

Gemini



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introduction

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The zodiac sign of Gemini is one of the first astrological signs and is associated with the period from May 21 to June 20. People born under this sign are often curious, sociable and communicative.

Their flexibility and adaptability allows them to easily adjust to different situations and make new contacts. Persons born under the sign of Gemini are known for their intelligence and ability to learn quickly, giving them an advantage in many areas of life.

In this step-by-step guide, you will learn how to create this sign with wire and beads. Your craft skills will combine with the symbolism of the zodiac, creating a unique piece of art.

Part 1: Frame

This frame is same for every of our wire-wrapped Zodiac signs

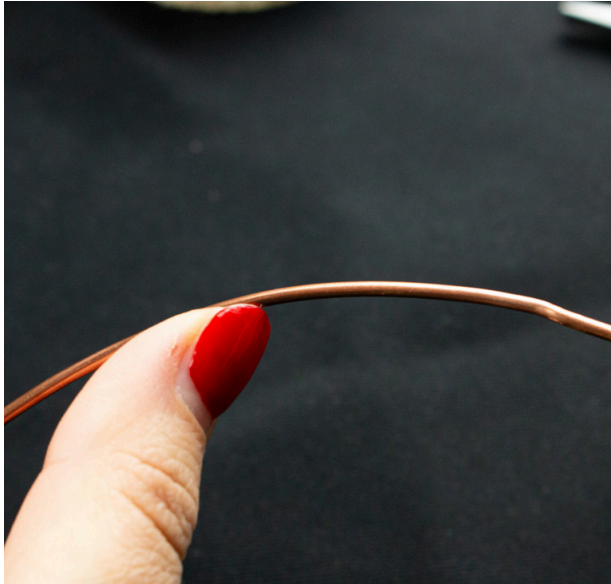
materials

- Copper wire 2 mm (12 ga), and 0.4 mm (26 ga).
- Pliers: flat-nose, side cutters
- Hammer and anvil

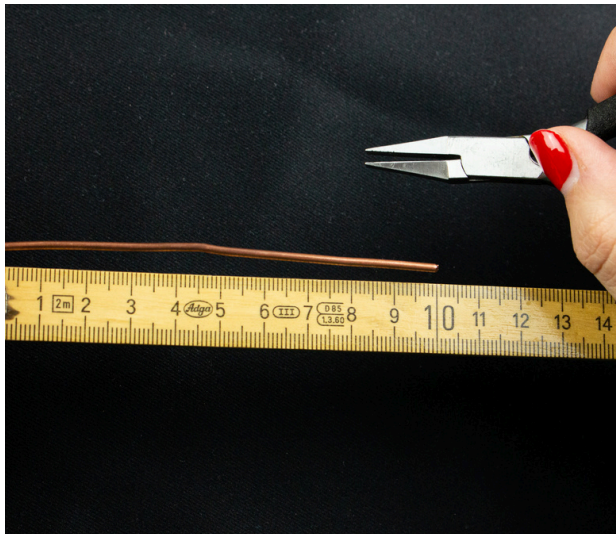
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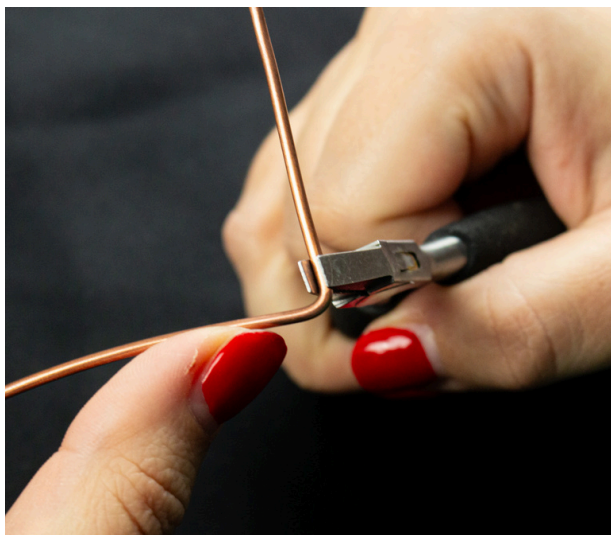
instructions



1. Prepare all the tools and wire. Start with the thick wire 1.2 mm (16 ga), unwind a piece of it and smooth it between your fingers.



2. Measure 10 cm (4 in) of it.



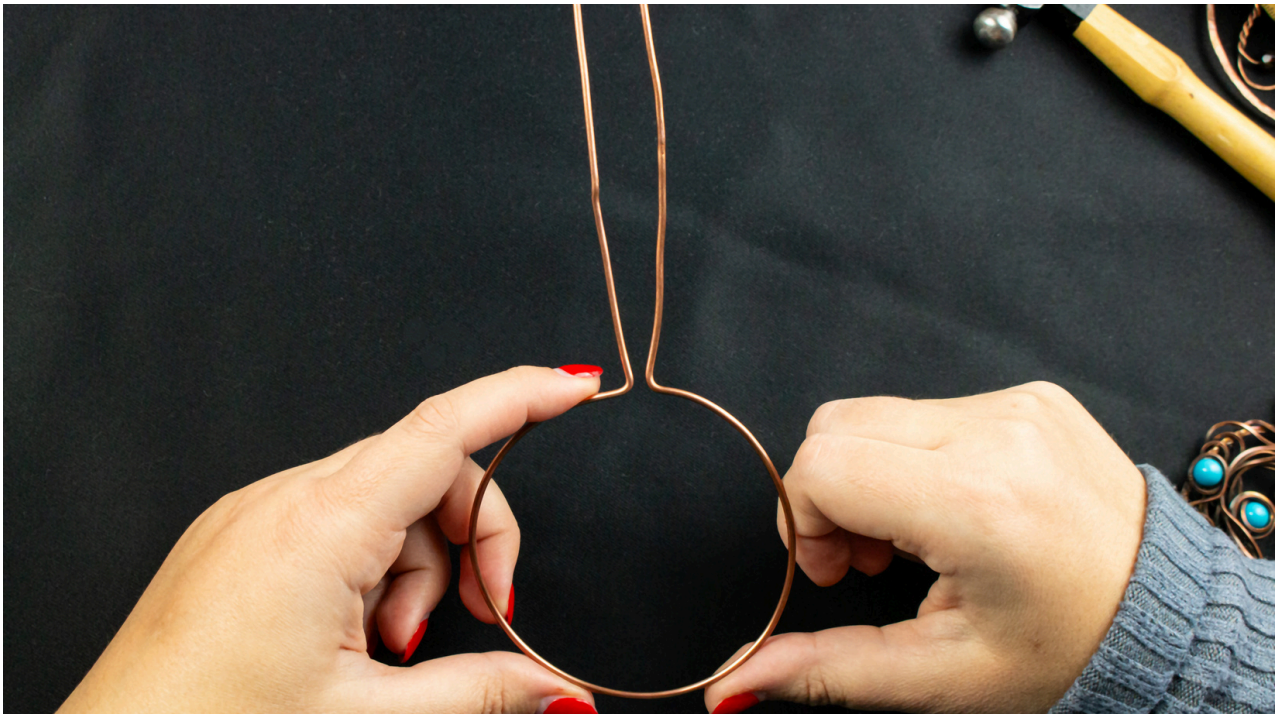
3. There, bend the wire at a right angle.



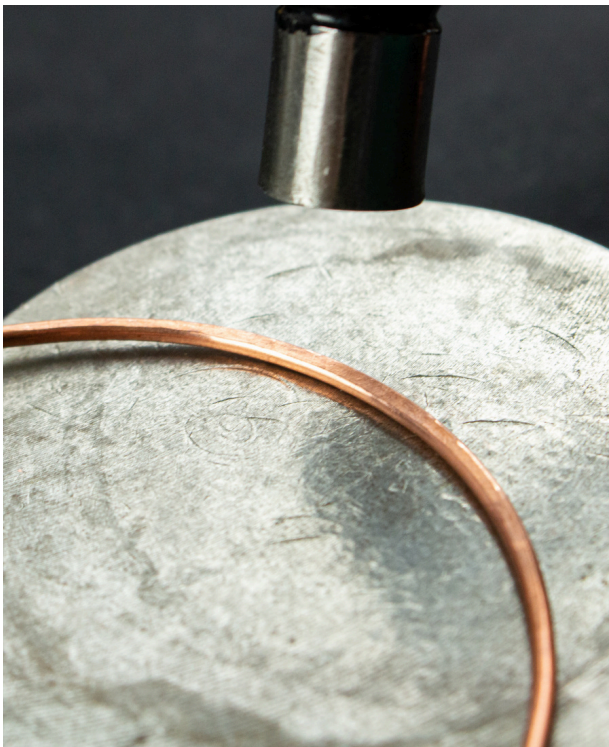
4. Use an object of a suitable diameter, like a mug or a rolling-pin. Bend and shape the wire around it.



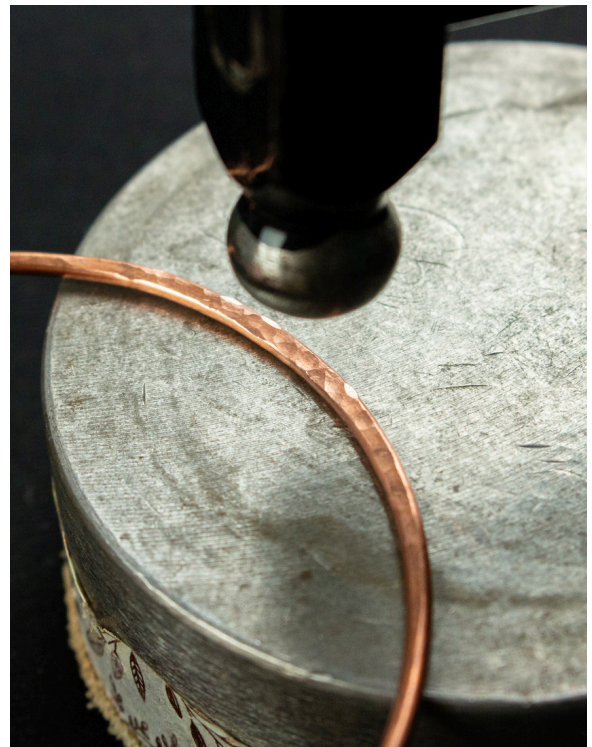
5. At the spot where the wire touches the first bend, bend it at a right angle again, measure 10 cm (4 in) and cut it.



6. This is the final shape of the frame.



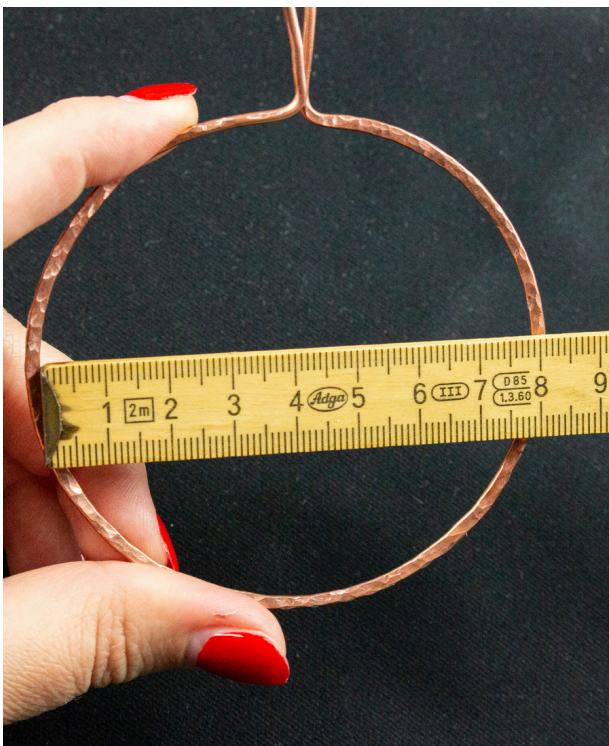
7. Then hammer the loop on the anvil with the flat end of the hammer. Do not hammer the straight ends of the wire.



