil pattern for 2 inches. Do this to both pair of frame wires.



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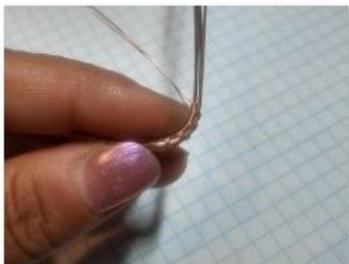


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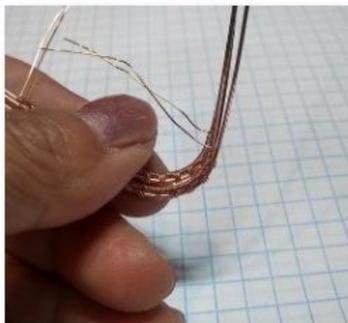
Step 2

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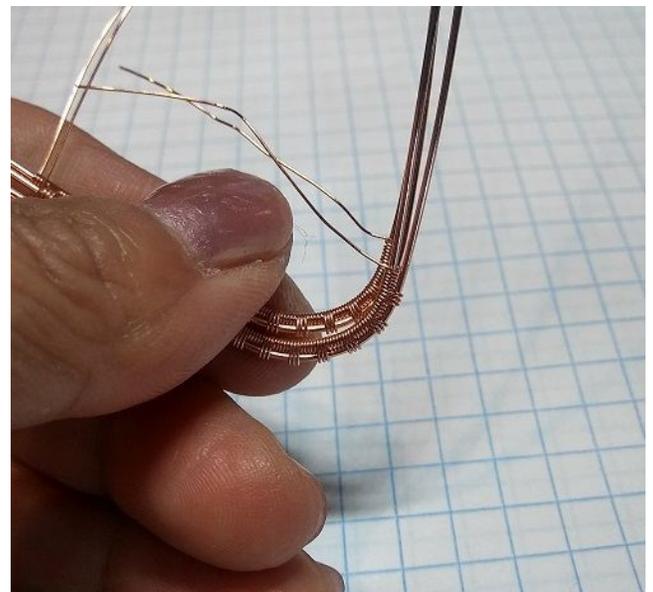
Use your fingers to create a curve in both pair of wires. *Image 7 & 8*



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Step 3

Use your bead to help you shape the wires into a 'U' shape, fitting your beads. *Image 9 & 10*

Position your wires and beads so that the unweaved frame wires are on the 'inside' when laid next to each other. *Image 10*

Make a sharp horizontal bend using the inside frame wire and thread each bead. *Image 11 & Closeup*



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Take the weaved portion of the frame wires and slowly, neatly, encircle the bead until the weaves meet each other at the bead hole. *Image 12 - 14*

Step 4

Use the weaving wire and continue to wrap, making tight neat single coils along the inside frame wire, closest to the bead. Make approximately 50 coils or $\frac{1}{4}$ inch of coil along the wire. *Image 15 & 16*



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Step 5

Bring the coiled wire up, matching the curve of the bead, until it reaches the top, threaded bead wire.

Image 17

Step 6

Hold the coiled wire against the bead and make a sharp bend in the remaining length of the wire, to encircle the top, threaded bead wire. *Image 18 - 20 & Closeup*

Repeat steps 4 - 6 for each bead.



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Step 7

Position your earrings back onto the grid paper, side by side so that they are opposite each other.

Image 23

Take the bare frame wire, next to the coiled one and bring it into a gentle curve over and across the face of the bead.

Make the curves as even and consistent as possible on each bead. *Image 23*



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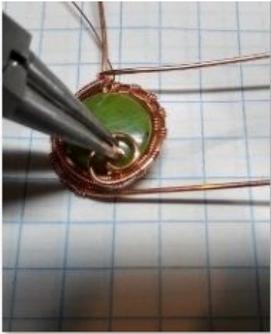


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Step 8

Using flush cutters, trim the curved wire at approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ inch. Do both earrings together will help to keep both earrings 'even' in design and symmetry.



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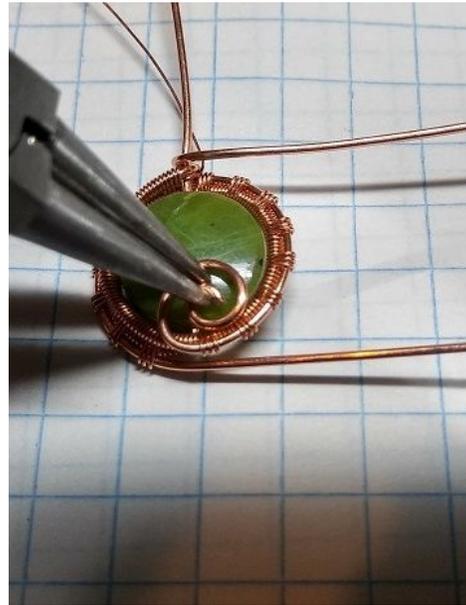
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Step 9

Use round nose pliers, grab the tip of the cut frame wire and create an elegant spiral moving inward and toward the bead. Do this for both earrings, making the spirals in opposite directions. *Image 25 & 26*



Cut the remaining bottom frame wire to approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ inch. *Image 28*



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Step 10

Use round nose pliers, grabbing the tip of the cut frame wire and make an elegant spiral moving inward and toward the bead, on the opposite side of the first spiral. *Image 29 - 30*

Create a slight bend in the beaded top wire and prepare to make an earring loop. Image 30

Do this for both beads.

