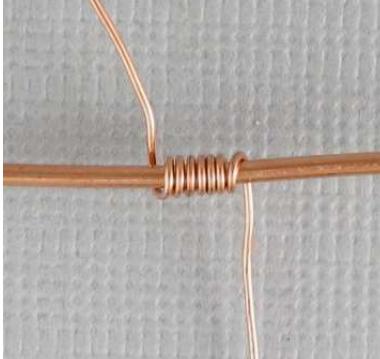
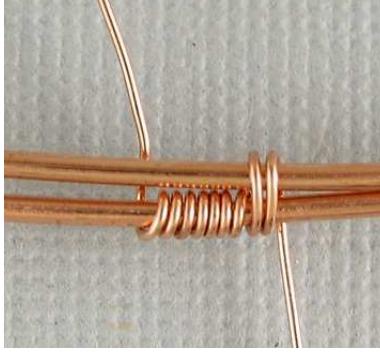
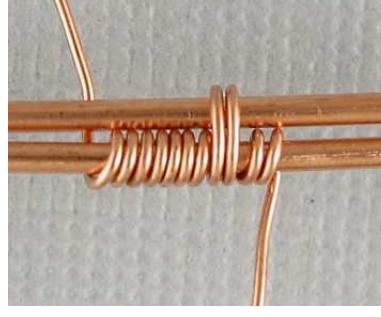
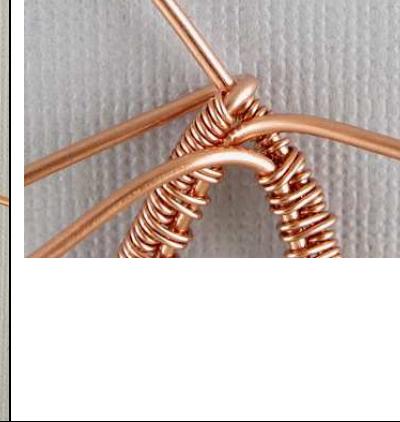
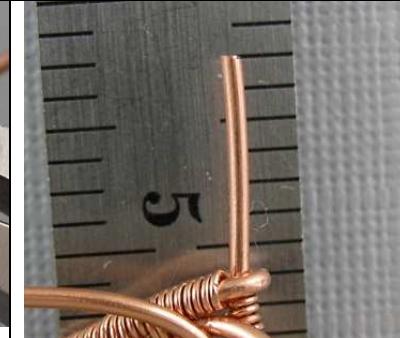
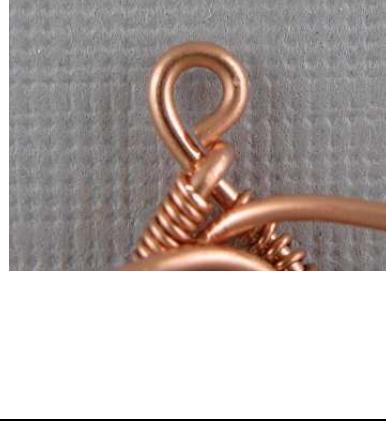


Wire Woven Earrings

	<p>2- 6" pieces 18 gauge wire 2-8" pieces 18 gauge wire 2-3' pieces 26 gauge wire Ear wires</p> <p>Ruler Round nose pliers Flat nose pliers Flush cutters Sharpie marker</p>	
		
<p>1. Wrap the 26 gauge wire six times around the shorter piece of 18 gauge wire starting 2" from the left end. Wrap the wire away from you.</p>	<p>2. Center the 8" wire on top of the shorter wire and wrap both wires together twice.</p>	<p>3. Wrap twice around the bottom wire.</p>

		
<p>4. Repeat Steps 2 and 3 until you have woven 2". As you work, push the wraps close together with your thumbnails. REMEMBER: The wrapping motion is always away from you. Finish by wrapping 6 times around the short wire. Trim off the ends and press down.</p>	<p>5. With your fingers form the wires into a teardrop shape. You can use the Sharpie to help. Move the longer wires, which should be on the inside, out of the way.</p>	<p>6. Pull one short wire end around and behind the other short wire end.</p>
		
<p>7. Flush cut the end...</p>	<p>8. ...and press down with flat nose pliers.</p>	<p>9. Trim the other short wire end to 3/8".</p>
		
<p>10. Form into a loop using round nose pliers.</p>	<p>11. For one of the long inside wires, I chose to make a series of loops using round nose pliers. You might also choose to make a single loop and hang a dangling bead from it.</p>	<p>12. Bend the end of the wire to the back of the earrings, trim, and press down with flat nose pliers.</p>

		
13. With your fingers, start to form the remaining wire into a spiral.	14. Spiral the wire around about 1 ½ more times. This is easier to do if you hold the thumb of your nondominant hand over the spiral. Trim the end of the wire and tuck it underneath the spiral with your pliers.	15. This shows where I have tucked in the wire end.

Do the second earrings as a mirror image of the first. If you crossed the left wire over the right on the first earring, then cross the right over the left on the second. Attach the ear wires and you're done.

You can use an egg to add a patina to your earrings to highlight the texture. Hard boil an egg and, while still hot, roughly chop it into 4 or 5 pieces. Put the egg into a small airtight container such as a Tupperware container or a Baggie. Add the earrings and seal the container. The jewelry does not have to be touching the egg. The sulfur gasses from the egg will darken the metal. When the metal is dark, remove the pieces and rinse well. Buff with 0000 steel wool or a Scotchbrite pad to remove the excess patina from the high spots.

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