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Mini Wire Jewelry Tutorials for Beginners

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This is an interesting wire jewelry project designed for beginners in mind. It teaches basic to intermediate wire jewelry making techniques such as making loop, making spirals, wire wrap

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This tutorial shows you just how easy to make them through pictorial step by step guides.

The tutorial includes a wire gauge conversion table for your easy reference.



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Wire Gauge

Convenient Conversion Table

Below is a helpful conversion table for Wire Gauge. The conversion is best approximation only as there seems to be no general and consistent agreement to the exact conversion. What is consistently true is that the higher the gauge number, the smaller the diameter of the wire. As a guide, you will find this table very useful.

The gauge applies to beading wire, tigertail, as well as [jewelry wire](#) (metal wire).

Gauge to Inches/Millimeters Size	Gauge	Ø in inches	Ø in mm
	10	0.1019	2.588
	12	0.0808	2.05
	14	0.0641	1.63
	16	0.0508	1.29
	18	0.0403	1.02
	20	0.0320	0.813
	22	0.0253	0.643
	24	0.0201	0.511
	26	0.0159	0.404
	28	0.0125	0.320
	30	0.0100	0.254
	32	same thickness as general sewing thread	

GILT SPIRAL EARRINGS



This tutorial shows how to use wire to wrap around a bead to turn it to beautiful earrings.

Materials:

1 mm faceted round gemstones

Approximately 15cm of silver copper wire sized 1mm or 18 gauge.

This tutorial can be adapted to accommodate other sizes of beads.

Tools Needed

Round nose pliers

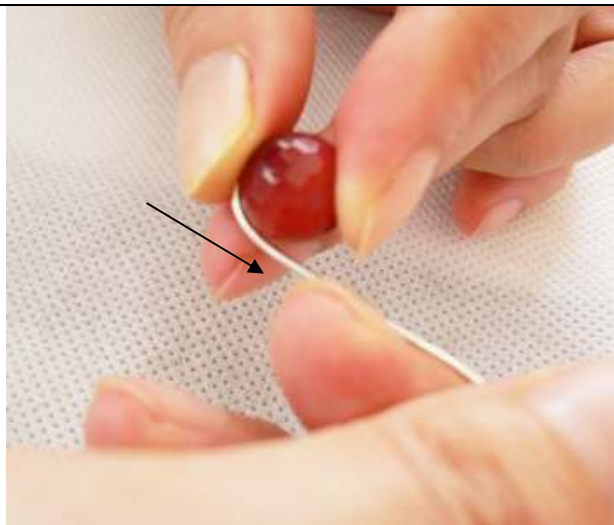
Cutter



Cut approximately 15cm of wire.



Thread the wire into the hole. Use your finger to press the hole to ensure the wire does not come out from the other end.



Use the other hand to pull the wire to the right to start wrapping the bead.



Turn the wire 360 degree to wrap around the bead. Use your finger to press the wire to ensure the wire stick nicely on the bead.



Leave about 1cm of wire from the bead. Cut off excessive wire.



Twist wire to 90 degree.



Make a loop by twisting the wire to opposite direction.



Pull the loop towards the hole and adjust the shape of the wire.



Put in ear wire into the loop.



Close the loop fully.



Repeat the process for the other earring.

I hope you enjoy making the earrings. You are now ready proceed to next design.

GILT SPIRAL EARRINGS



This tutorial shows how to make spiral of earrings.

Materials:

- 12" seed beads.
- 2 seed pearls, in white, 4mm dia.
- 2 coral beads, 4mm dia x 4mm high
- 23" copper wire, silver plated, 24-gauge.
- 2 earrings hooks, silver plated.

Tools Needed

- Round nose pliers
- Wire Cutter



1. Cut an 8-in. length of wire. Use pliers to form a 1/16-in. loop at one end. Thread on a coral bead over the loop.



2. Thread 6 in. of seed beads onto the wire. Slip on a crimp bead next to the last seed bead, and crimp it in place, leaving a 2-in. wire tail.



3. Bend the bead end of the wire into a tight loop using the tips of the needle-nose pliers. Wind the beaded wire into a spiral around this loop.



