

Aquarius



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introduction

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Aquarius, an air sign ruled by Uranus, is known for its independent and innovative nature. Individuals born under this sign, between January 20 and February 18, are often characterized by their humanitarian ideals, intellectual curiosity, and a love for unconventional ideas. With a penchant for originality, Aquarians bring a refreshing and forward-thinking energy to any endeavor.

PART 1: AMPHORA

materials

- Copper wire [0.8 mm \(20 ga\)](#) and [0.4 mm \(26 ga\)](#).
- Pliers: [flat-nose](#), [side cutters](#)
- Cut beads 3 mm (0.12 in) in diameter

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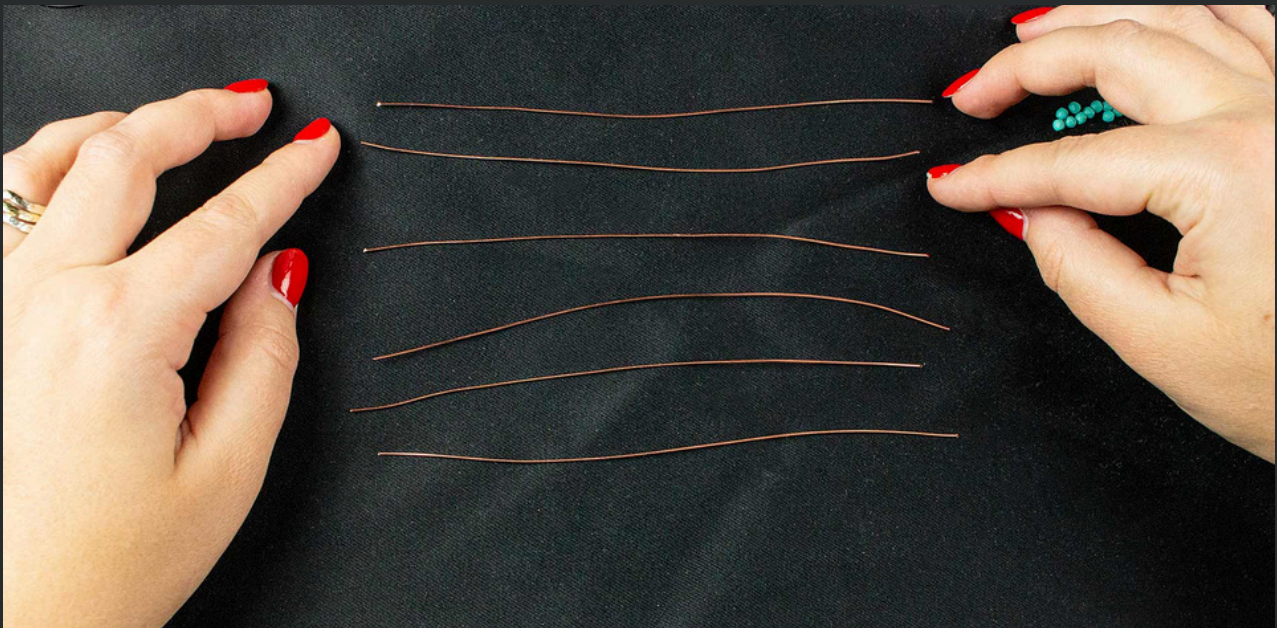
instructions



