



Perfectly Twisted Jewelry Tutorial - Beginner

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This is a beautiful wire wrap frame, designed to introduce the student to working with bigger gauge wires and beginning symmetry.

This frame is gorgeous in all metals and can be done with different size wires and stones.

Enjoy!



Materials:

3 pieces of 18 gauge, round, dead soft wires, cut to 12 inches each.

3 feet, 21 gauge half round, dead soft wire. Cuts will be given in the appropriate steps.

1 teardrop shaped Cabochon
22mm x 30mm

Tools:

- Flush Cutter
- Chain Link Pliers
- Round Nose Pliers
- Dowel or Bale Maker Pliers
- Nylon Jaw Pliers
- Grid paper and Painter's tape

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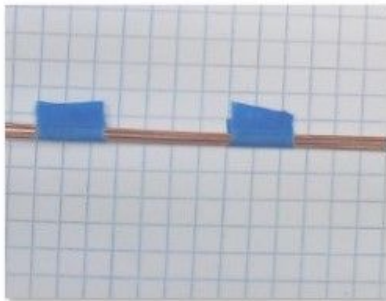
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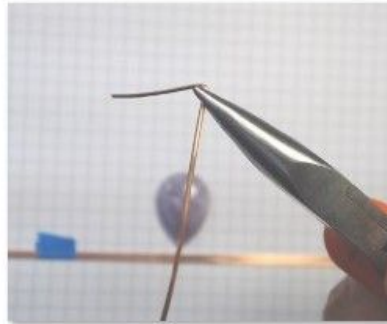
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Step 1

Straighten all 3 pieces of 18g wire using Nylon Jaw pliers.

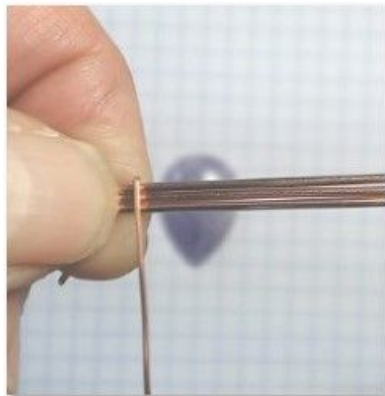
Even all the ends and put a piece of tape 1 inch from each end.

Put a second piece of wire 2 inches to the insides of each previous piece. Image 2

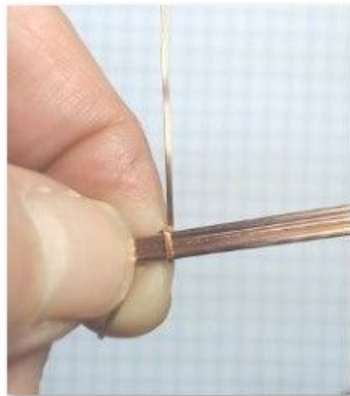
The center of the wires should be left un-taped.

Cut a 6 inch piece of 21g half round wires.

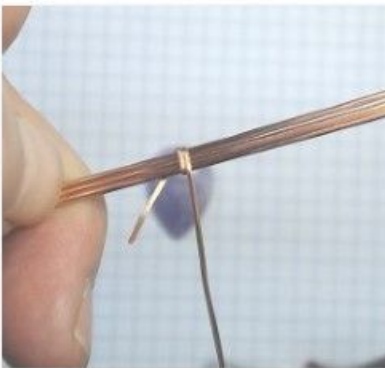
Hold the wire so that the flat side is facing away from you. Use chain link pliers and turn the top 1 inch forward and slightly to the side. Image 3



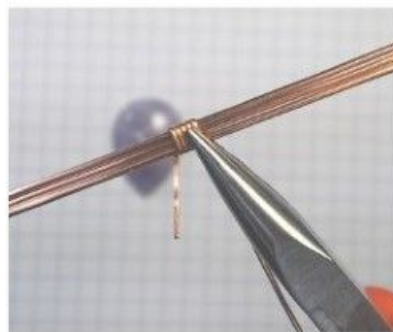
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The one inch leading tail is a 'hook' and there so that you have something to hold onto while wrapping. This keeps the wire from traveling while you work.

Find the center of the 3 round 18g wires.

