



Perfectly Twisted Jewelry Tutorial - Beginner

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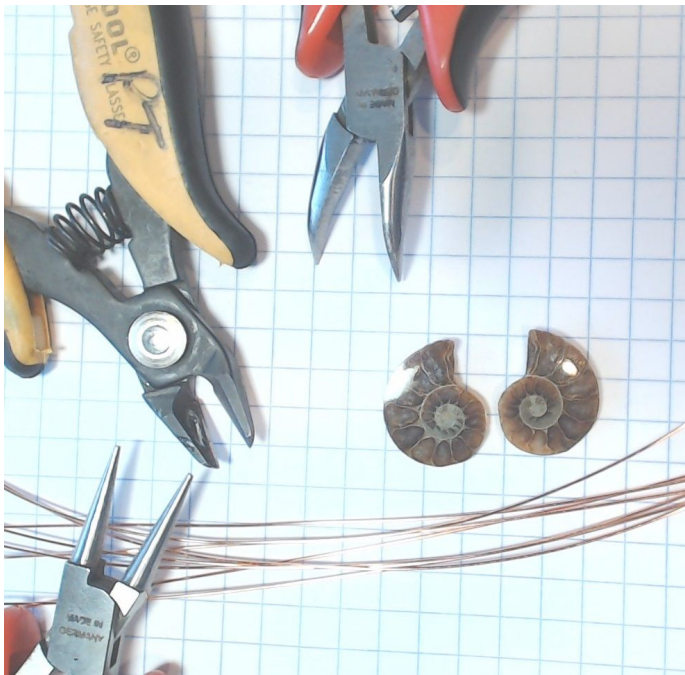
Wire Wrapped Ammonite Earrings

Tutorial

Perfectly Twisted Jewelry

A fun, simple wire wrap for more organic stones, such as ammonite, fossil corals, etc.

Have fun and enjoy!
Thank you for your business!



Materials:

2 matched Ammonite halves

Half inch by half inch up to 1 inch by 1 inch each.

24 gauge, round, dead soft wires.

Copper is used here but these also look great in silver and gold fill!

Tools:


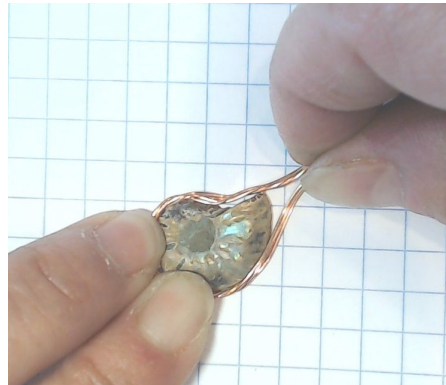
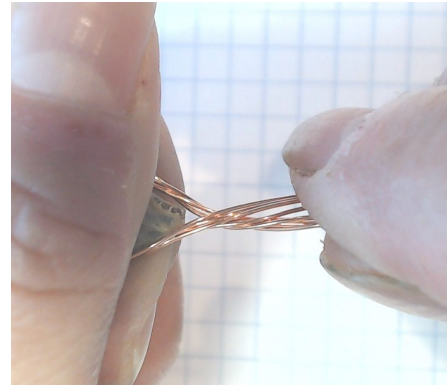

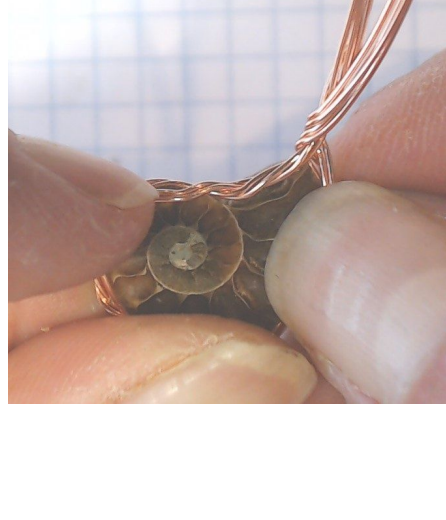
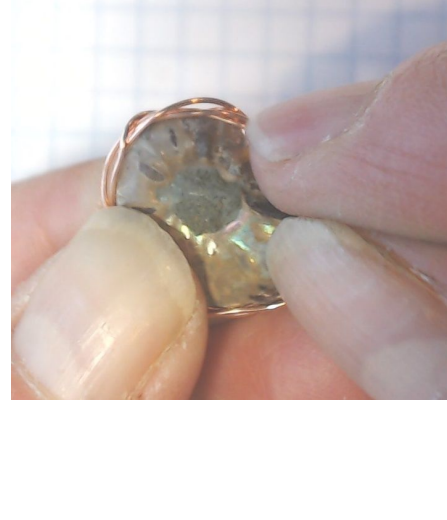
Flush cutters