1. Prepare your tools, wire and beads.



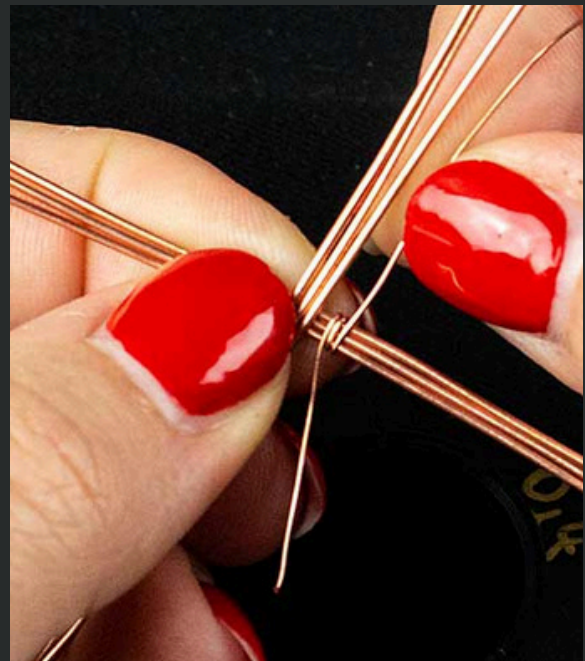
2. Measure 6 pieces of the thick wire 0.8 mm (20 ga), each 15 cm (6 in) long.



3. Lay all of them out in front of you.



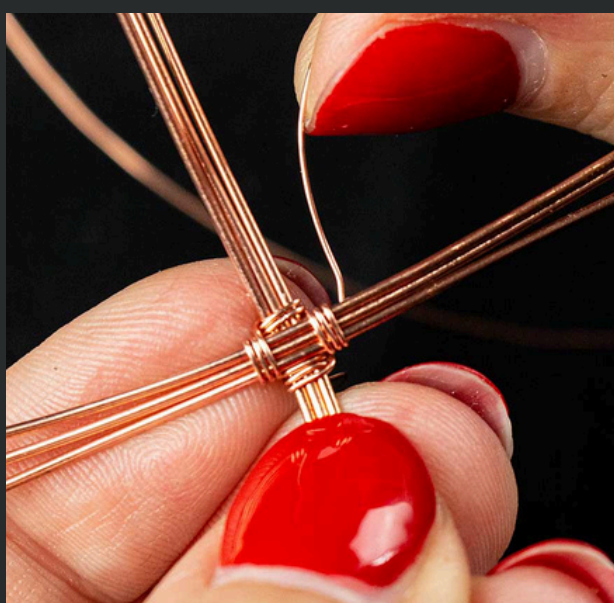
4. Now take three and three pieces of wire and place the two bundles of wire across each other.



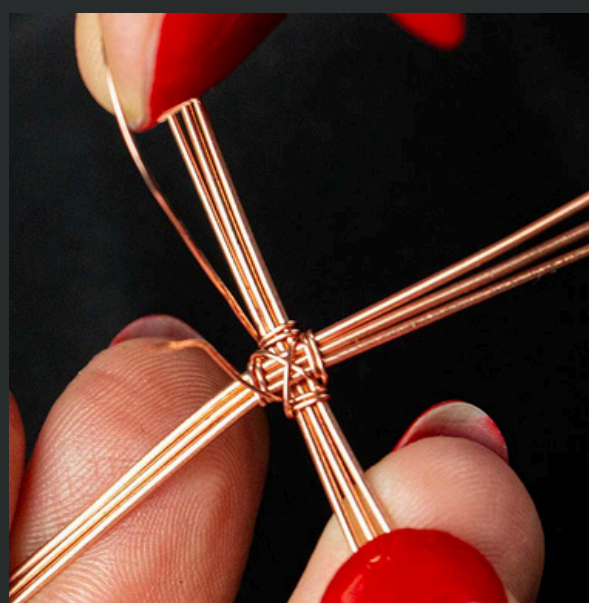
5. Next take the coil with the wire of 0.4 mm (26 ga) and start wrapping it around one bundle of wire at the centre.