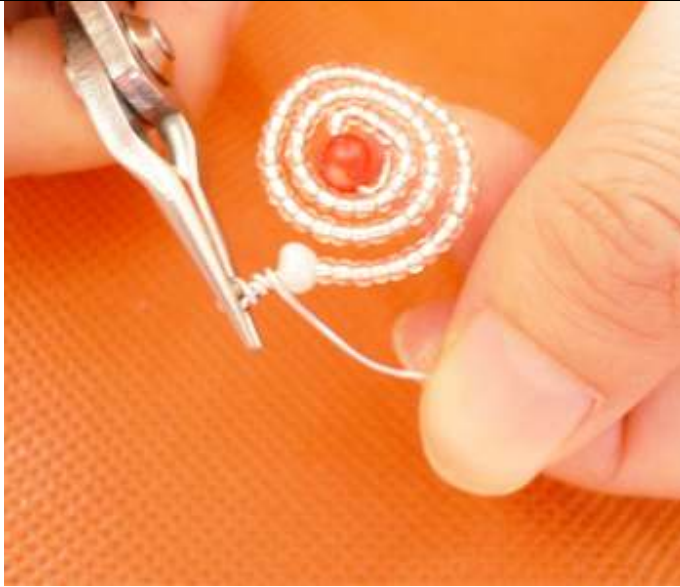
4. After a few turns, release the pliers and form the spiral by hand. Make the spiral as tight as possible. When finished, use a strip of tape to temporarily hold it in place.



5. Use the needle-nose pliers to bend the wire end of the spiral at a 90-degree angle. Put a pearl.



6. Leave 1/2 in. wire after the pearl. Make a loop.



7. Wrap the wire few rounds and cut off excessive wire. Straighten wire and loop accordingly.



Putting in the earring hook. Done!
Let's go to next tutorial now.

ZODIAC SIGN PENDANT



This lesson shows how to make pendant constructed over a circular armature wrapped by wire and beads. The center part of the pendant can be attached with a zodiac shaped wire. This tutorial is using Aries as the Zodiac sign in illustrating the jewelry making process. A chart showing various shapes of Zodiac signs is included in this tutorial for your reference. With pictorial step by step guide, it is easy to follow even for a beginner.

Materials:

- 4 inches 18 ga (1mm) round soft wire.
- 50 inches 26 ga (0.4mm) round soft wire.
- 3 inches 18 ga (1mm) round soft wire.
- 15 4mm round beads



Tools:

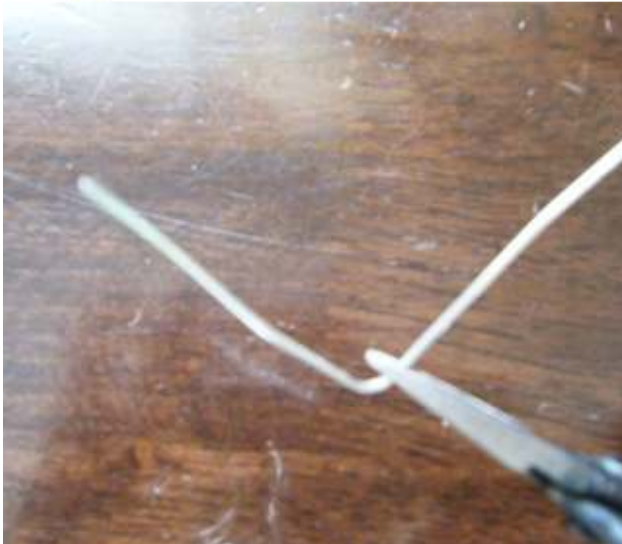
- Thick wooden dowel, lipstick or pen
- Round nose pliers
- Wire cutters
- Flat nose pliers
- Hammer



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Step 1: Forming Aries shaped wire component.
Cut a 3-inch 18 ga (1mm) round soft wire. Use flat nose pliers to fold the wire..



Step 2: Forming Aries shaped wire component.
To close the wire nicely, use the pliers to press the end of the wire.



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Step 3: Forming Aries shaped wire component.
Open the wire as shown in picture.





Step 4: Forming Aries shaped wire component

Step 5:

Use round nose pliers to make a spiral at the right side.



Step 6: Forming Aries shaped wire component.

Use round nose pliers to make a spiral at the left side. You are done with the Aries shaped wire component. Attach it to the circular to make a beautiful Aries Pendant.

We will refer to this component as Aries in this tutorial.

Put this aside when you are done. You will use it when you reach step 15.