Round nose pliers

Chain link pliers

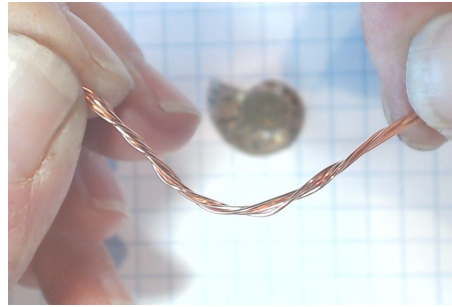
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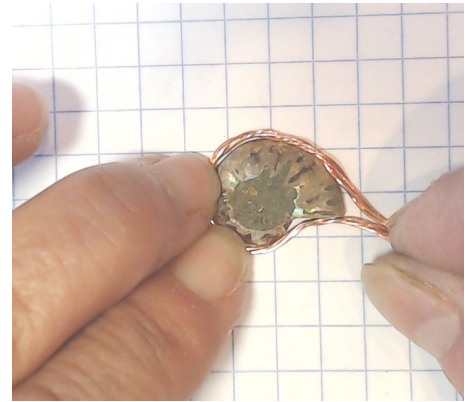
		
<p>Cut 8 pieces of 24g wires, eight inches long. Take 4 wires, even up the ends and gently twist the wires together in the center.</p>	<p>Lay one ammonite half, face down. Shape the twisted wire bundle of four wires, around the Ammonite half.</p>	<p>Pick the ammonite half up with the wires, all together. Hold steady as the stone is still loose. Make 2 twists to join the two wire halves together at the top of the Ammonite point.</p>
		
<p>Hold steady as the stone is still loose. With your fingernail, gently move a slight amount of wire over the face of the Ammonite.</p>	<p>Do this in at least 3 places around the Ammonite body, in the front. Make them attractive and minimal.</p>	<p>Gently turn the earring over and repeat this on the back. Use your fingernail and gently move a slight amount of wire onto the back of the Ammonite .</p>
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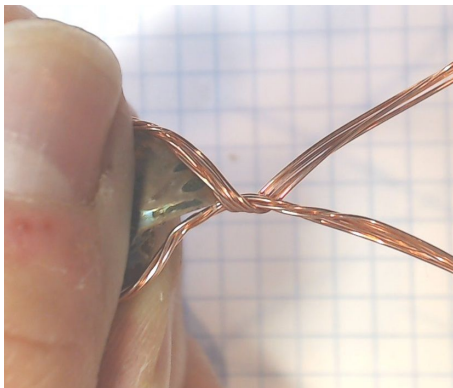
Do this in several places to secure the stone.



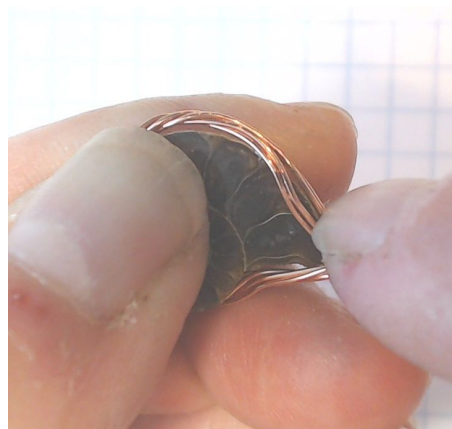
Take the remaining 4 pieces of 24g wires. Even up the ends and gently twist all four wires together, in the center of the wire bundle.



Place the other ammonite half, face down and shape the twisted wire around the stone body.



Pick the ammonite half up with the wires, all together. Hold steady as the stone is still loose. Make 2 twists to join the two wire halves together at the top of the Ammonite point. NOTE: This is the opposite earring, so twist the wires together, in the opposite direction of how you did the first earring.



Hold steady as the stone is still loose. With your fingernail, gently move a slight amount of wire over the face of the Ammonite



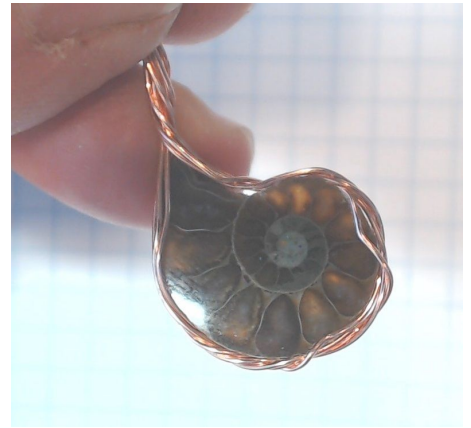
Do this in at least 3 places around the Ammonite body, in the front. Make them attractive and minimal.