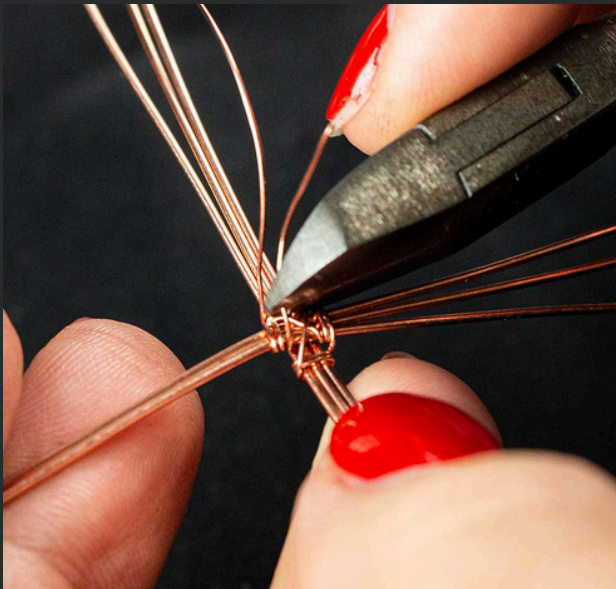
6. Then lead the thin wire over the other bundle of wire and there, wrap it around the first bundle again (see the picture).



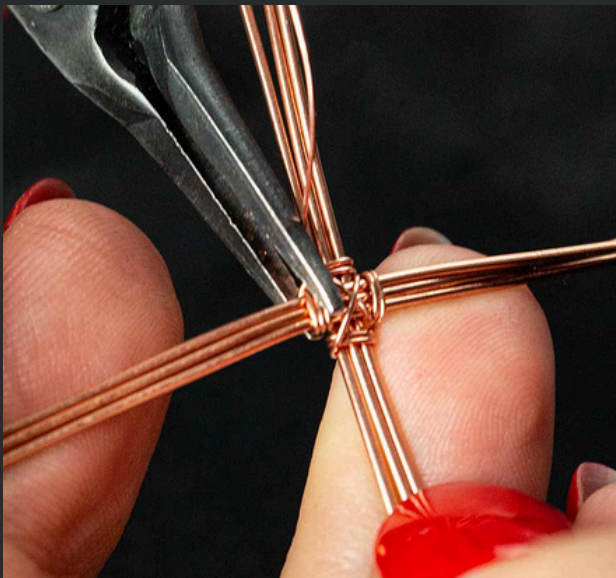
7. Wrap the whole centre of the cross in that way, gradually.



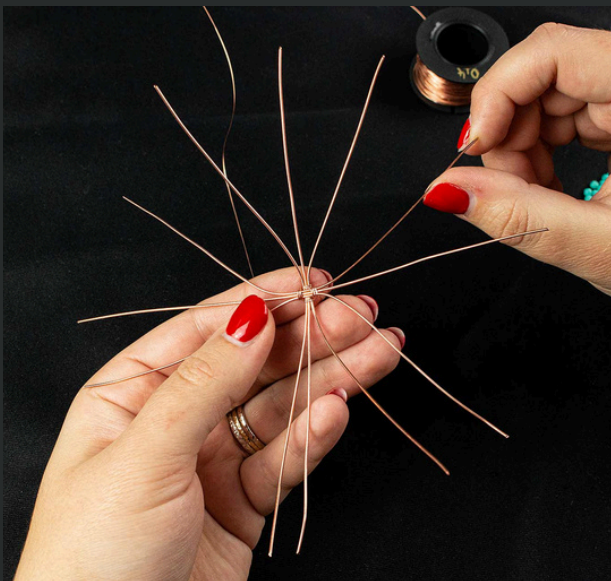
8. Finally wrap the thin wire across the very centre of the cross twice. And the base of the Aquarius's water-pitcher is ready.