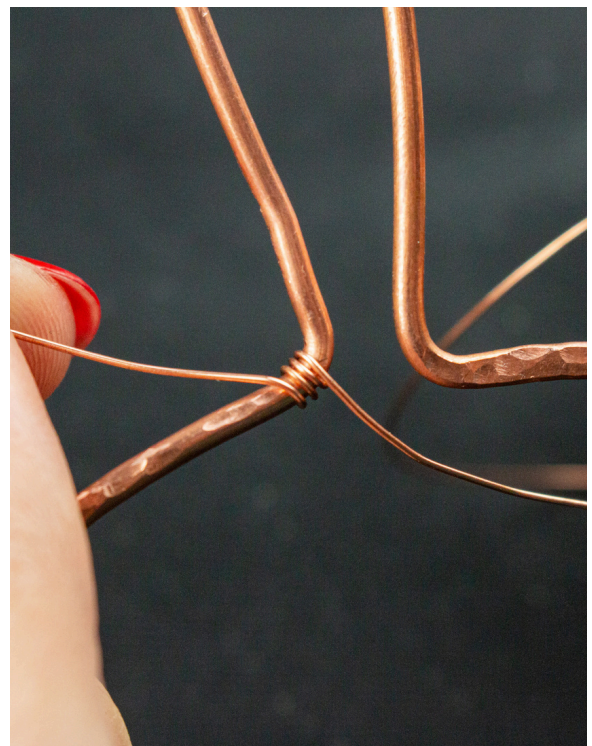
8. When it is done, turn the hammer and use the round end of the hammer to hammer some more to decorate it.



9. This is what the hammered frame looks like.



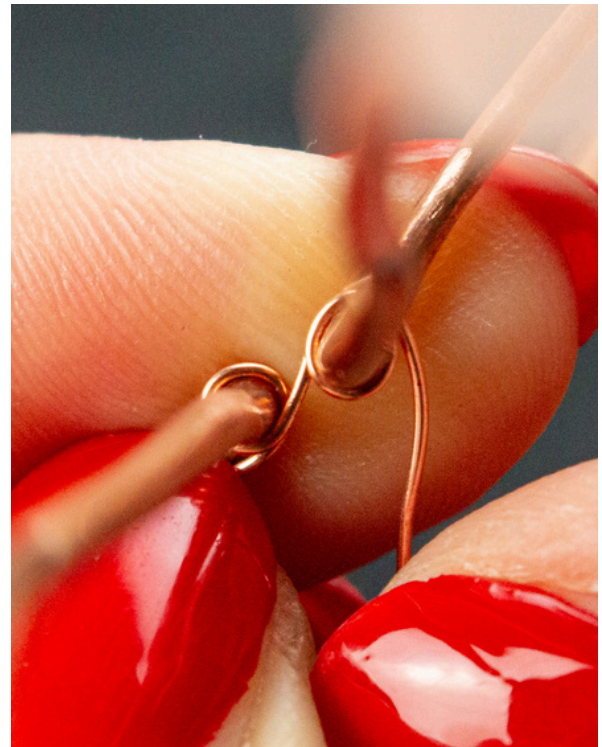
10. The diameter of the frame is approximately 8 cm (3 in).



11. Now use the thin wire and wrap one of the bends with it three times.



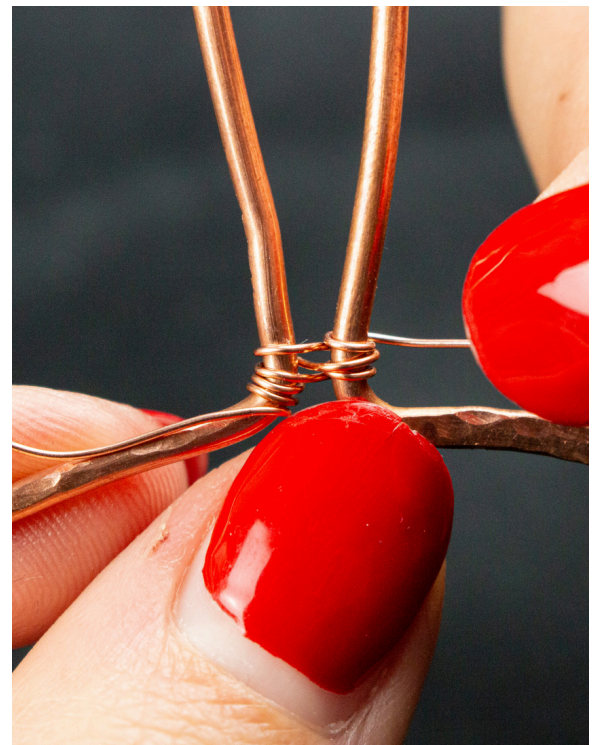
12. Then wrap the opposite bend once and go back again and wrap again.



13. Continue in the same way.



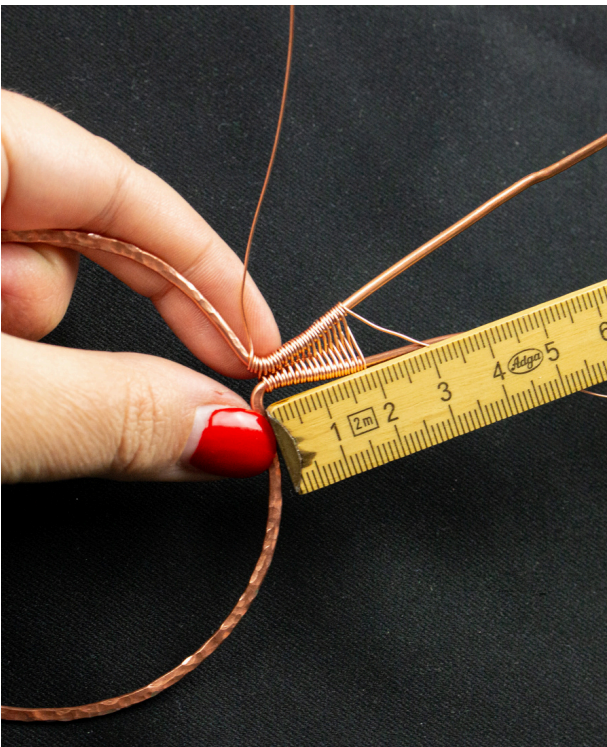
14. And one more loop on each piece of wire.



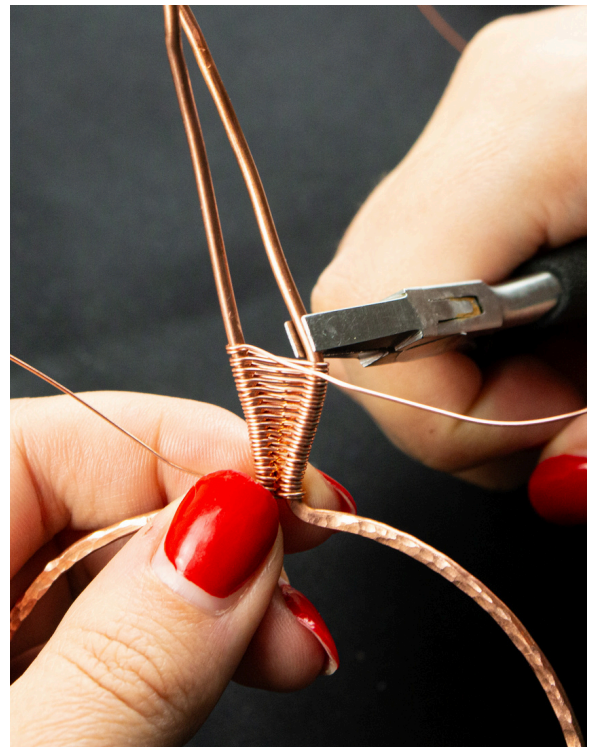
15. This is what your work looks like from the front, the two pieces of wire are spread apart a little bit.



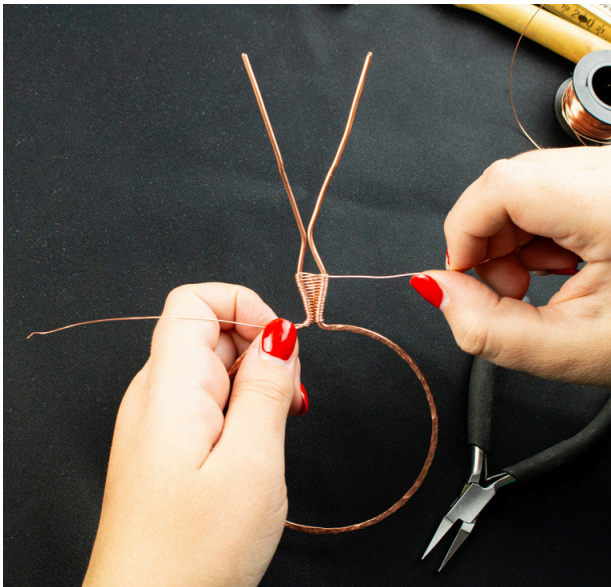
16. Continue wrapping, copy the width of the spread pieces of wire.



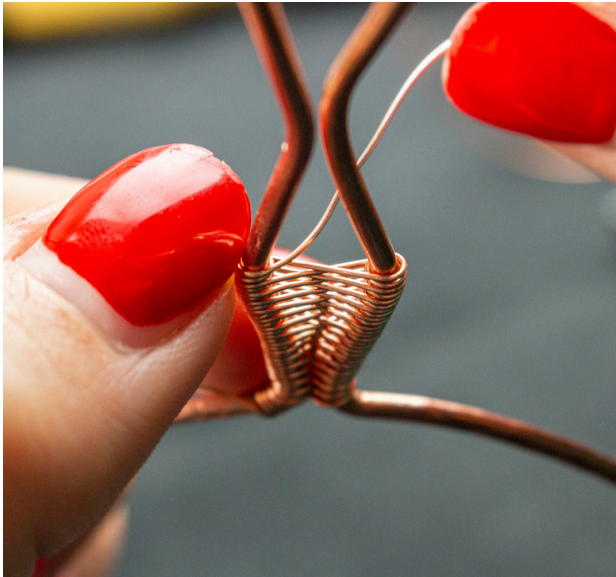
17. When you reach approximately 2 cm (0.8 in), stop.



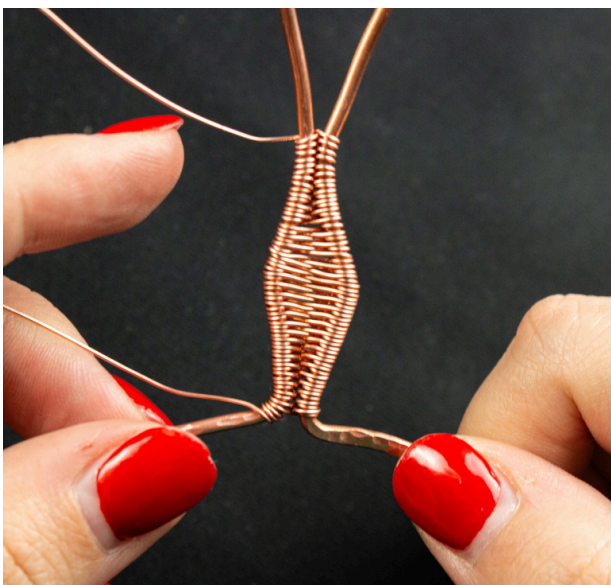
18. Then use the pliers to bend the two pieces of wire a bit closer.