Gently turn the earring over and repeat this on the back of the 2nd earring. Use your fingernail and gently move a slight amount of wire onto the back of the Ammonite .



After wire has been moved onto the front and back of the stone, it should be secure. The wire is small and soft, so easy to manipulate onto the stone and into an attractive form.



Compare both earring halves and make them fairly 'even'. This is an organic, natural wrap, so they don't have to be perfectly even. :) The funnest part! Next we'll make the earring loops.



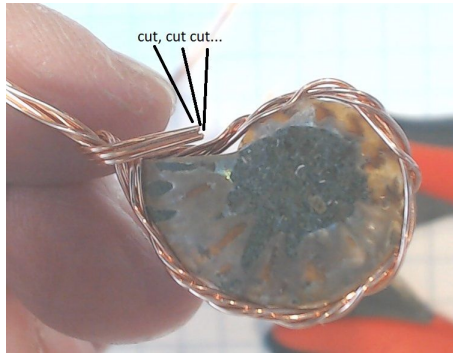
Take one earring and separate the two wire halves at the top of the Ammonite point. Leave them twisted, but separated four by four.



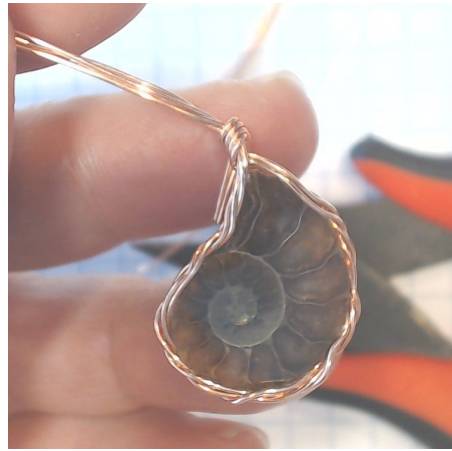
Take one half of the four wires and create a 180 loop at the top point of the Ammonite, circling the other four wires.



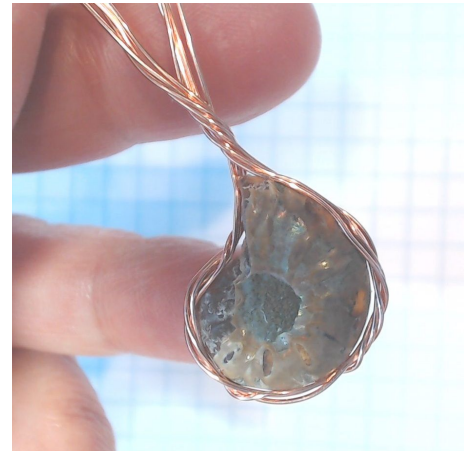
Bring the wire ends down the back of the Ammonite. Use your fingers to pinch them neat and close at the loop.



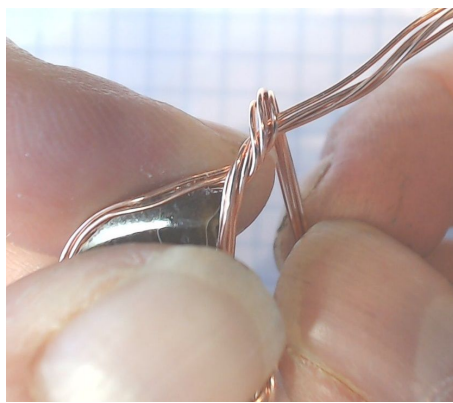
Use flush cutters and cut the wire ends to approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ inch or slightly shorter (depending on your stone size).



Turn the Ammonite over and face the front. Take the remaining four wires and slant them slightly. Put this earring half down and do the second earring to catch up to this point.



Take the 2nd earring. Make sure the twist is still neat and tight at the top of the Ammonite point. Separate the wires slightly, four by four.



Take one half of the four wires and create a 180 loop at the top point of the Ammonite, circling the other four wires.



Bring the wire ends down the back of the Ammonite. Use your fingers to pinch them neat and close at the loop.



Use flush cutters and cut the wire ends to approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ inch or slightly shorter (depending on your stone size).

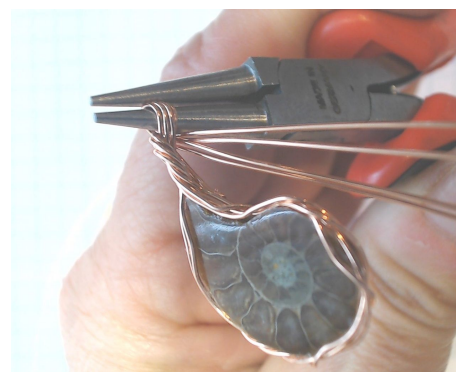
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Turn the Ammonite over and face the front. Take the remaining four wires and slant them slightly.