9. Cut the beginning of the thin wire sticking out.



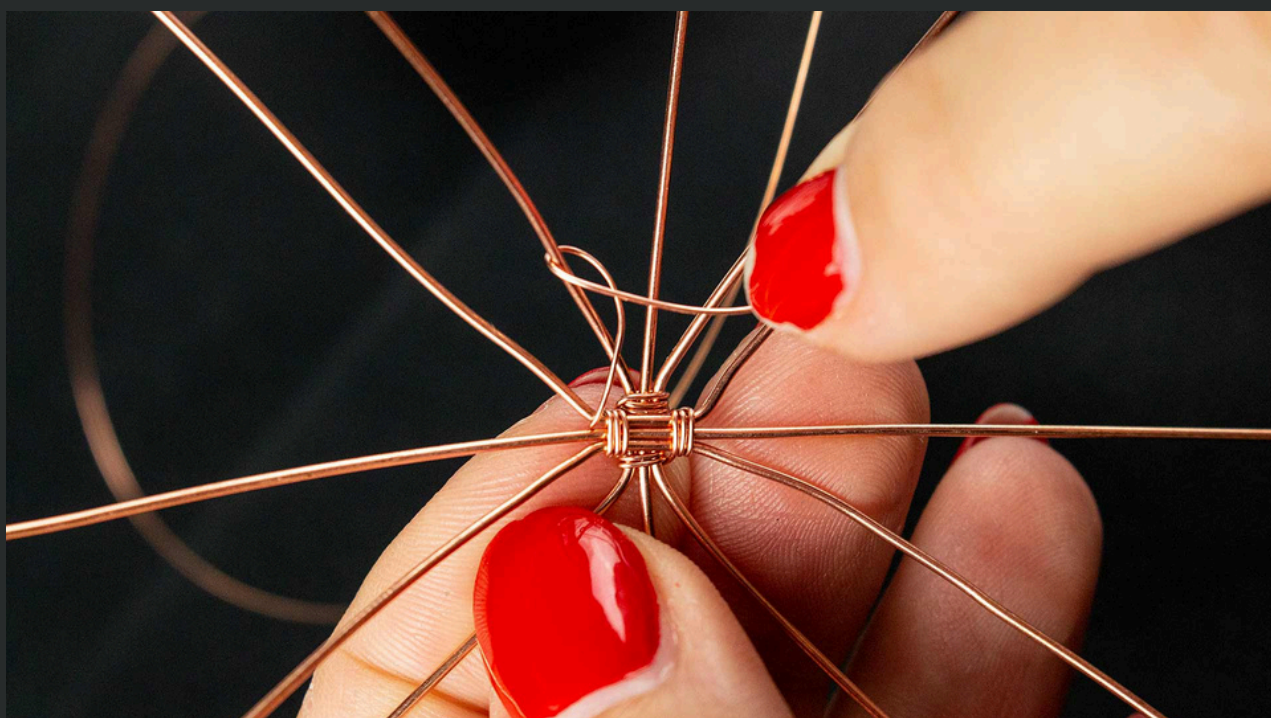
10. Hide it within the wrapping and press it with the pliers to finish it.



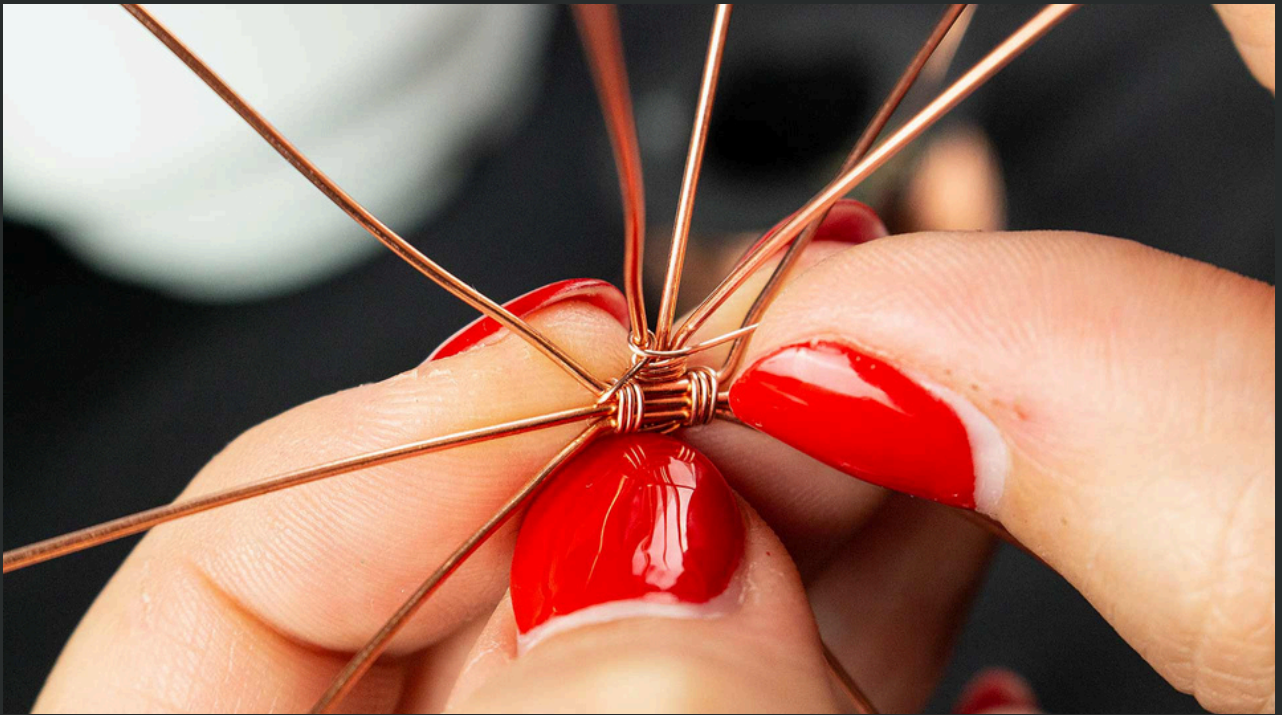
11. Then spread the individual pieces of wire into the shape of a star.