Step 7: Shape the circle
Using 18 ga wire, wrap the wire around the dowel and form a circle measuring 0.8 inch in diameter. A tail of around 0.4' is left for the loop.

We will refer to this component as Circular armature throughout this tutorial. The circular is used as the outer frame from the pendant.



Step 8: Form the loop
Using the round nose pliers, create a small loop at the top of the circular. Notice how a small portion of the circular is overlapped. The overlapped should remain at your left if you are right handed (and reversed if you are left handed).



Step 9: Flatten the shape
Using a hammer, flatten the entire piece a bit in order to make the structure more rigid. Open the circular armature a bit to ensure all portions are hammered.



Step 10: Re-shape the circle and attach thin wire.
Cut 50 inch long of 26 ga wire. Attach the wire to the left of the loop if you are left-handed by coiling it around the circle 2 or 4 times.



Step 11: Coil the circular armature. Continue to coil the wire following clockwise direction.



Step 12: When you are reaching the left side of the armature, you may turn the circular around so that it is easy for you to coil left side of the circle using your right hand.



Step 13: Coil the loop.

When you complete the wrapping the circular armature, continue to wrap the loop using the thin wire.

Tips: If you are using shorter thin wire, you may not have enough wire to continue with the rest of the steps. You may cut off excessive wire here. Use flat nose pliers to flatten the edge of the wire. Place a new thin wire to continue with the next steps.



Step 14: Attach the first bead

Once the loop is done, you can then attach the first round bead by threading it into the thin wire as shown in picture.



Step 15:

Secure the bead nicely by bringing the wire to the back of the bead and bring it down and to the front of the circular armature. Adjust the wire to ensure the bead is tied securely and nicely onto the circular. Continue by attaching other beads. .



Step 16: Attach the Aries.

Place the Aries onto the inner side of the circle. Adjust the shape of Aries to ensure it fits into the inner side of the circle. When you reach the joint of Aries and the armature, use the thin wire to attach Aries onto the armature nicely.



Step 17: Continue to attach the beads. Secure the bottom part of Aries onto the armature when you reach the joint.



Step 18: Continue to attach the beads. Secure the left side of Aries onto the armature when you reach the joint.



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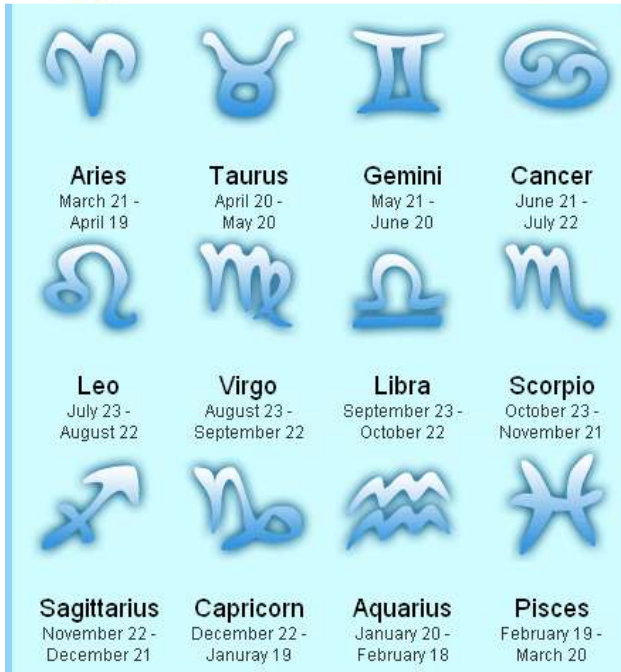
Step 19: Continue with the rest of the beads until you reach the top. Cut off excessive wires and flatten the edge of the wire using flat nose wire. You are done!



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Step 20: Variations

You can make a other zodiac pendants using the same technique. The picture shows shapes that represent the zodiac signs which you can turn them to beautiful jewelry designs!





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This tutorial shows how to make a flower using wire and beads. It covers basic skills such as:

- Shaping flower frame using wire
- Wire wrapping the flower
- Attaching beads onto the flower
- Attaching the flower onto a leather necklace.

You can turn this creation to either a bracelet or a necklace. This tutorial is suitable for novices and

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Wired Flower Tutorial



beginners.