Hook the half round wire over the bundle of 3 round wires. You will be wrapping 5 coils around all 3 wires. Images 4-7

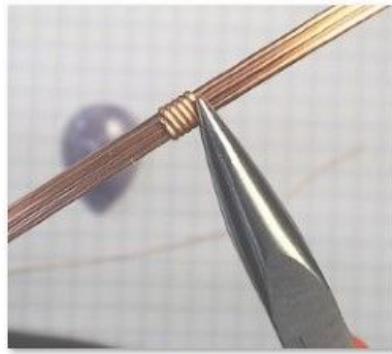
Hold onto the one inch tail and wrap the long end over and under the 3 round wires. Keep each coil next to the previous. Do not let the coils overlap as you wrap.

Make the coils tight enough that they align neatly with the 18g wires, but not so tight that the 3 wires 'crush' into each other. They should stay side by side as you wrap.

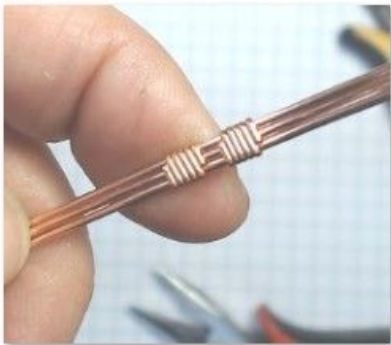
Use chain link pliers and tap each coil neatly against the 3 round wires.



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End the 5 wraps on the same side of the wire bundle. Use flush cutters to trim each wire end. Image 8

The cut end should lay within the 3 wire bundle... not too long so that the cut scratches and not too short that it might fall off the 3 wires.

Use chain link pliers to tap the cut ends neatly down. Image 9

Cut a new piece of half round wire, 6 inches long.

Make another 5 coils next to the previous 5.

Make sure all cut ends are done on the same side of the wire bundle. Image 10

Put a piece of tape, sticky side out, onto the back of your Cabochon.



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Step 2

Make sure your two wrapped coils are centered along the wire bundle. Image 12

Stick your cabochon onto the grid paper so that it lays evenly and centered.

Mark the stone center with a line traveling up the 'top' of what will become your pendant. Image 13.

NOTE: The cut ends of the half round wire, should be 'inside' the following bend.

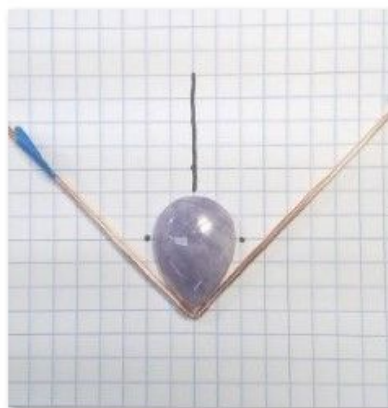
Use chain link pliers and create a 45 degree bend in all three wires, bending between the wrapped coils. Image 14-15

Hold the wires at the edge of one of the wrapped coils and using your free hand, push the other half of the wires up into a V shape. Image 14

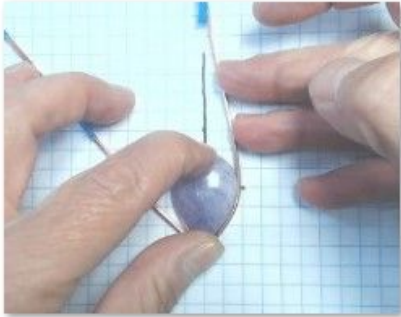
The bend should match the point of your stone. Image 15



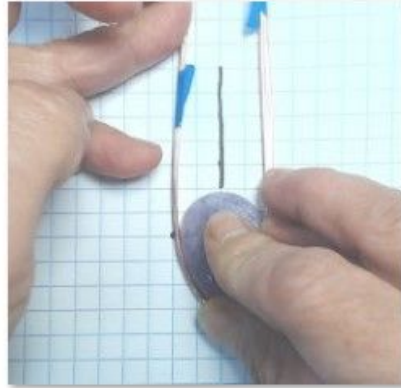
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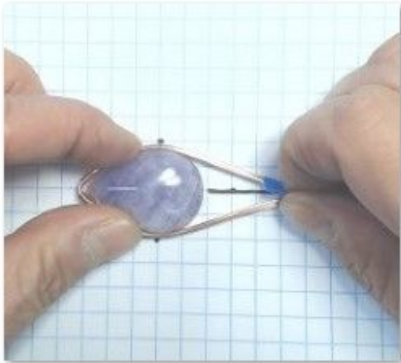
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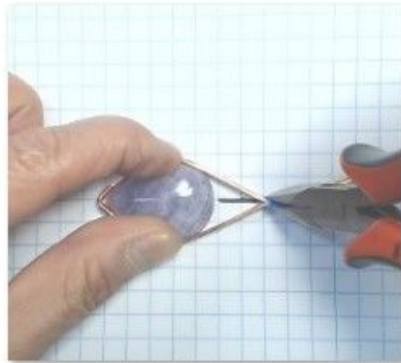
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Step 3

With one hand, put pressure against the wrapped coils, at the bottom point of your stone.