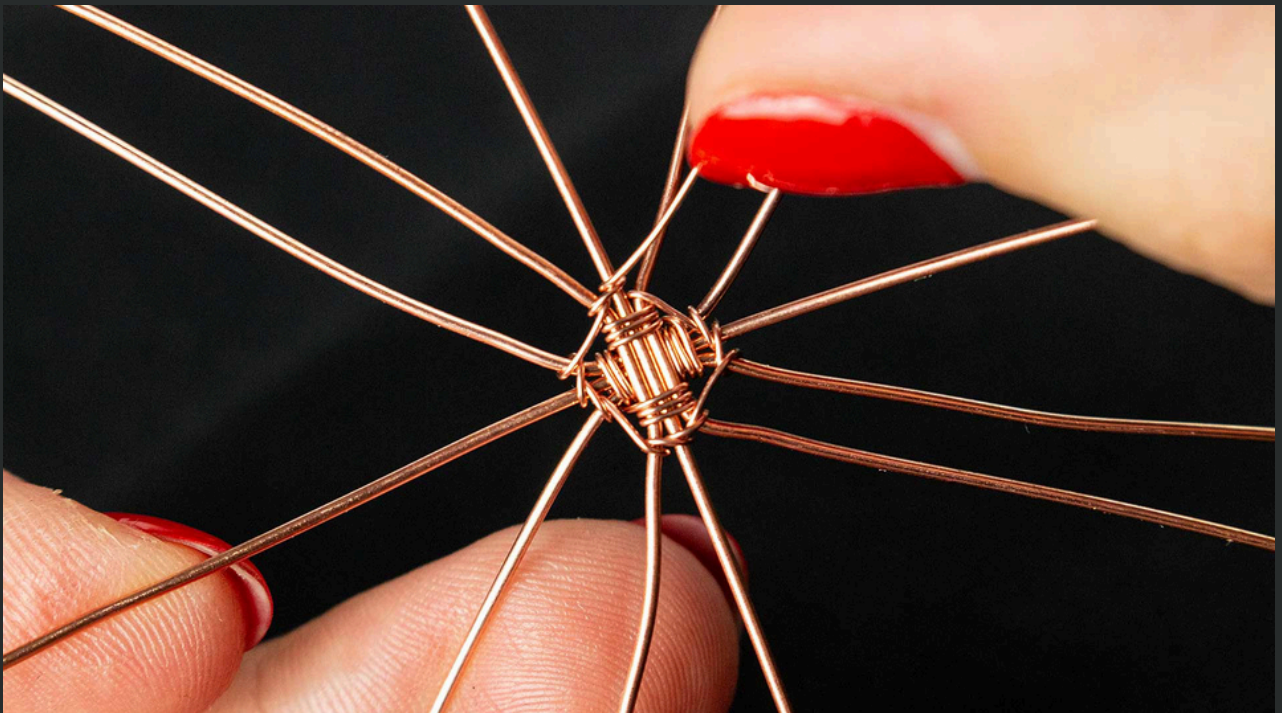
12. Next start wrapping each piece of the thick wire with one loop of the thin wire of 0.4 mm (26 ga).