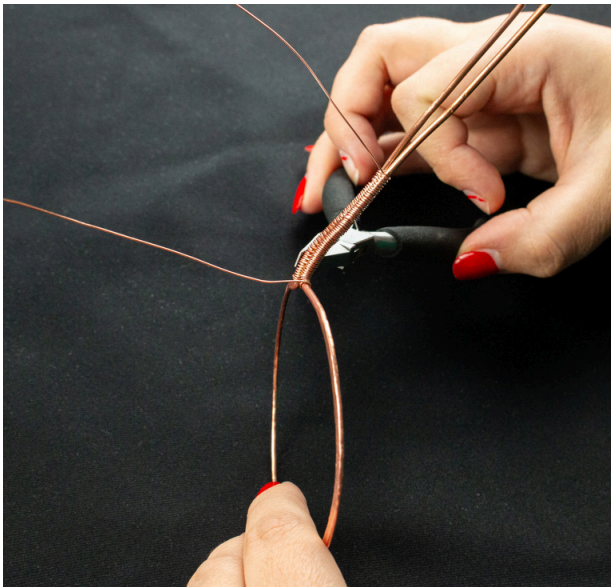
19. Measure 2 cm (0.8 in) and bend them a bit apart again. This is what the final shape of the large loop used to hang the pendant looks like.



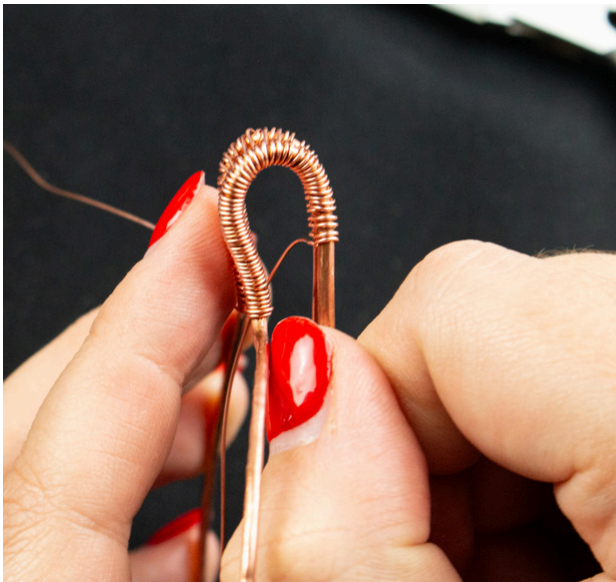
20. Then continue wrapping both parts of the loop in the same way as before.



21. Stop at the point where the two pieces of wire meet. The wrapping is done.



22. Now start bending and forming the loop with the help of the flat-nose pliers. First a little bit forward.



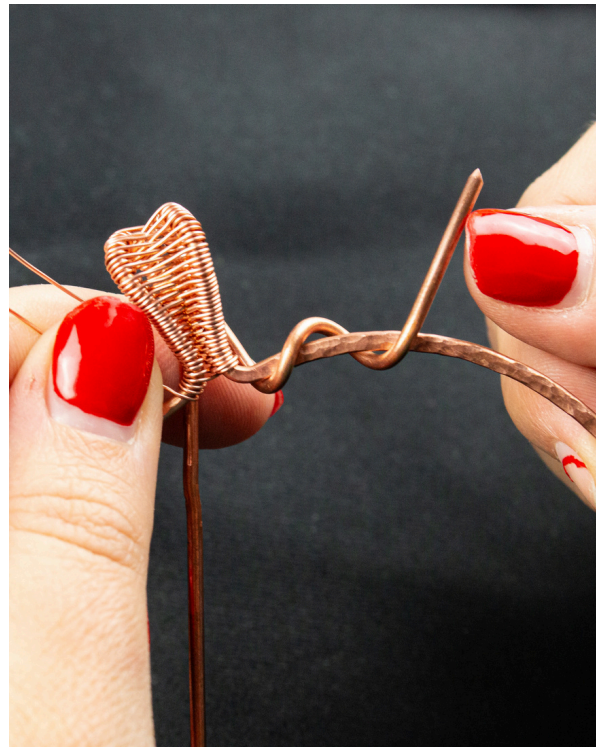
23. Then bend the whole loop backwards and all the way down.



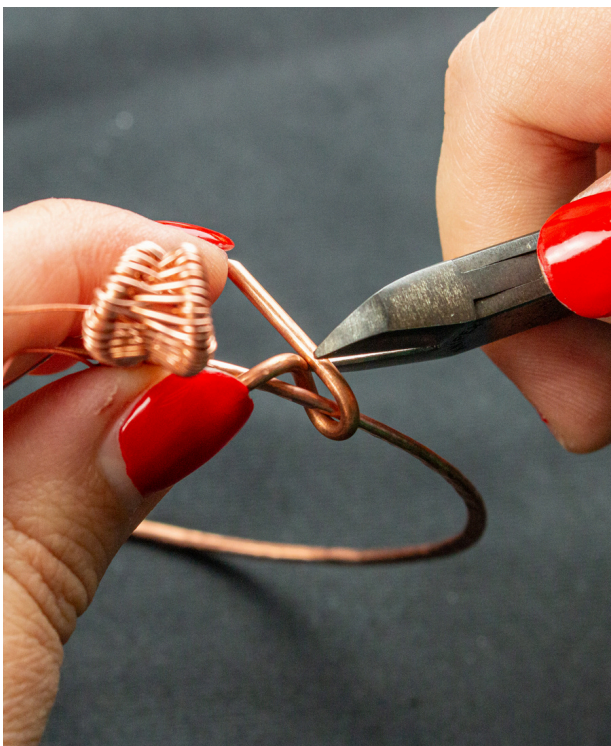
24. This is what the fully formed loop looks like. Both ends of the thick wire are spread apart behind the loop.



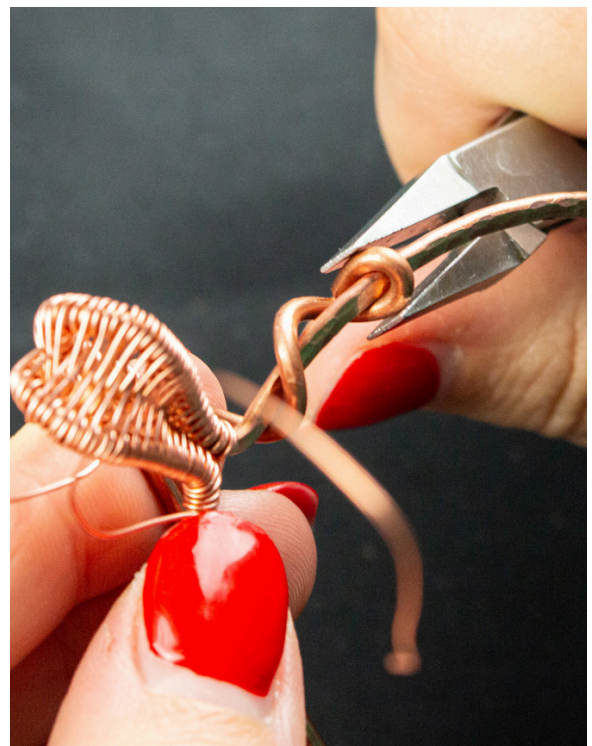
25. Now take the right end of the thick wire and wrap it under the loop forward and up.



26. Then wrap it twice around the frame.



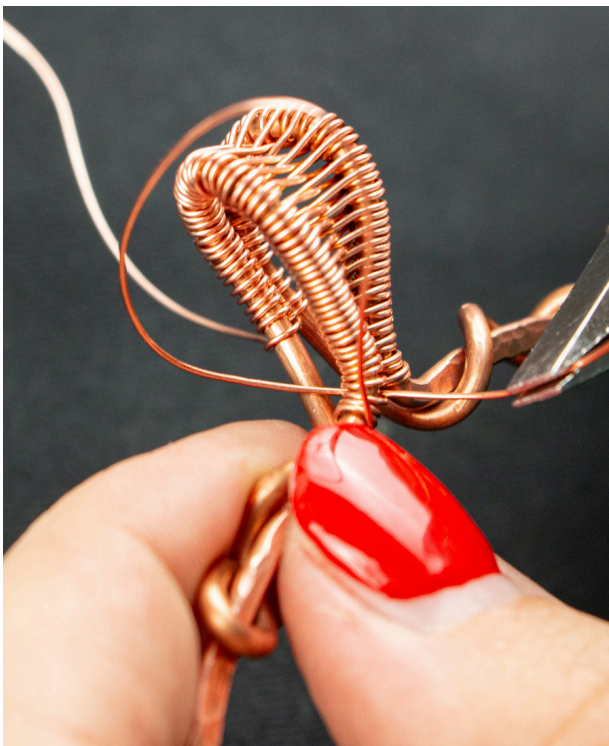
27. Bend it backwards and cut.



28. Close the loop tightly onto the frame.



29. Do the same thing with the left end of the wire. This is what the result looks like.



30. Next pass the front tail of the thin wire through the wrapping in the front.



31. Sow it onto it with a few stitches and cut. Hide the tail into the wrapping and press with the pliers to finish.



32. This is what the finished frame looks like.

Part 2: Gemini

materials

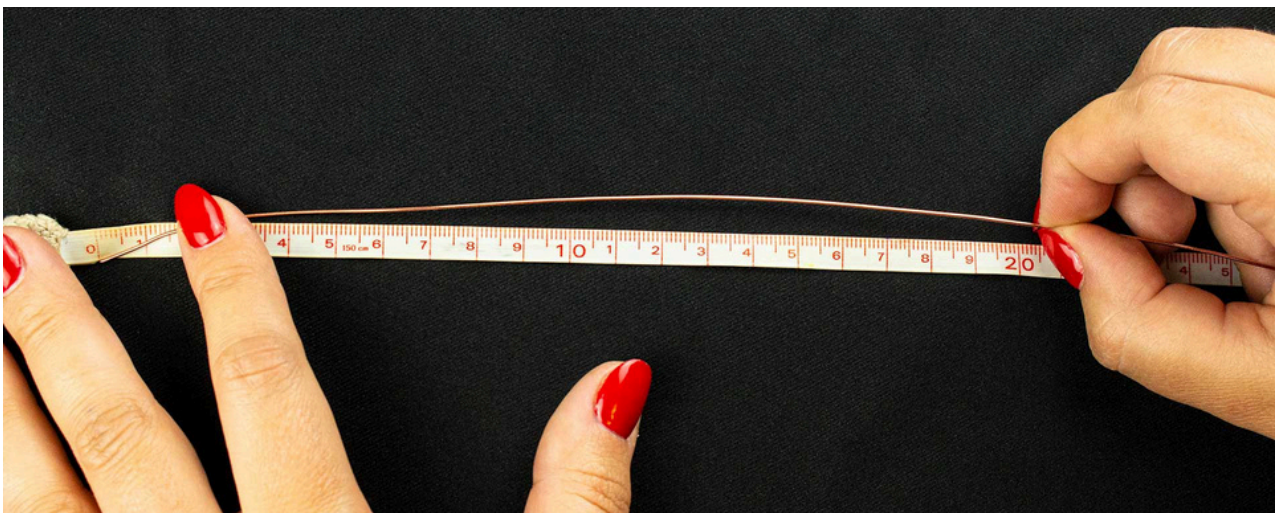
- Finished frame
- Copper wire - 0,8 mm / 20 GA and 0,3 mm / 28 GA (for sewing)
- Beads for hair decoration (e.g. flowers, leaves, stars, etc.)
- Template - Gemini
- Pliers: flat-nose, side cutters