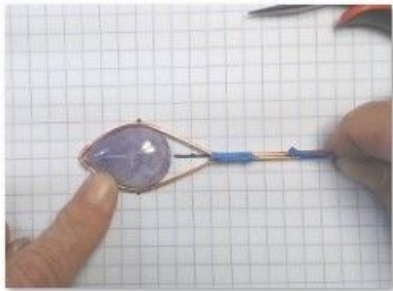
Use the other hand and shape the 3 wires up the side of the stone. Image 16.

Change hands and push the other side of the wires up along the shape of your stone. Image 17

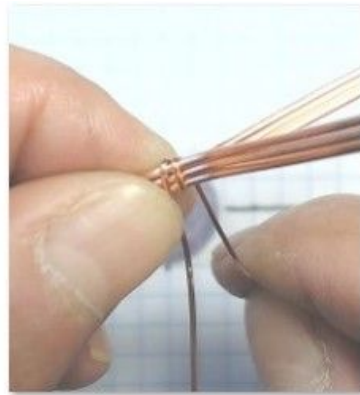
If easier, turn your grid paper so that you can use your strong hand to bring the wires ends together. Image 18

Pinch both wire halves together, meeting at the center line along your grid paper. Image 18

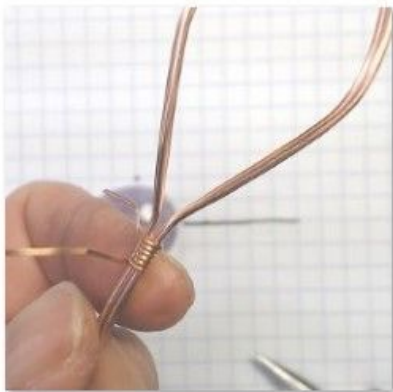
Use chain link pliers to help you squeeze the wires together until you are approximately 1/2 inch above the stone (2 squares). Image 19 - 20



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Step 4

Cut a fresh piece of 21g half round wire, 1.5 foot long.

Hold the wire so that the flat side is facing away from you. Bend a 2 inch forward hook into the top of the wire.

Pick the wire bundle up, holding it near the 'neck'. Remove any tape if needed to clear the space for wrapping.

Hook the **short side** of the half round wire, over the neck of the pendant and **use that short length** to make 5 tight wraps, **moving toward the open 'spoon' of the wire frame**. Image 21, 22

The long end of the half round wire will remain in place and un-cut, to be used later.

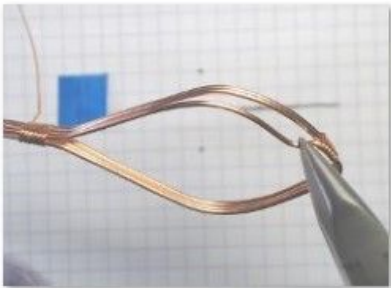
Use flush cutters and trim away the short fragment of wire. Tap it down with chain link pliers.



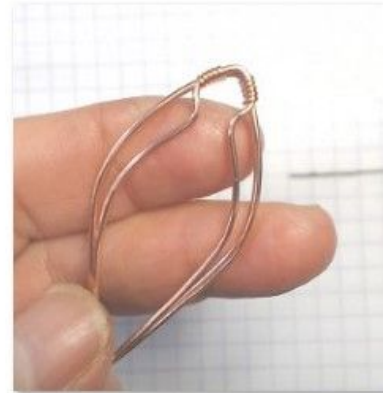
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Step 5

The stone and the frame are not 'one' yet...

After wrapping the neck of the pendant, reinsert your stone and reshape the wires if needed. Image 24

Remove the stone. Use your hands to make sure the coiled wraps are both sitting at the bottom of the wire frame, evenly.