Materials:

28cm 0.8mm thick wire

280cm 0.4mm thin wire

1 6mm pearl bead

1 leather necklace

Tools:

Wire cutter

Round nose pliers

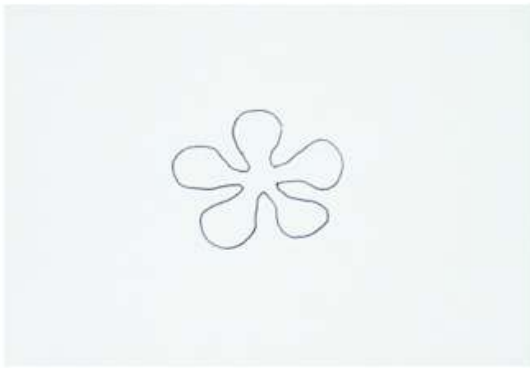
Flat nose pliers



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Step 21:

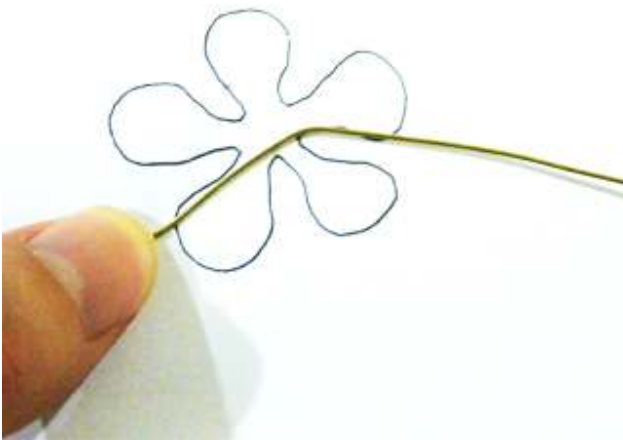


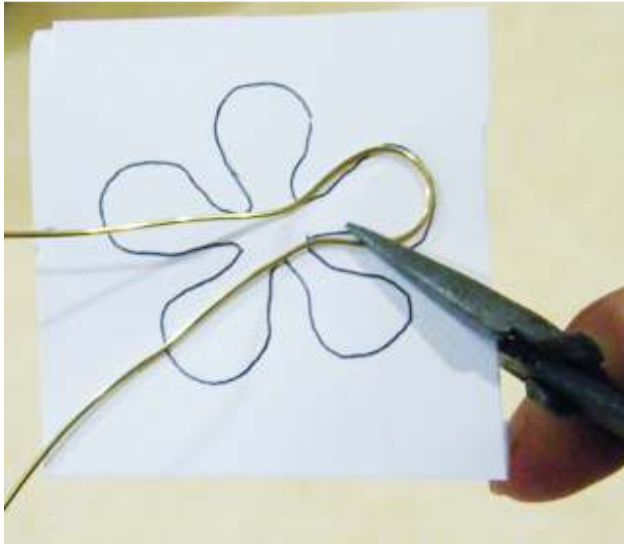
Draw a flower shaped pattern on a small piece of paper.
The diameter of the flower is around 2.5cm.

Step 22:

Cut a 28cm long thick wire to form the flower frame.

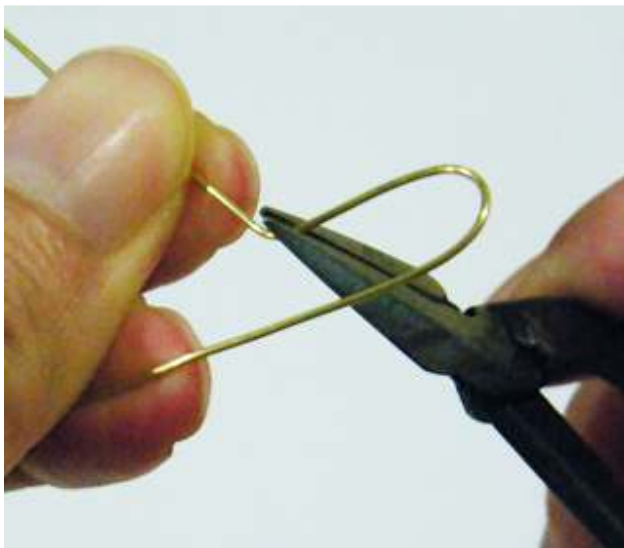
As shown in picture, make a slight twist at about 6cm of the wire using flat nose pliers. Place it on one of the petals as shown in picture.