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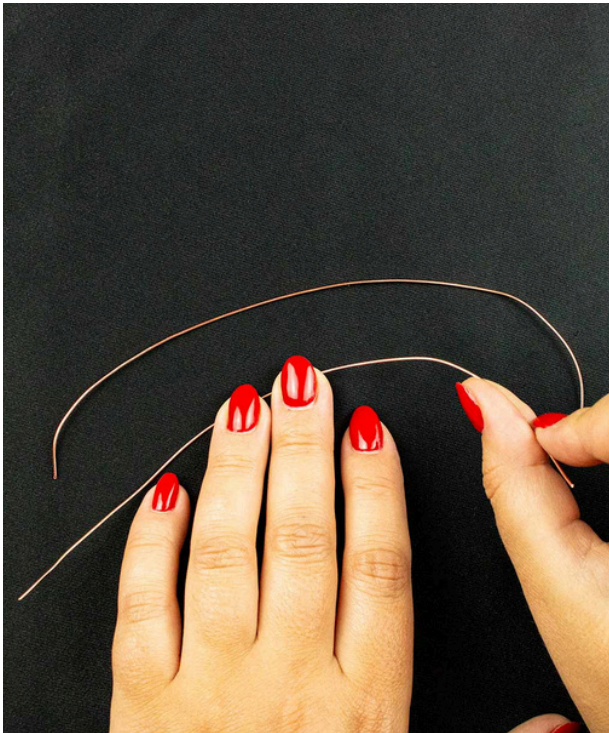
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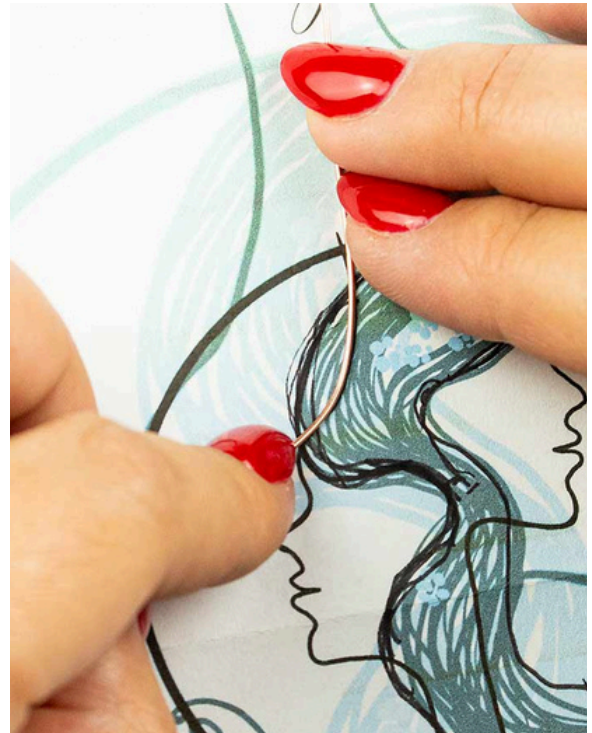
1. Prepare a ready-made hoop on the table, since you will be making the sign directly on it, all the material for making the Gemini and the necessary tools.



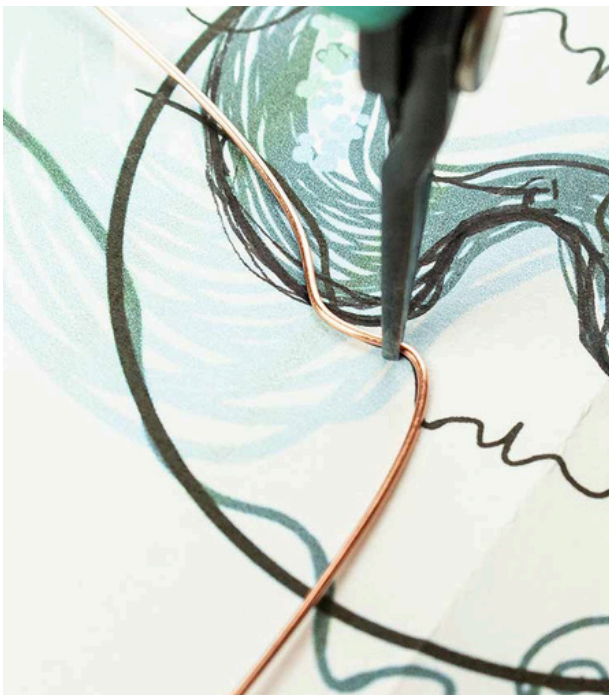
2. All the parts of the sign will be made of wire with a thickness of (0.8 mm). Smooth the wire and cut 2 pieces of 20 cm long.



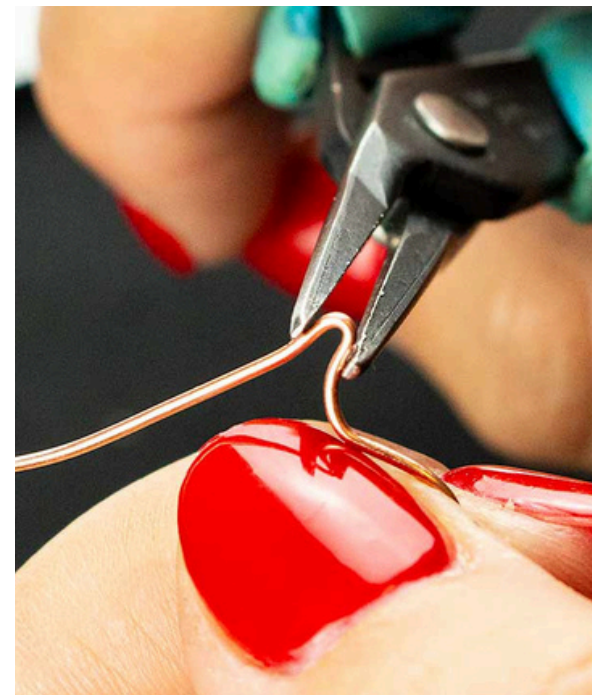
3. Bend both wires.



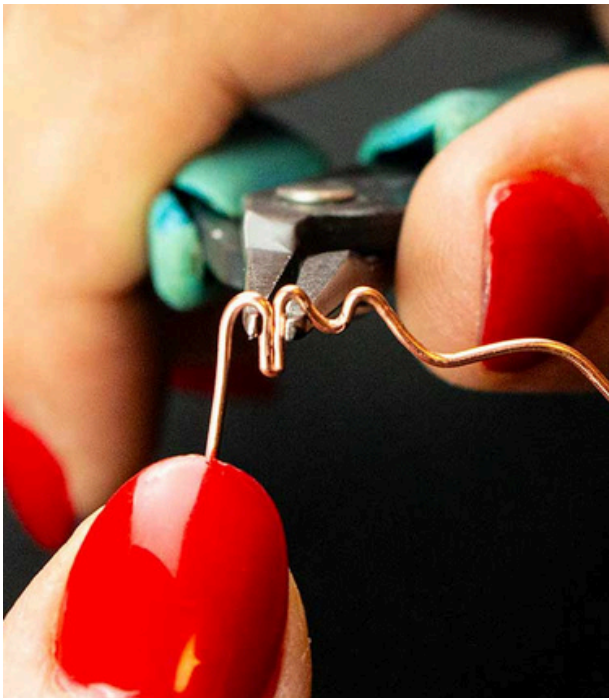
4. Next, attach and shape them according to the attached template.



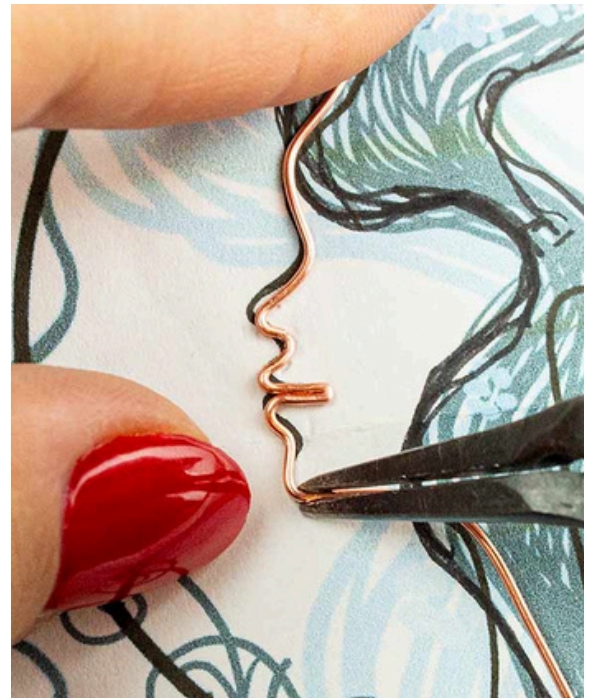
5. Use narrow, flat-nose pliers, especially where the face is pointed (e.g. nose).



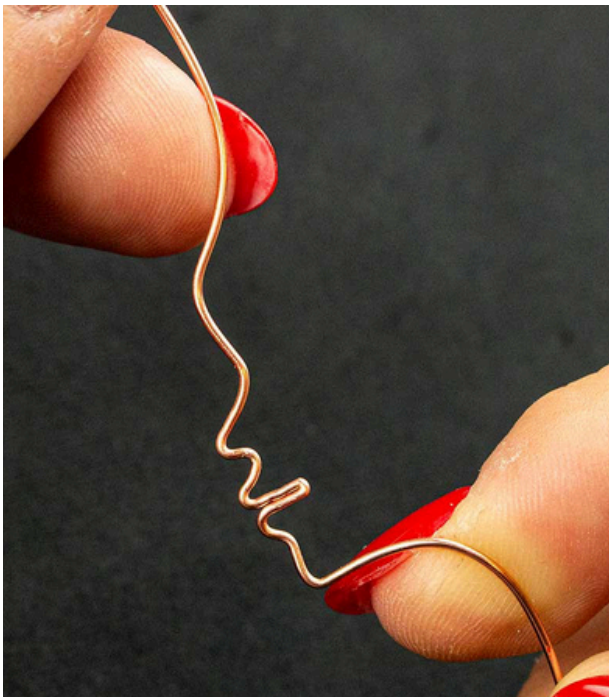
6. Grasp the wire in the pliers at that point, lift it above the pad, shape the sharp bend with the pliers, and then unwind it to the required shape.



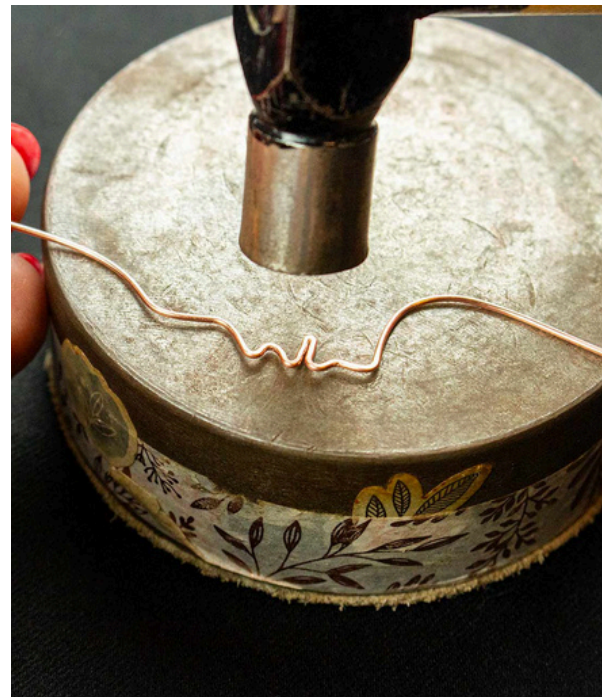
7. Continue in the same way to shape the mouth.



