



Perfectly Twisted Jewelry Tutorial

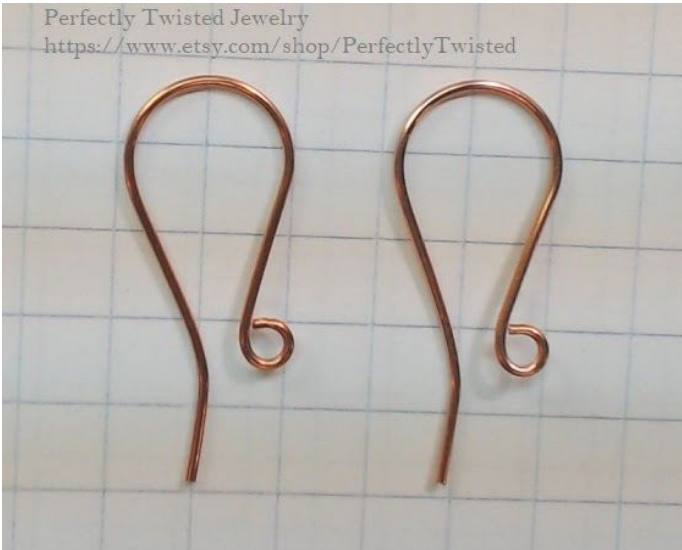
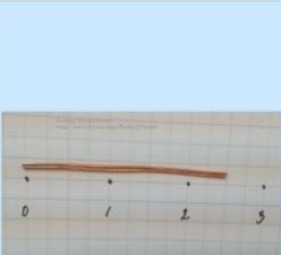





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French Earring Wires

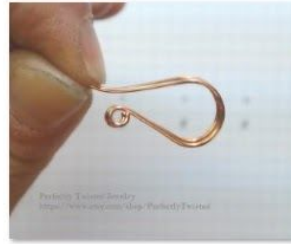
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|  <p>Perfectly Twisted Jewelry https://www.etsy.com/shop/PerfectlyTwisted</p> | <p>Materials: 20 gauge, round wire</p> <p>Tools: Flush Cutters Round nose pliers Dowel (Sharpie marker, pencil, etc also work) Hammer and Bench block</p> <p>Start with 2.5 inches of 20 gauge round, dead soft wires.</p> | | |
|  <p>Perfectly Twisted Jewelry DIY Earring Wires 1.jpg</p> |  <p>Perfectly Twisted Jewelry DIY Earring Wires 2.jpg</p> |  <p>Perfectly Twisted Jewelry DIY Earring Wires 3.jpg</p> | <p>Use round nose pliers, grab the end of the wire and turn until the wire end meets the wire length.</p> <p>This makes a small loop at the end of the wire. Make the loops in both wires, evenly sized.</p> <p><i>Tip: Use the Sharpie marker to mark the plier tooth where you will turn the loops. This ensures they are both the same. Align the wire up with the mark on the plier.</i></p> |
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Hold the wires together, loops up about .5 inch.

Put your thumb against the wires to stabilize them and make a bend around the dowel.



Brace your thumb against the loops to hold them steady while you bend the wires.

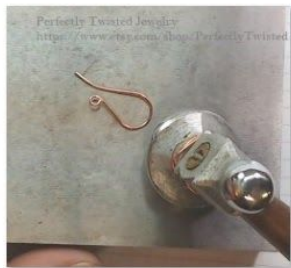
Bring the wire ends and the looped ends 'almost' together around the dowel...

... then create a slight upward slope near the end of the wires.

Remove them from the dowel. They should be evenly sized and shaped.



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Use a hammer and metal bench block to harden the earring wires.

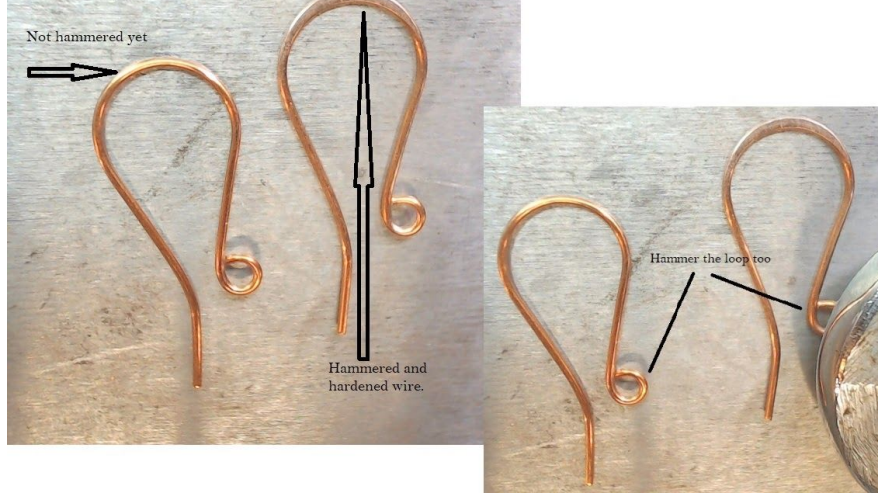
Hardened wire keeps its shape.

Hammer the upper arc of the wire until it is slightly 'flared' and flattened.

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Notice what round wire does when hammered.... It becomes not only flat, but also hardens.

This curve is an important part of the earring wire since we use it to pull the earring on and off our ear. It must hold this shape.

Another area to harden would be the end loop where the actual earring is attached.

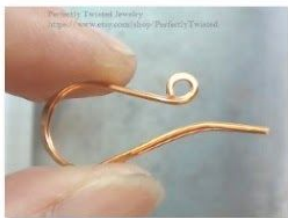
Making this loop stronger ensures the earring will not pull out easily.

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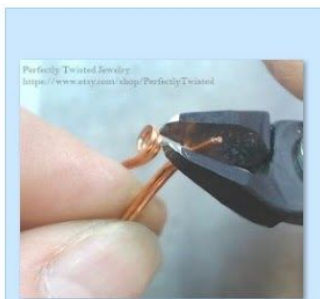


After hammering, hold the earring wires together and trim the ends neat and flush if needed.

Tip:
You can use sandpaper or a nail file emery board to smooth the ends of the wire. This makes going in and out of the ear more comfortable!



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Earring Wires 20.jpg



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Use a flat nose or chain link plier to open the loop moving sideways, insert your earring and close the loop.

Enjoy!! Make them in all lengths and sizes for all of your favorite earrings!

See you again soon!
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