13. One loop of the thin wire on each piece of the thick wire.



14. And fasten the loop.



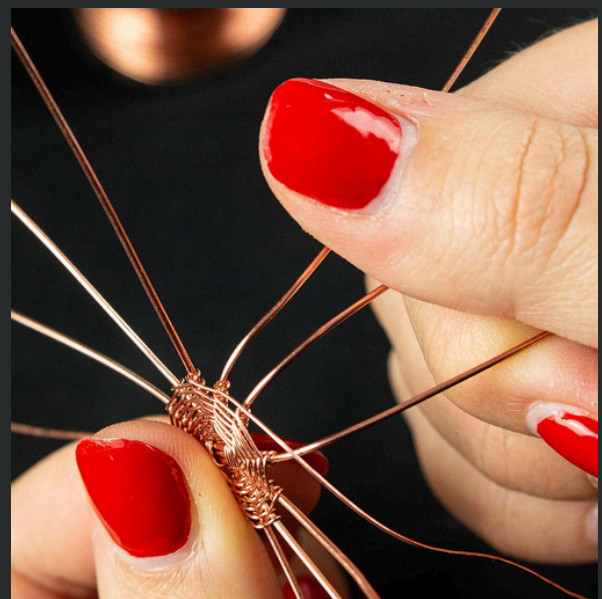
15. Continue in this way. This is what the first row looks like.



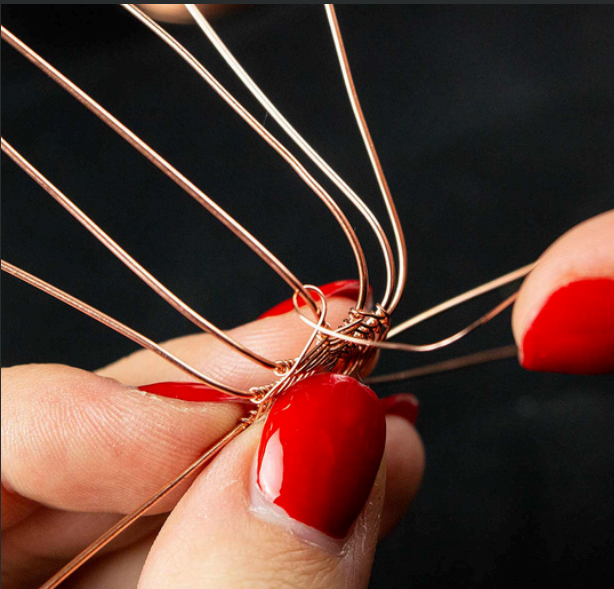
16. And this is what the bottom of the pitcher looks like.



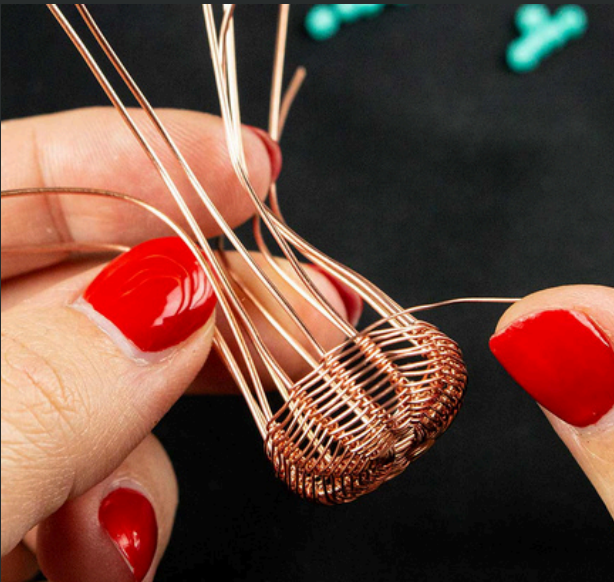
17. Finish it up.