Step 11

Use round nose pliers and grab the top frame wire, the one that threads the bead. Make a complete loop around the plier to create an earring loop. Do this for both earrings, remembering to move in opposite directions from each. *Image 31 & 32*





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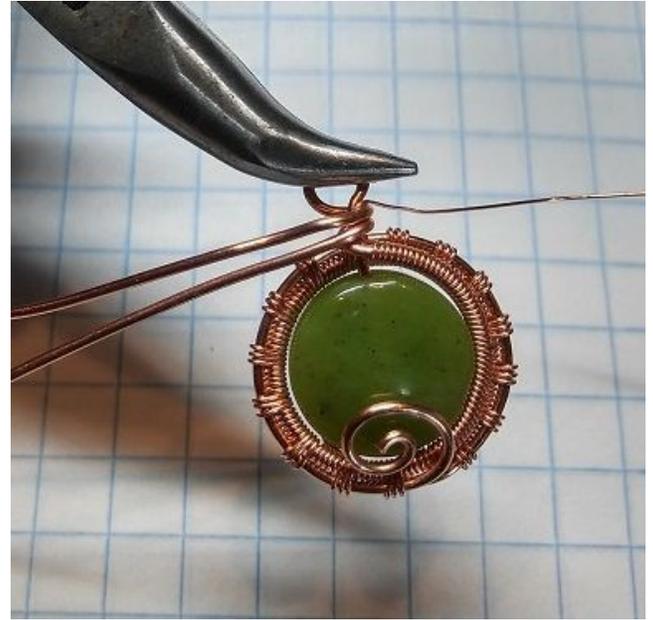


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Use flush cutters and trim all frame wires. The 'top' wires should be slightly longer than the 'bottom' wires. Cut the top wire to approximately 1 inch and the bottom wire to approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ inch. *Image 35*

Once the earring loop is created on both beads, align both remaining frame wires around the earring loop so that they are on the same side of the bead. *Image 33 & 34*

Use flat nose pliers to help you hold the earring loop while you align the wire if needed.



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Step 12

Use round nose pliers and grab the shorter cut wire at its tip. Twist your wrist to make an elegant spiral, moving inward and toward the bead. *Image 36* Make a slightly longer, inward spiral using the longer cut frame wire. *Image 37* Do this for both earrings, creating the spirals in opposite direction from the other earring. *Image 38*



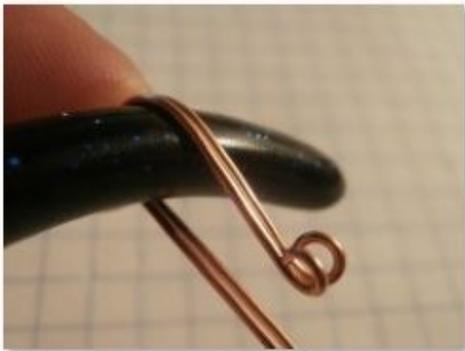
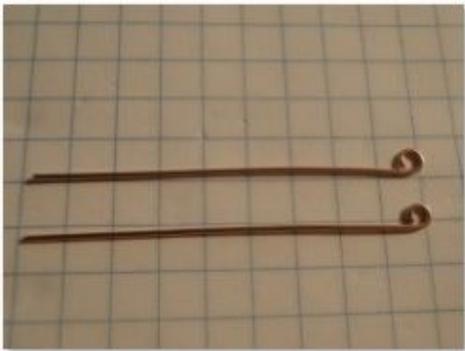
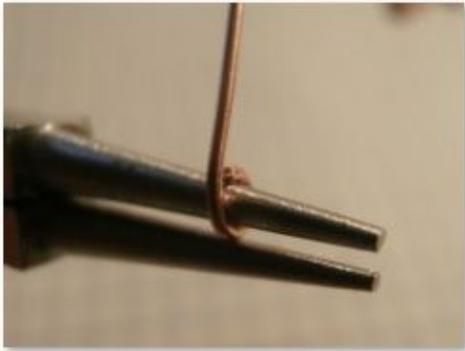
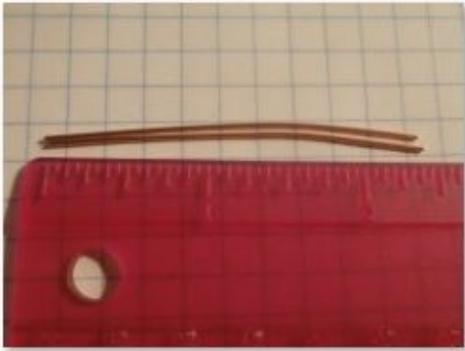
Set both earrings on the grid paper and use your fingers to gently manipulate the spiraled wires into matching positions and shapes if needed. *Image 39*

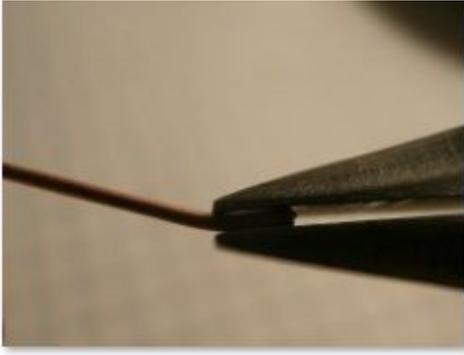
Attach your favorite type of earring wire and enjoy your new, gorgeous jewelry! There are endless variations that you can create using this tutorial. Make unique and interesting spiral forms for a variety of gorgeous earrings! See the variation image below.

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TIP: Hammer the curved edges of the ear wires to harden the wire and/or add texture by flattening the metal.