The four wires should slant opposite the other earring.



Make the earring loop... Take your round nose plier, hold all four wires at the top of the twisted intersection and loop all four wires completely around the bottom plier tooth. Bring the wire ends behind the neck of the earring.

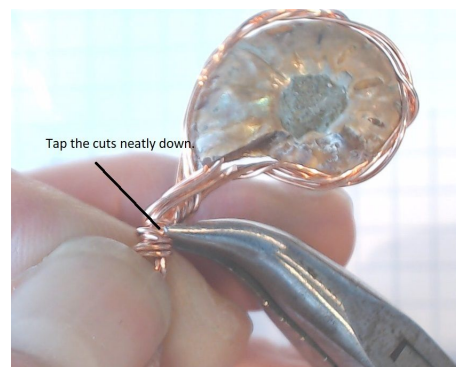
The wires should be approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ way into the plier tooth.



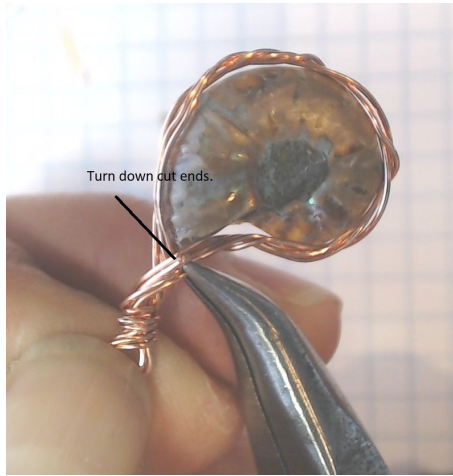
Take all four wire ends, bring them forward and loop them 360 around the neck of the earring, just below the pliers. Keep them together and the loop tight and neat.



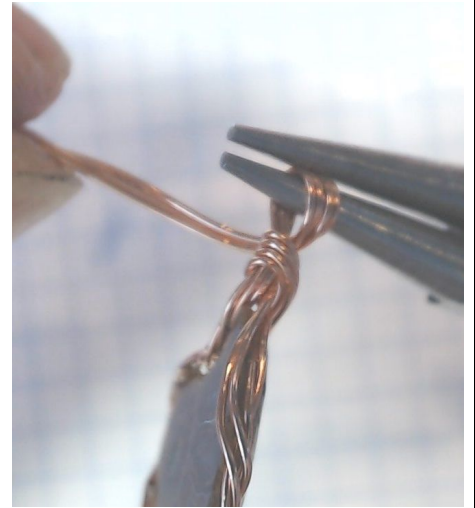
Use flush cutters and cut all four wires off, close to the earring neck, on the back side of the stone. Cut them one at a time and avoid cutting anything else!



Use chain link pliers and gently tap each cut end down, close and neat to the neck of the earring.



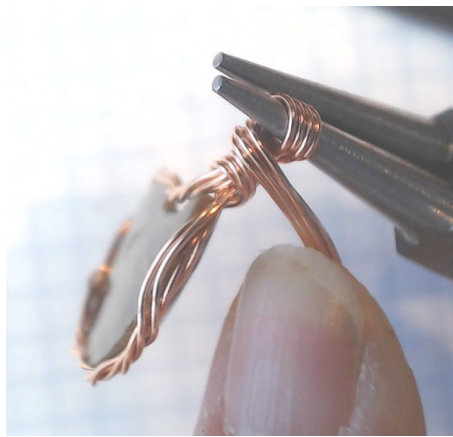
Turn down cut ends.



Use chain link pliers and turn down the other four cut ends, tucking them neatly into the stone or the wire intersection just above the top of the Ammonite.

Examine the front of your finished earring and make sure the looped neck is neat, straight and that the cut wire ends don't show in front..

Repeat this with the second earring. Take your round nose plier, hold all four wires at the top of the twisted intersection and loop all four wires completely around the bottom plier tooth. Bring the wire ends behind the neck of the earring.



Take all four wire ends, bring them forward and loop them 360 around the neck of the earring, just below the pliers. Keep them together and the loop tight and neat.

Use flush cutters and cut all four wires off, close to the earring neck, on the back side of the stone. Cut them one at a time and avoid cutting anything else!

Use chain link pliers and gently tap each cut end down, close and neat to the neck of the earring.



Use chain link pliers and turn down the other four cut ends, tucking them neatly into the stone or the wire intersection just above the top of the Ammonite.



Examine both earrings together and use your fingers to adjust wires if needed to make them even and attractive.



Add your handmade earring hooks and enjoy your gorgeous creation!!

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