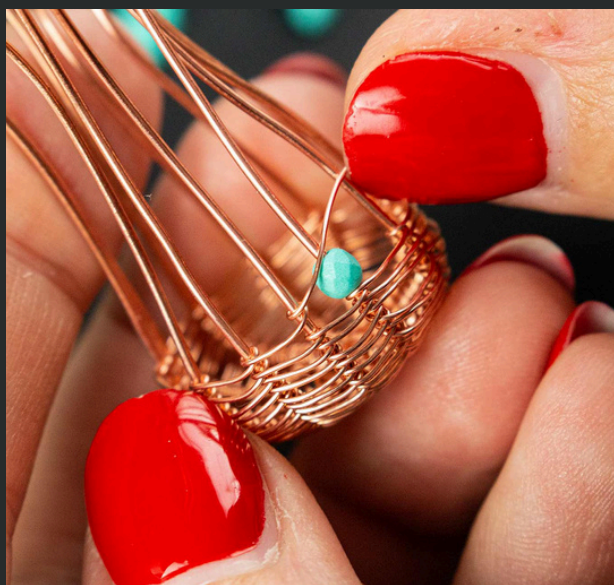
18. Then bend all the pieces of wire upwards at a right angle.



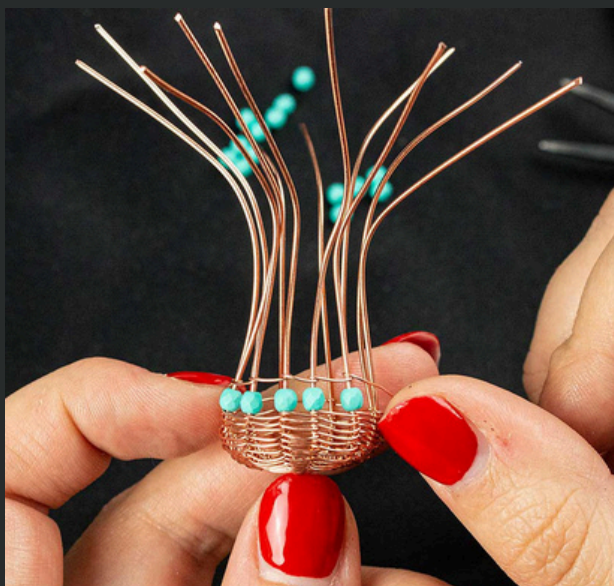
19. And continue wrapping in the same way.



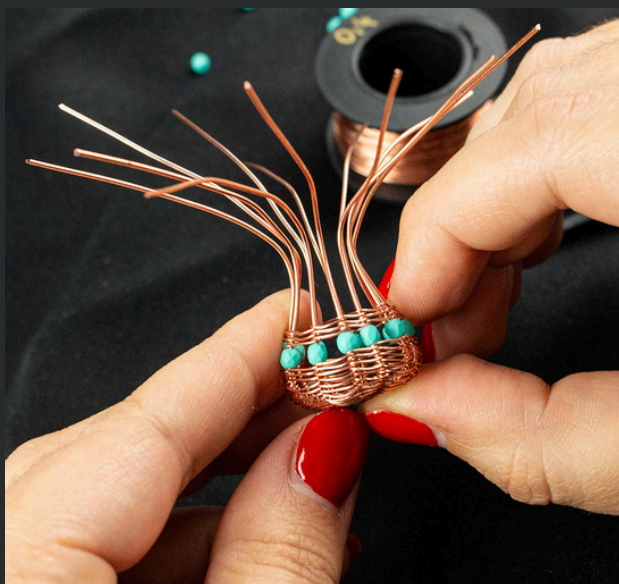
20. The pitcher is slowly growing upwards. During the work, bend the pieces of wire slightly inwards to form the right shape of a pitcher.