8. Check by attaching to the template.



9. This is what the first finished profile looks like.



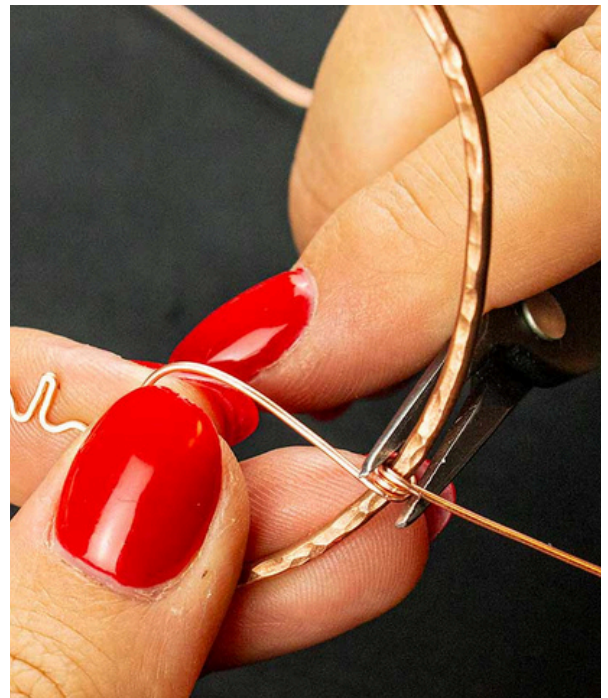
10. Hammer the parts on the anvil and continue shaping the second profile.



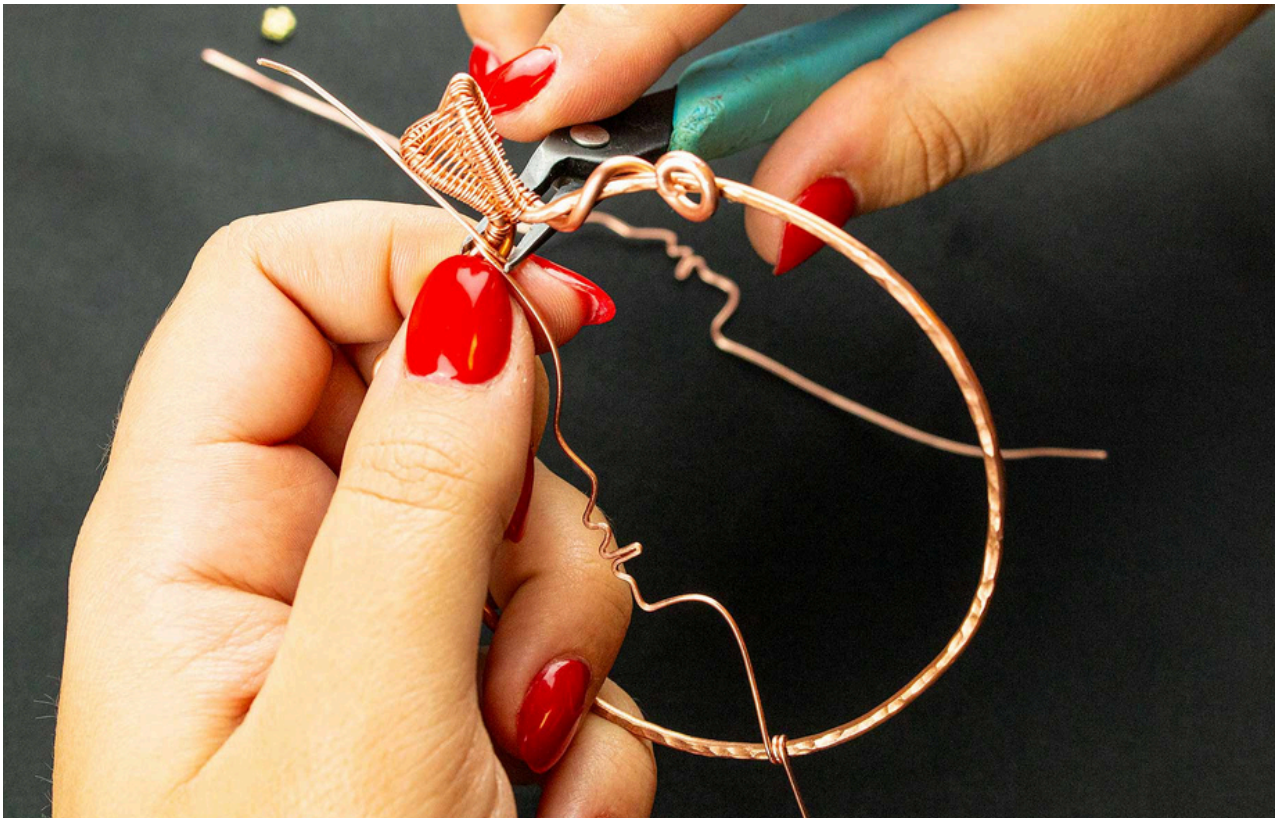
11. Attach both finished profiles to the prepared hoop.



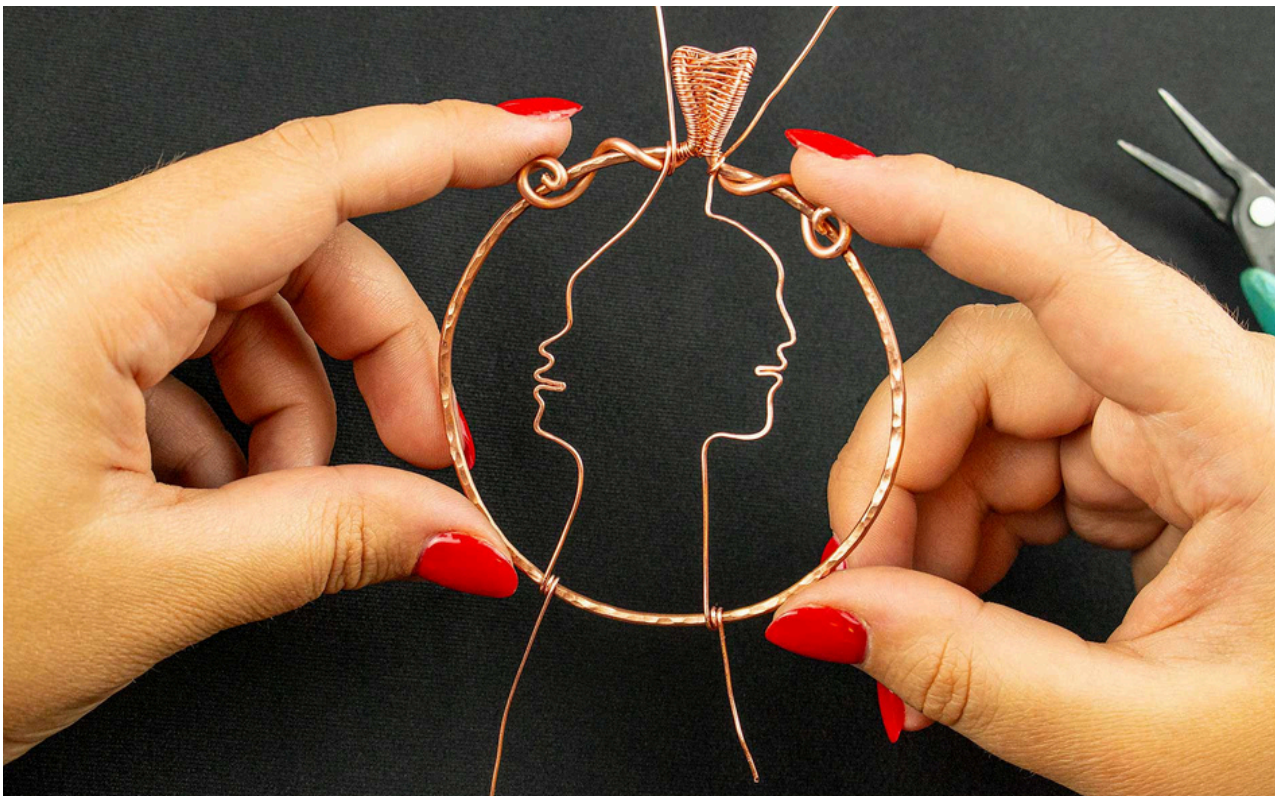
12. Then start to attach them to the hoop by wrapping the upper and lower ends around the hoop wire.



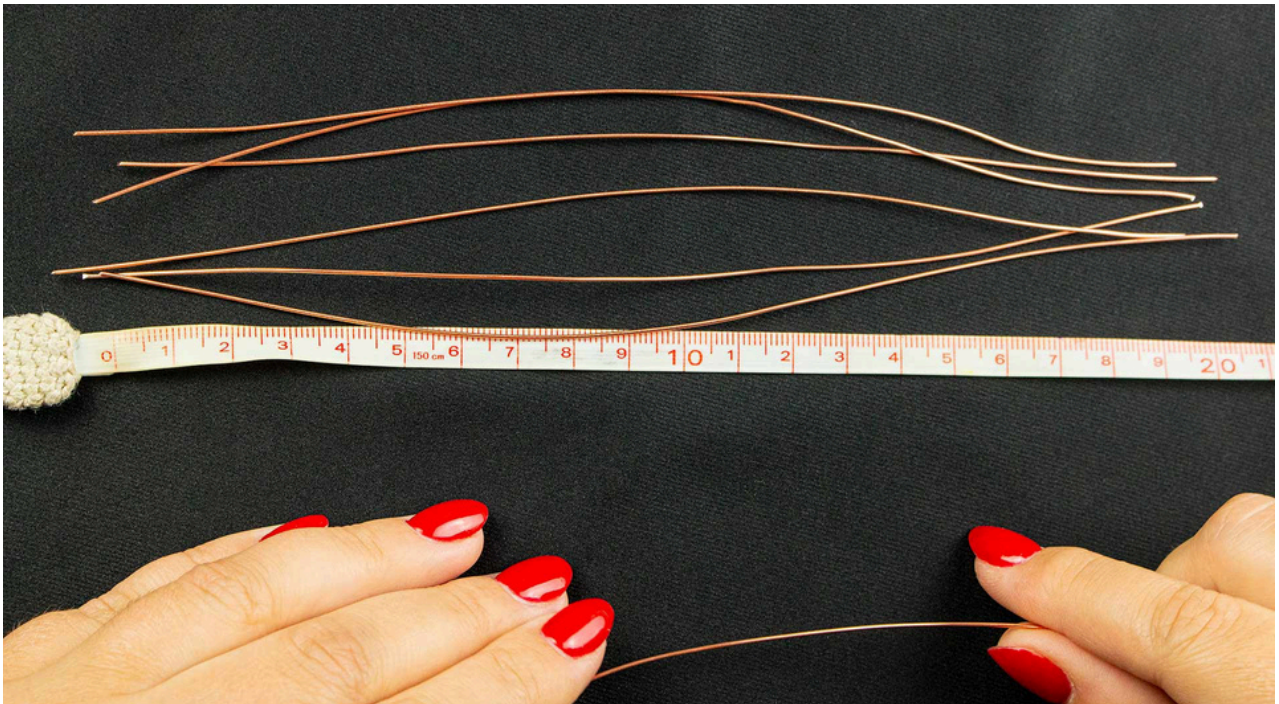
13. Attach one profile on the bottom side first.