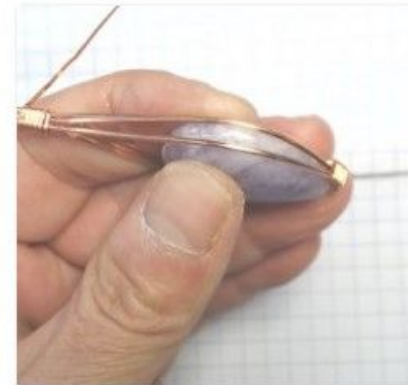
Use chain link pliers and grip the most outside wire, just to the outside of the wrapped wire coils. Image 25

Make a slight bend inward to bring the wire into the pendant frame. Image 26

Do the same to the opposite side. Image 27



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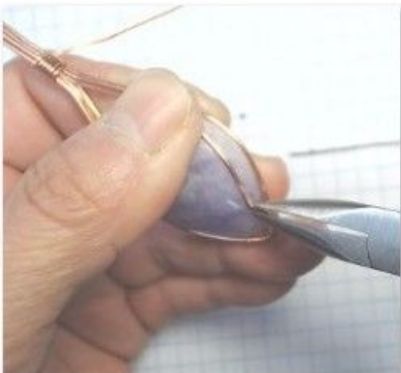
Reinsert the stone so that the back of the stone sits on these two bent wires. Use your hands to make the wires nice and even on both sides. Image 28

While holding the stone and wire frame all together, use your nail to separate the two wires along the side of the stone. Image 29

Use chain link pliers, grip the top wire, right next to the wrapped coils and make an inward bend. Image 30

This brings the wire onto the top of the stone.

Repeat on the opposite side and make a bottom 'tab', turning the wire onto the front of the stone. Image 31-33



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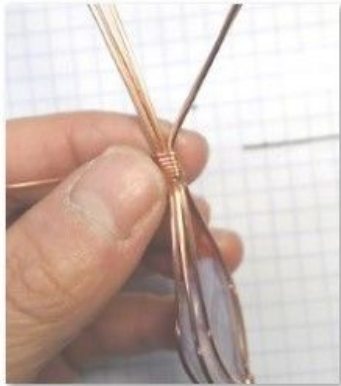
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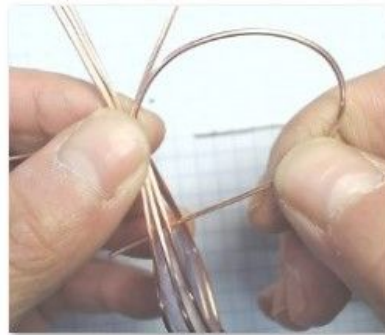
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Examine your bends and make sure the wires are neat and even on both sides of the stone. Image 33

Step 6

Use Nylon jaw pliers and tighten up the neck of the pendant if needed.

Make sure all wires are laying neatly next to each other, two by two.

Looking at the back of your pendant, bend the two upper wires slightly forward. Image 34

Do each back wire, one at a time.

Create a long 'easy' bend in the wires and feed the end through the center opening in the wires, passing the wire end to the front of the pendant. Image 35



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The wire is large and hard to bend, so work slowly, pulling and pushing the wire through the pendant opening. Image 36

Try to make the least amount of bends in the wire as you work.

Bring the wire all the way through until the top end is tight against the pendant neck. Image 37



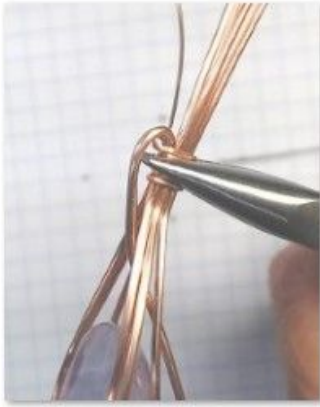
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Do the second back wire, bending it long and 'easy', then passing the end through the opening, from the back and to the front of the pendant. Image 38

If it's hard for you to pull and push this wire with just your hands, use chain link or nylon jaw pliers to help you pull the wire through. Image 39.



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Both top ends of the wires should be laying neatly against the coiled wires at the pendant neck. Image 40

Use chain link or nylon jaw pliers to tap the neck wraps tight as they will shift while you work and loosen. Image 40

Examine the two wires and make sure they lay neatly and evenly along each side of the pendant face. Image 41 - 42

Hold the top of the pendant and work one side wire at a time.