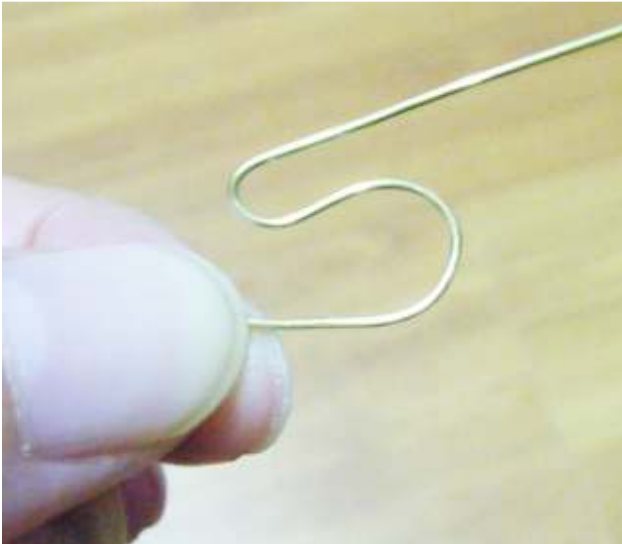
Step 23:

You are now ready to twist the wire following the shape of the flower drawn on the paper. Use your thumb or the flat nose pliers to hold the wire onto the paper in order to fix the position, use your left hand to twist the wire following the shape of the flower.

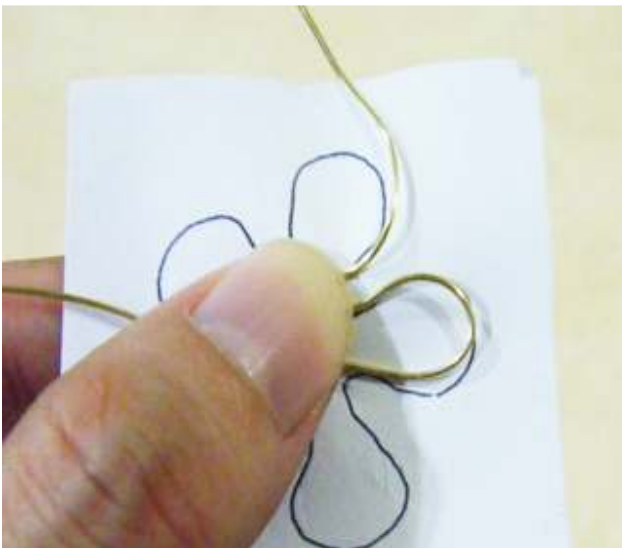


Step 24:

Before you form another petal, you may now take out the paper and hold the wire using your left hand. Place the flat nose pliers at the edge where you would like to form the curve, use your left hand to twist the wire up.

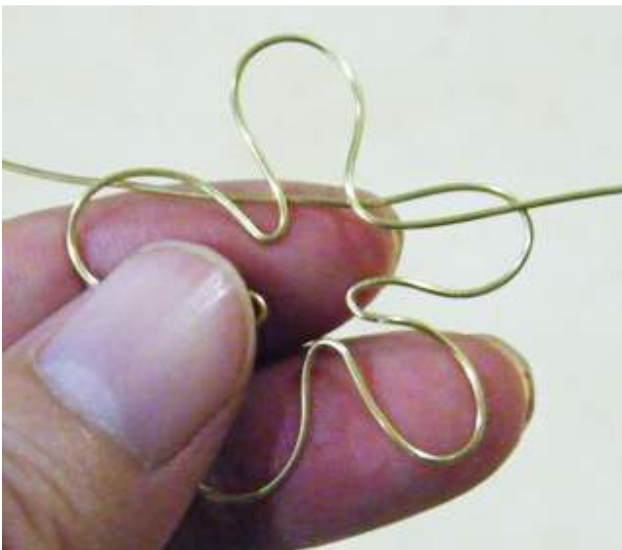
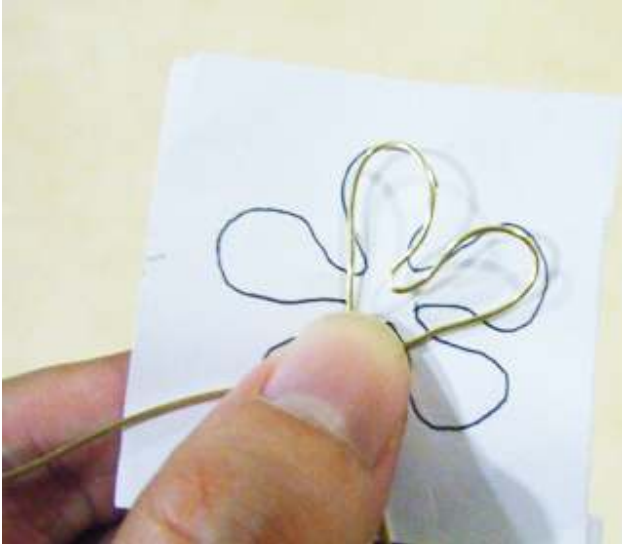