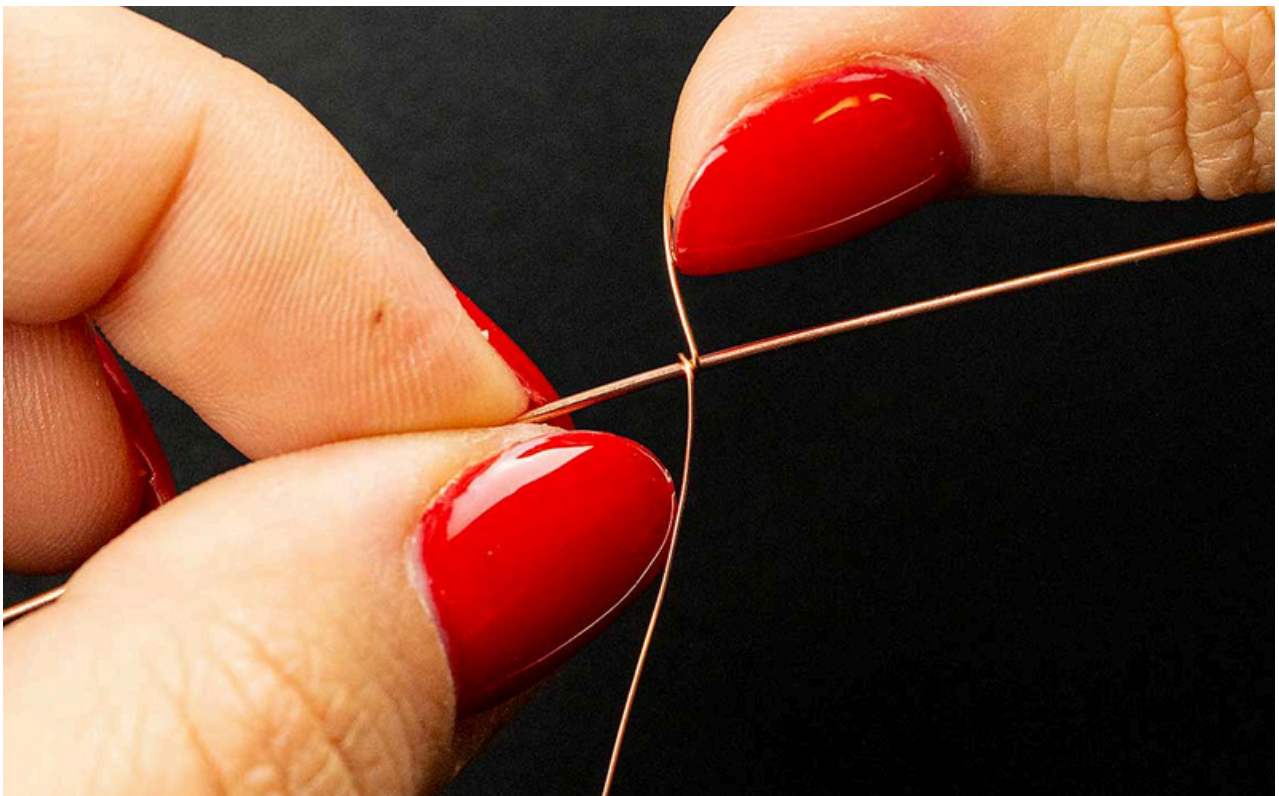
14. Then at the top and tighten it well.



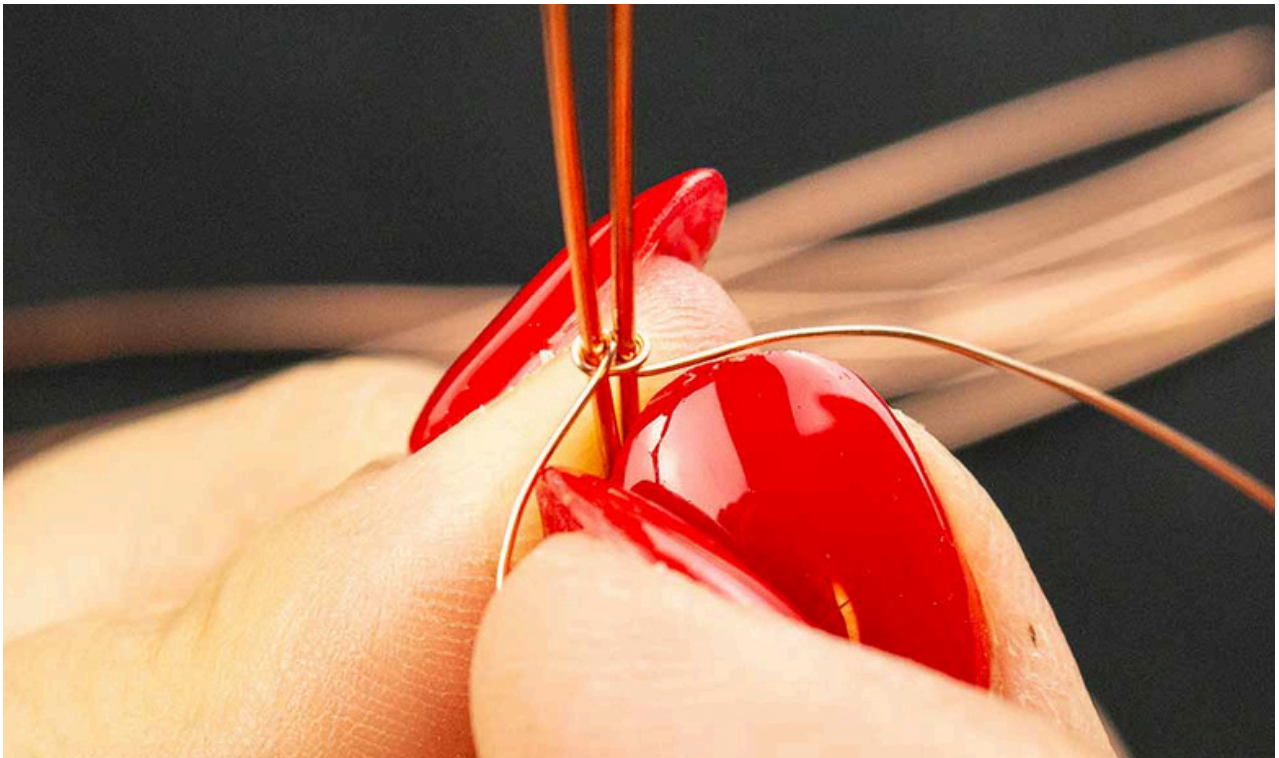
15. Do the same with the second profile. Leave the ends loose.



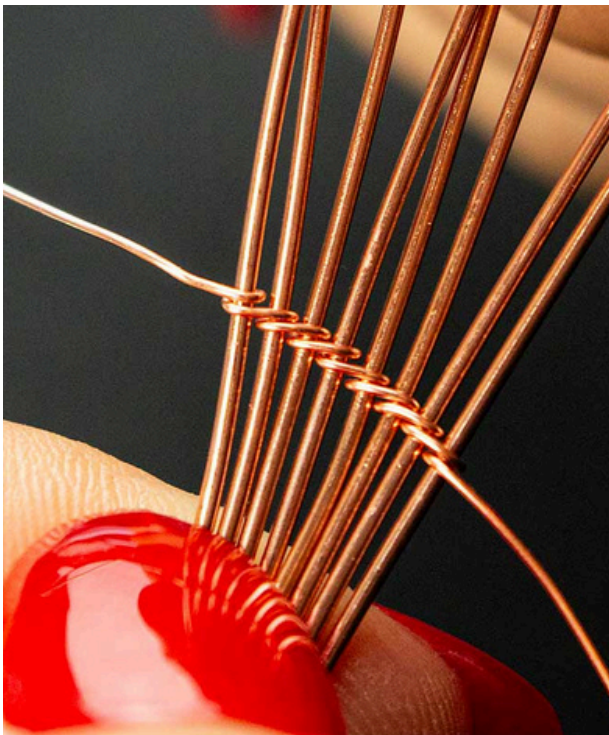
16. Continue with the hair. Take the 0.8 mm thick wire again and cut 8 pieces of 20 cm in length.



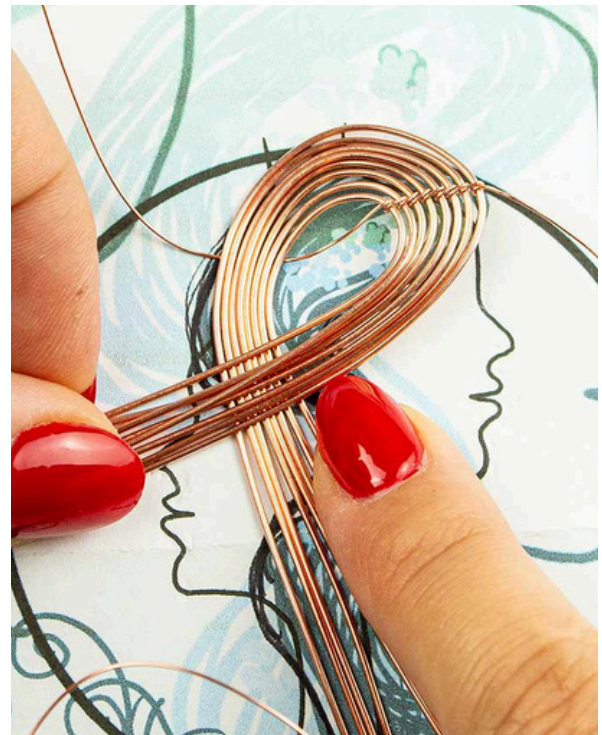
17. Now cut a piece of thin wire (0.4 mm), also about 20 cm long. Then start sewing the individual wires together by simply wrapping them around each other. Sew the hair wires together about halfway along their length. When you have finished, you should be left with a piece of thin wire of approximately the same length on each side.



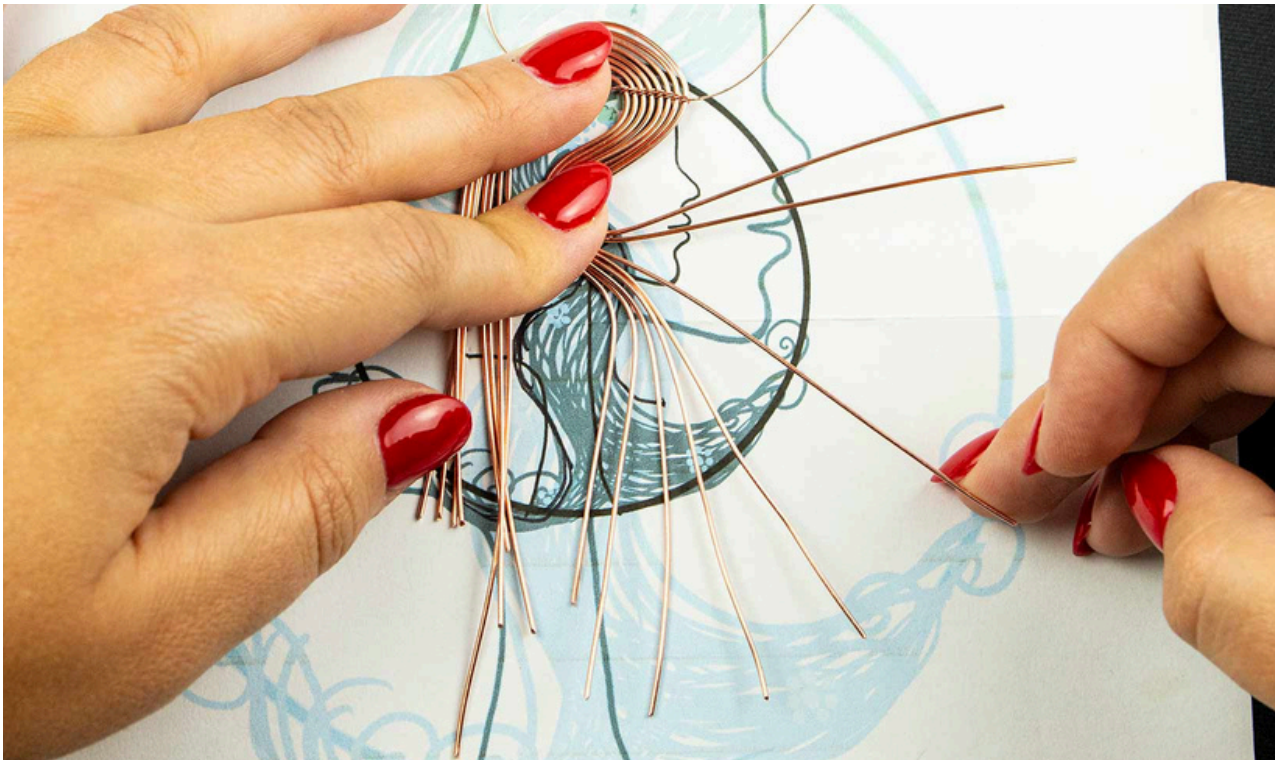
18. This is what two wires sewn together look like.