You will be making two even loops on each side of the pendant.

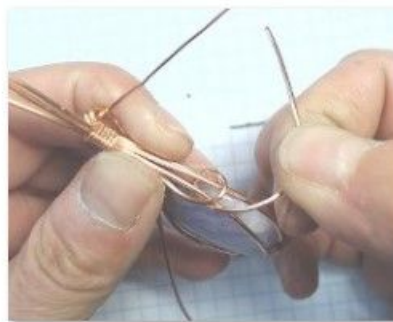
Read ahead at images 43 to 52 before you begin.

The wire is large and harder to work with. Hold the wires close and work in small steps.

Create a slight elegant curve moving toward the back of the pendant.



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Wrap around the side wires, moving the wire end 360 around the sides and back through the back of the pendant, to the front. Image 43-45

Do not 'crush' the side wires as you loop them. Image 45

Make the decorative loop approximately 5 to 6mm in size. Image 45

Repeat this on the opposite wide. Use the front decorative wire, make a soft curve moving toward the back of the pendant and loop 360 around the side wires. Image 46

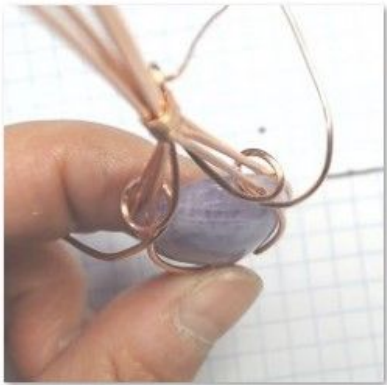


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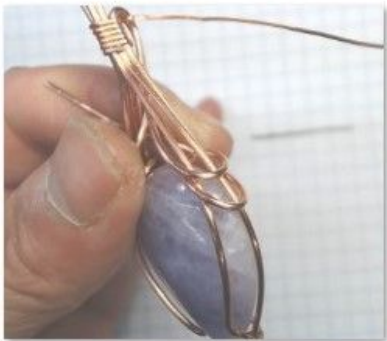
Make the loop as close and evenly matched to the previous one as you can.



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Examine the pendant from the top and view each loop, making adjustments if needed to make them even and matched.

They should be elegant and not crush the side wires.

Use the remaining wire length and make another elegant curve 'echoing' the first one, moving the wire end to the back of the pendant. Image 49 - 50

Repeat on the opposite side, making the curves as evenly matched as possible.

The wires are large and harder at this point, so you might need to use chain link pliers to help you make these bends and motion the wires.



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Bring each end of the decorative wire criss-cross along the back.

Examine the front ensuring that both sides are evenly matched. Make adjustments if needed. Image 52

Then cut each wire end at the back of the pendant, leaving approximately 1/2 inch to work with. Image 53



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Use round nose pliers, grip the very end of the wire and create a sharp curve, tucking the end under the upper loop.

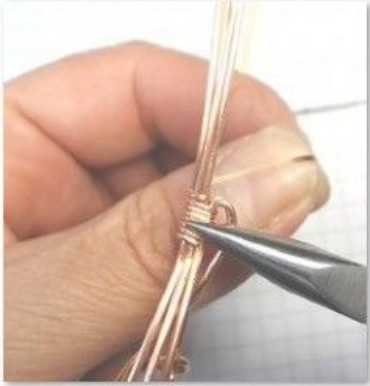
Leave the cut end low enough so that it's not seen when viewing the front of the pendant. Image 54-57



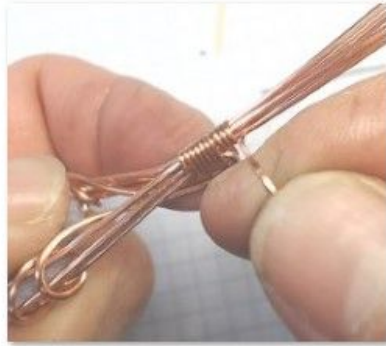
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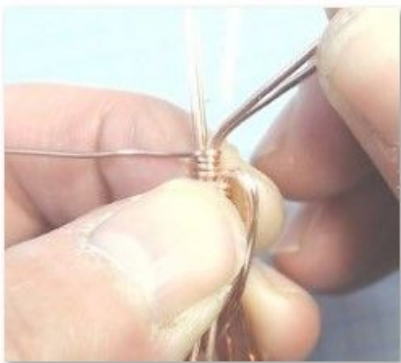
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Make sure the decorative loops remain even on the front of the pendant after you tighten the ends. Image 56-57