You may use your fingers or flat nose to further shape the wire to the desired shape.



Step 25:

Now continue to shape the subsequent petal with one hand holding on the wire and paper and the other hand shaping the petals.



Step 26:

This is the complete flower shaped frame.



Step 27:
Now, tie the wires at the joint using the thin wire as shown in picture.

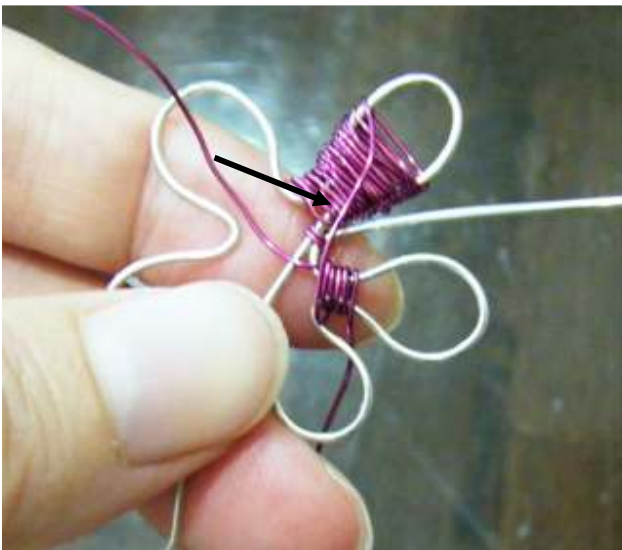


Step 28:
Wrap the petal using the wire.



Step 29:

When you have completed the first petal, bring the thin wire across the first petal as shown in the picture.



Step 30:

Now start to wrap around the second petal.



Step 31:
Continue to wrap for the rest of the petals.



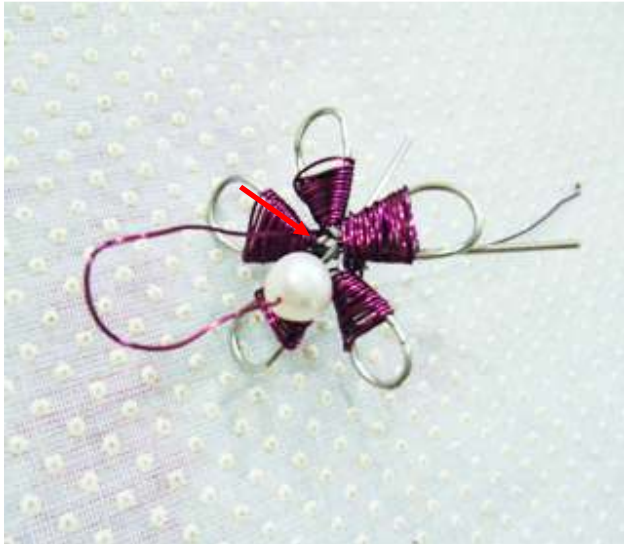
Step 32:
Upon completion of the wrapping, bring the thin wire to the other side of the flower (front) through the hole at the centre as shown by the red arrow.



Now turn to the other side of the flower (front).



Step 33:
Thread a white pearl through the thin wire.



Step 34:

Bring the thin wire to other side of the flower (Back) thru the hole at the centre.



Step 35:

Place the white pearl nicely at the centre of the flower .



Step 36:

Turn to the back of the flower, tie the 2 thin wires onto the thick wire.

Then cut off excessive wires.



Step 37:

Place the flower at the centre of the leather cord. Twist the thick wires up as shown in the picture. Our aim now is to attach the flower onto to leather string.



Step 38:

Using the thick wires to tie around the leather cord as shown in the pictures.





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Step 39:

Now turn to the front and you are done! You can either make it a necklace or a bracelet with this creation.

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