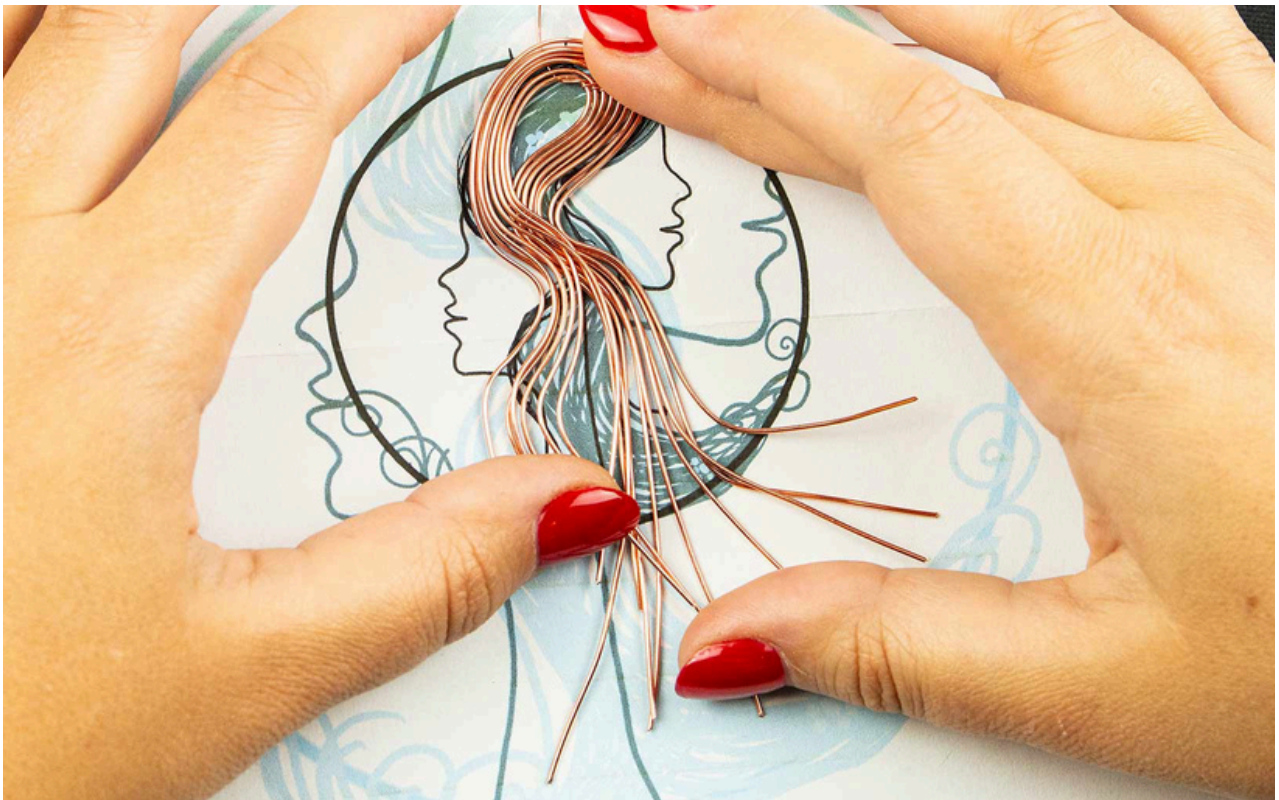
19. This is what all the hairs look like flat sewn together with thin wire.



20. Place the stitched hair on a template or hoop with profiles and shape it into flat waves that appropriately frame both faces. The hair should not go over each other and the shape should create the expressions of both faces that you like.



21. Separate the individual hairs in this way, stretching them out to the sides.



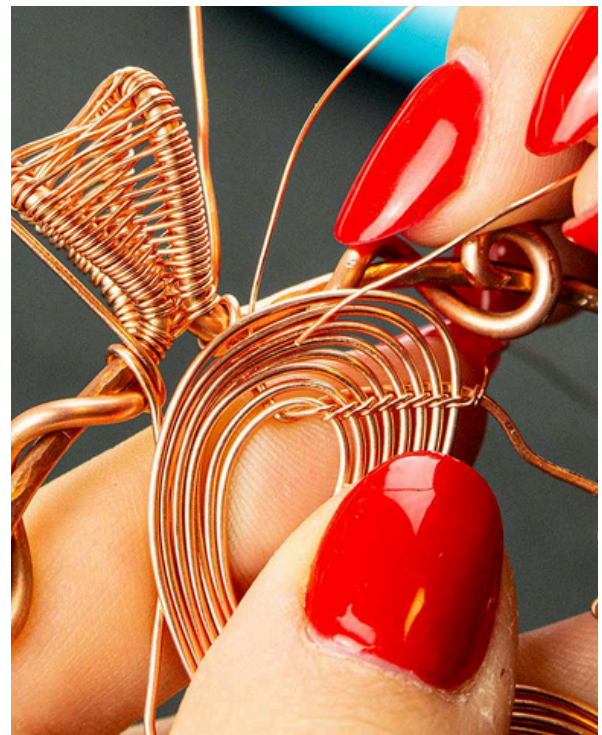
22. Arrange the hair from both streams in a way that you like, now they can go over each other or intertwine a little.



23. Place the shaped hair on the hoop with the profiles.



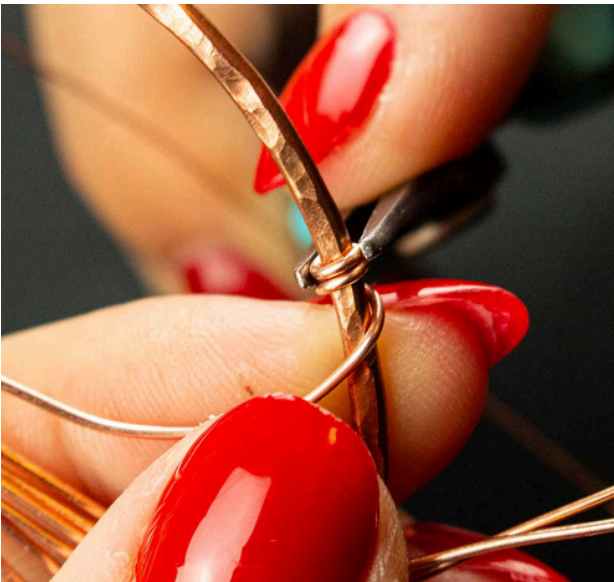
24. With one end of the thin wire, attach the hair, perhaps to the right profile.



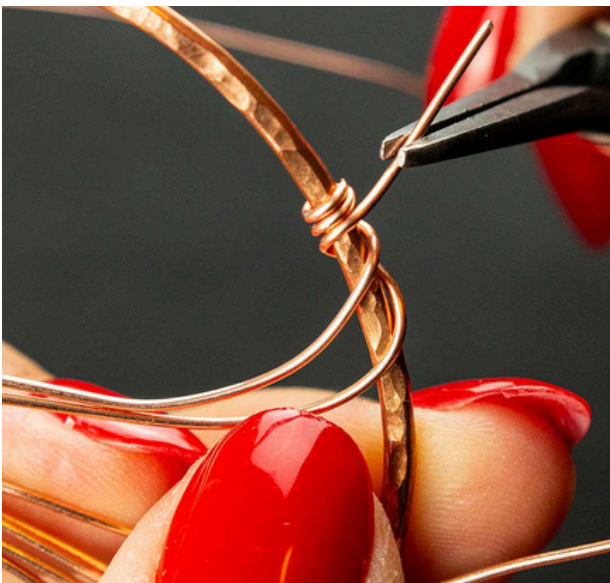
25. Use the other end of the thin wire to attach the hair to the hoop or to the profile wire.



26. Next, you will attach the hair to the hoop using the pliers.



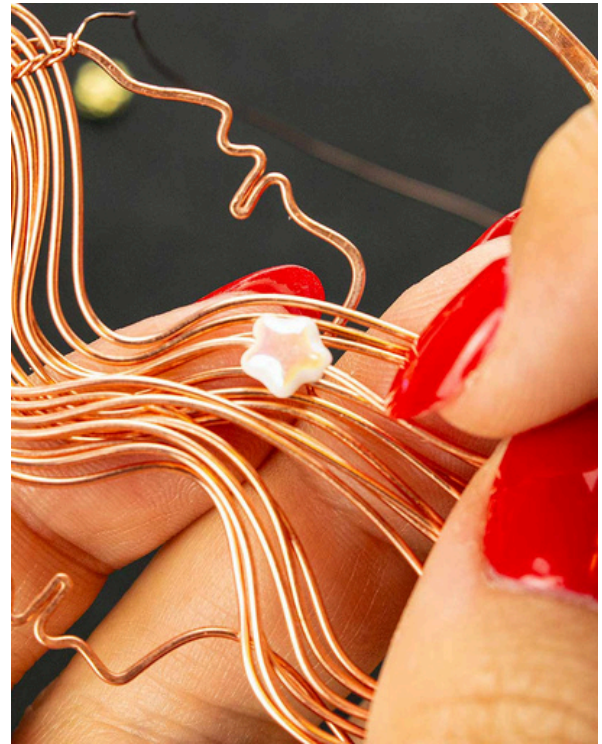
27. Simply wrap the ends of the hair wires around the hoop wire, cut off and secure with a firm grip of the pliers.



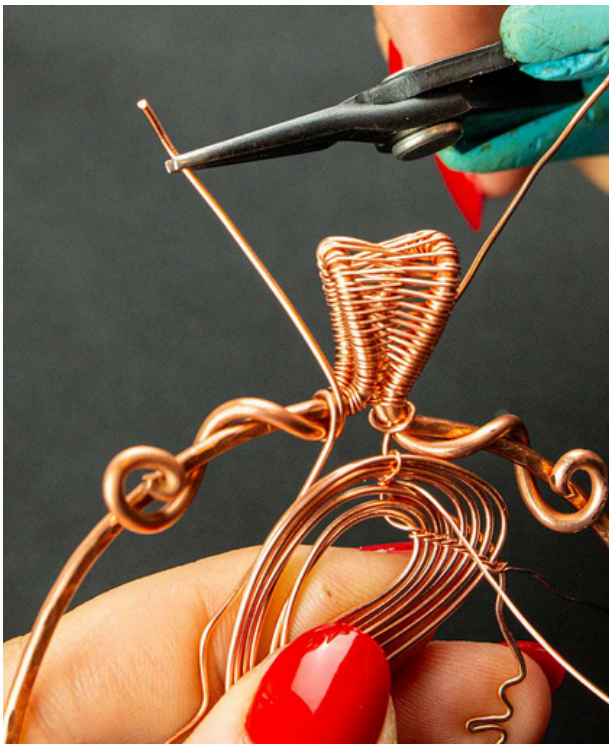
28. Wrap another wire near the first so that they fit together to form a curl. Continue in this way.