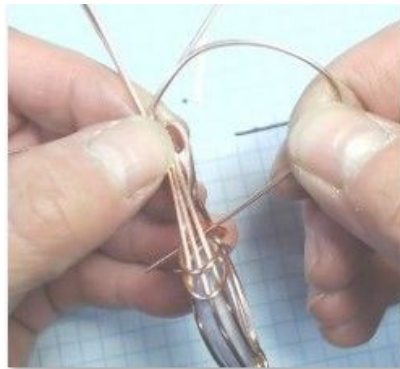
Step 7

Use chain link or nylon jaw pliers and tighten up the neck if needed. These wires will shift as you work and should be checked often. Image 58

Using the remaining length of half round wire at the neck, make 3 tight coil wraps moving up the neck of the pendant.. Image 59



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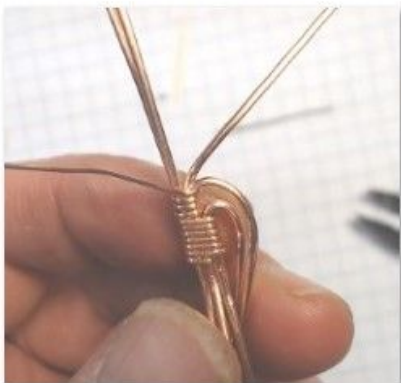
There are four remaining wires at the top of the pendant.

Face the backside of your pendant.

Bend the two 'back' wires slightly forward. Image 60

Do each wire, one at a time.

Create a long 'easy' bend in the wires and feed the end through the center opening in the wires, passing the wire end to the front of the pendant. Image 61



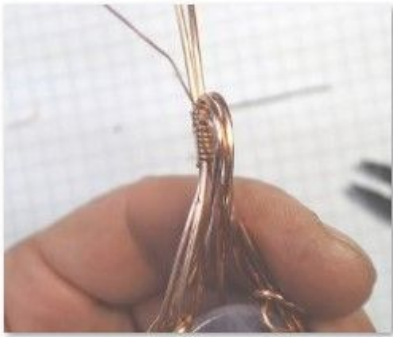
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The wire is large and hard to bend, so work slowly, pulling and pushing the wire through the pendant opening.

Bring the wire all the way through until the top end is tight against the pendant neck Image 62



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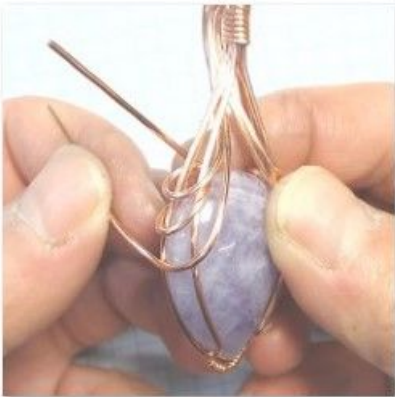
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Repeat this with the opposite wire, bending it long and 'easy', then passing the end through the opening, from the back to the front of the pendant. Image 63-65

Examine the two wires and make sure they lay neatly and evenly along each side of the pendant face. Image 65

The wire is large and harder to work with. Hold the wires close and work in small steps.

Create a slight elegant curve moving toward the back of the pendant. This is not a 360 loop, only a curve. Image 66-67



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Repeat this on the opposite wide. Use the front decorative wire, make a soft curve moving toward the back of the pendant Image 68

Examine the front ensuring that both sides are evenly matched. Make adjustments if needed. Image 69



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Cut each end, leaving approximaely 1/2 inch to work with. Image 70-71



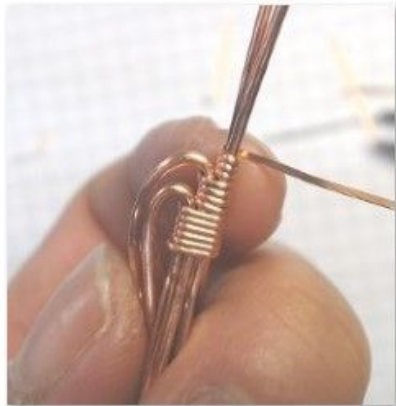
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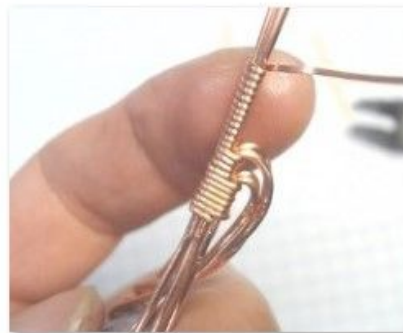
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Use round nose pliers, grip the cut end and make a sharp bend, tucking the end of the wire below the previous set. Image 72

Secure both cut ends. Then examine the front of the pendant to make sure the curves remain elegant and evenly matched. Image 73



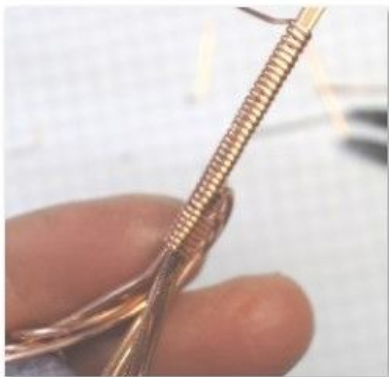
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Step 8 Create the Bale

Use the remaining length of half round wire and make coiling wraps up the two remaining 18 gauge wires. Image 74-75



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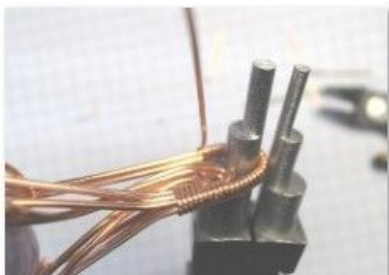
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Wrap until you are approximately 3/4 inch above the top wires. Image 76

With your hands, make a bend in the wires, toward the back of the pendant. Image 77

As an option, you can use a wooden dowel or bale pliers to create an even bend. Image 78

Bring the two wire ends straight down the back of the pendant. Image 79

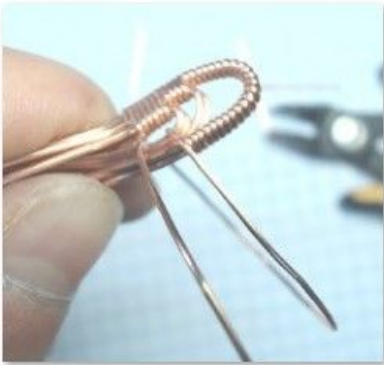


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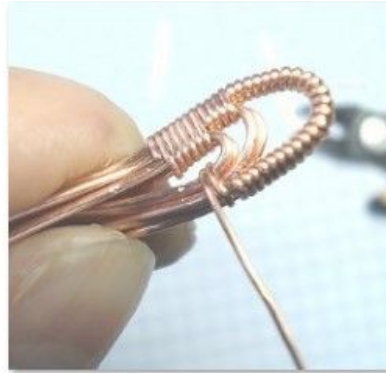


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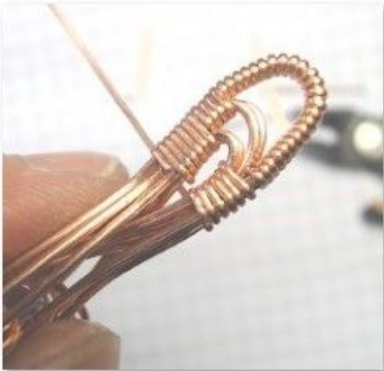
The wires should lay evenly and neatly down the back center of the stone.



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Use the remaining length of half round wire and wrap around all bent wires at the neck of the pendant. Image 80-82

Make 5 or 6 secure and tight wraps, then use chain link pliers and tap the wires tight. Cut the end of the 1/2 round wire and tuck the cut neatly onto the center of the neck wires. Image 83



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Examine the front of the pendant, making sure the bale is neat and straight. Image 84

Cut the two back wires just below the last side loops. Image 85



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Use round nose pliers, grip the cut ends and turn them sharply into a side wire loop to 'lock' the wire into place. Image 86-88



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Examine your gorgeous pendant on all sides, making any soft adjustments if needed.

Congratulations! You're all done!

You can use a polishing cloth (gotten at any grocery or drug store near silver polishers) and put a beautiful shine on the metal.

Add your favorite chain, ribbon, leather rope or beaded necklace and enjoy your amazing creation!

I hope you've enjoyed your project!

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