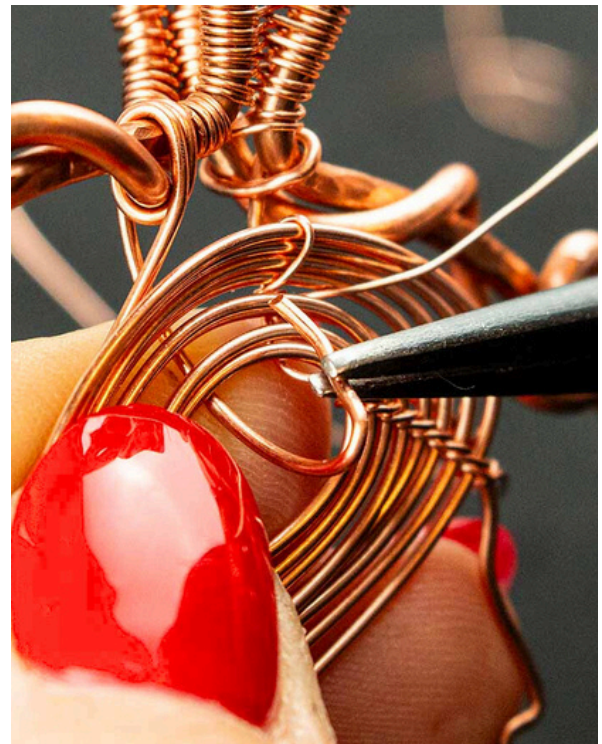
29. String beads on some of the hair, decorate as you wish.



30. This is what a star-shaped bead looks like in the middle of a curl.



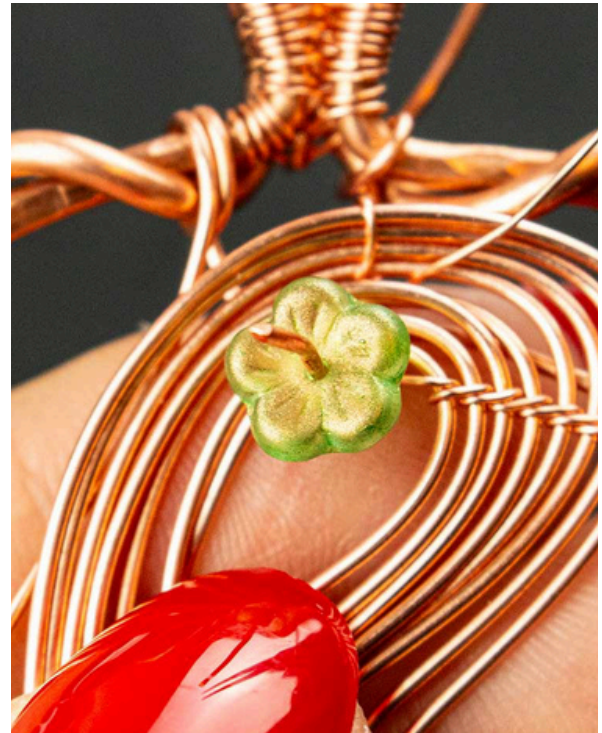
31. At the top, use the ends of the profile wires to secure the hair more firmly. Take one of the ends in the pliers and bend it as you work.



32. Guide it under the hair, thread it through.



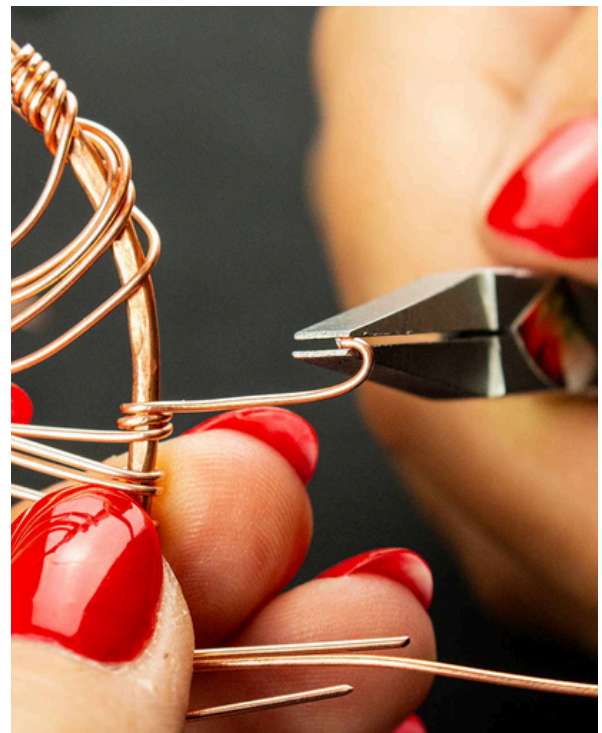
33. And pull it out.



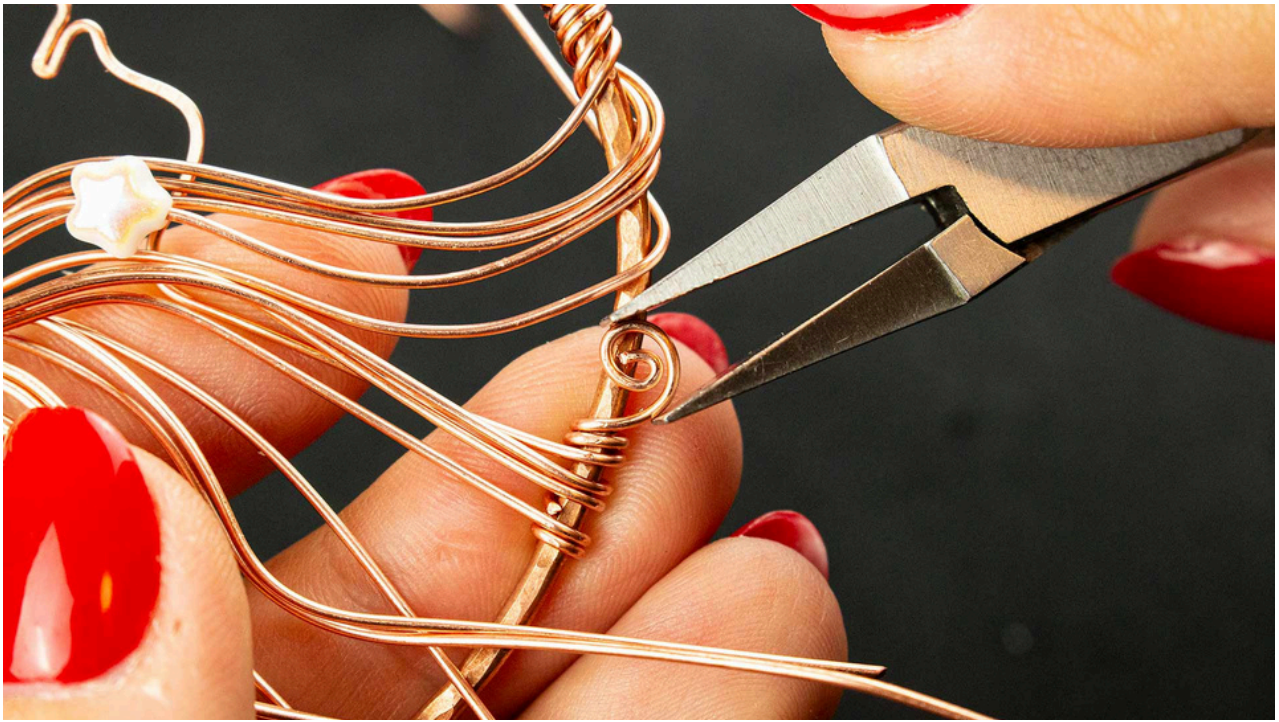
34. Cut the wire, string the flower on it.



35. And at the end, use pliers to form a tiny spiral that will hold the flower in place like a kettle rivet. Do the same with the other loose end of the wire from the other profile.



36. Now we return to finishing the hair at the bottom of the hoop. You don't always have to cut and clean the wire after wrapping it around the hoop wire, but you can form a decorative spiral on it.



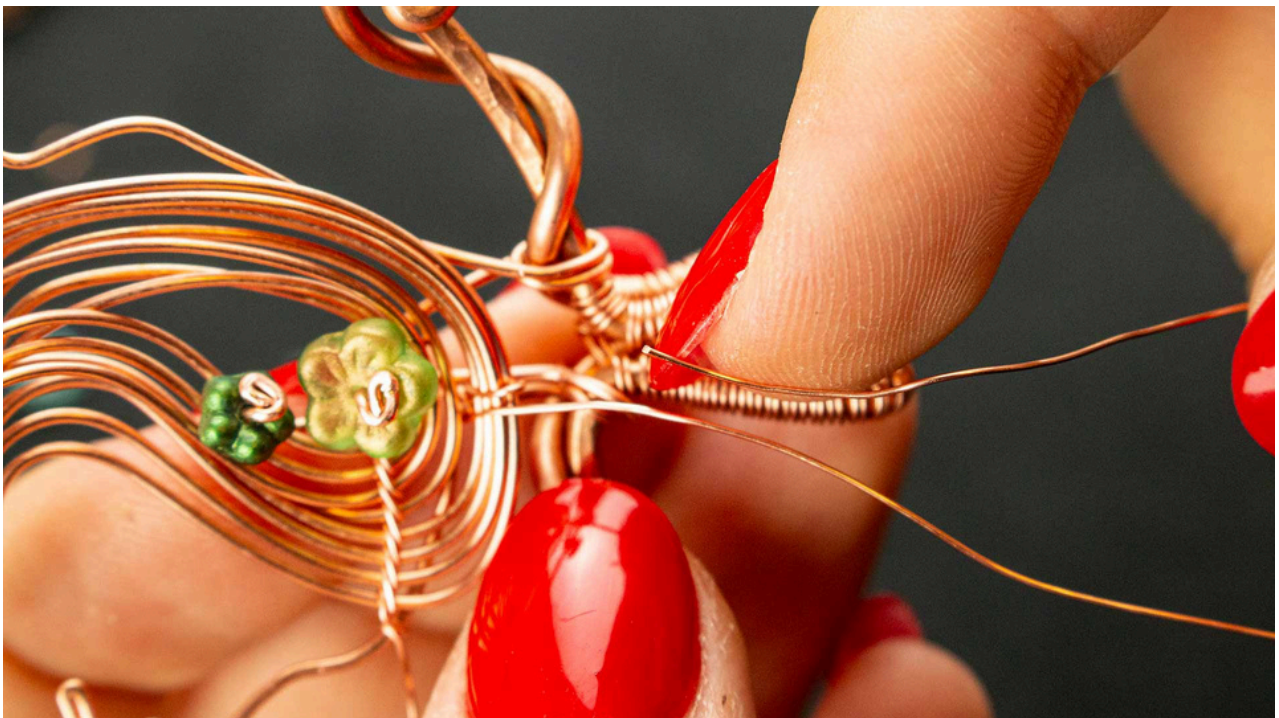
37. Then use the pliers to place it in the appropriate place.



38. Continue decorating the hair and attaching it to the lower end of the hoop.



39. This looks like the whole job with all the ends of the hair attached to the hoop wire. In the picture you can also see the termination of the second upper wire from the profile of the flower in the hair at the top of the head.



40. Here in detail too. Now use the remaining end of the thin wire to sew the hair.



41. Finish it off like this and cut it off.



42. Hide the end in the weave and secure with pliers.



43. And the sign of the twins is finished.



44. In these pictures you can see several variations of the sign. The one you have just finished is simple, but the sign can be completed with a second layer of hair, see the other two variations. For the second layer of hair, use 5 wires 20 cm long and a thin wire for stitching. Follow the same procedure as for the first layer of hair.



conclusion

Have you created your Gemini? Show off and share them in the Facebook group Wire Art Academy :-). You'll also find plenty of other inspiration from fellow wire enthusiasts!



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