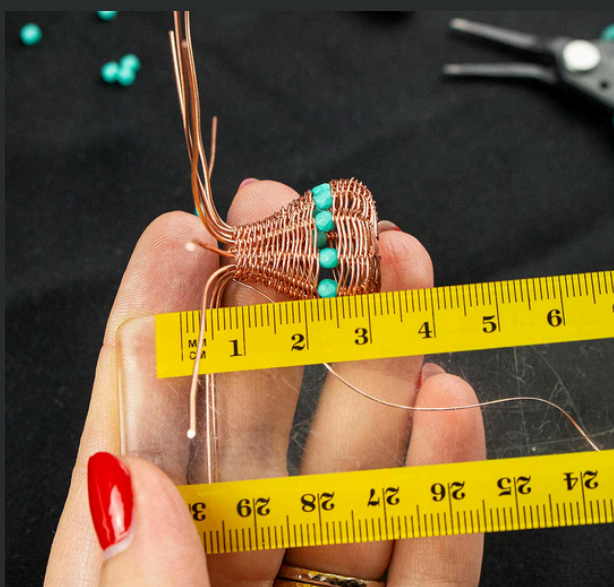
21. When the bottom of the pitcher looks like a small bowl, finish the row and string the first bead onto one of the thick pieces of wire. Lead the thin wire above the bead and wrap again, in the same way as before.



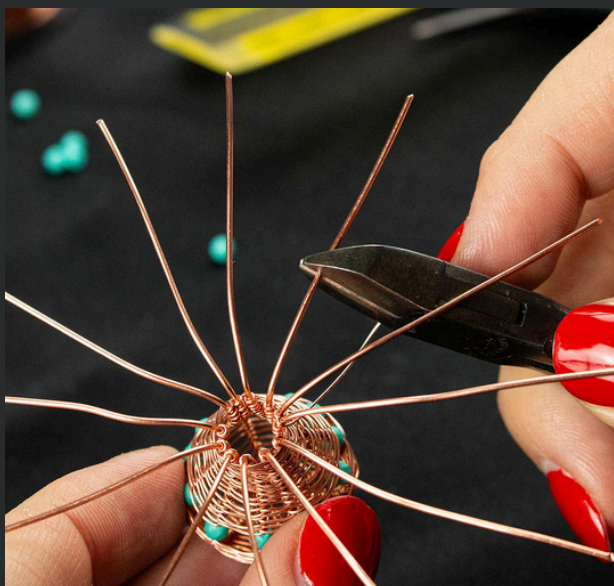
22. Put the beads gradually onto each piece of the thick wire and secure each with a stitch. Then continue wrapping.



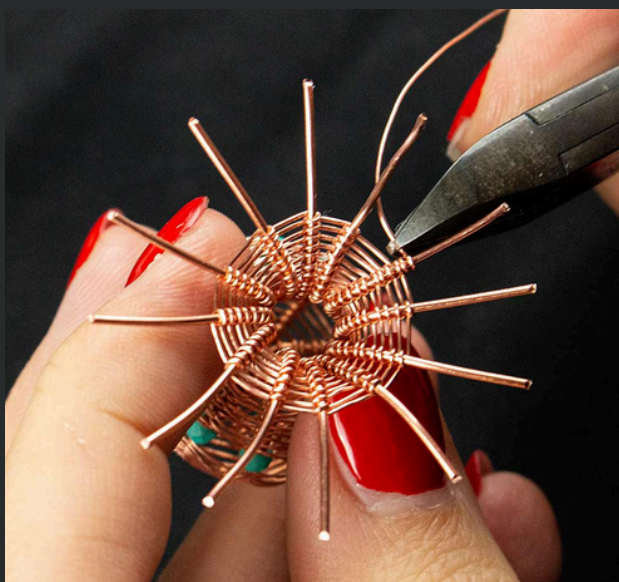
23. During the work, straighten the wrapping if necessary.



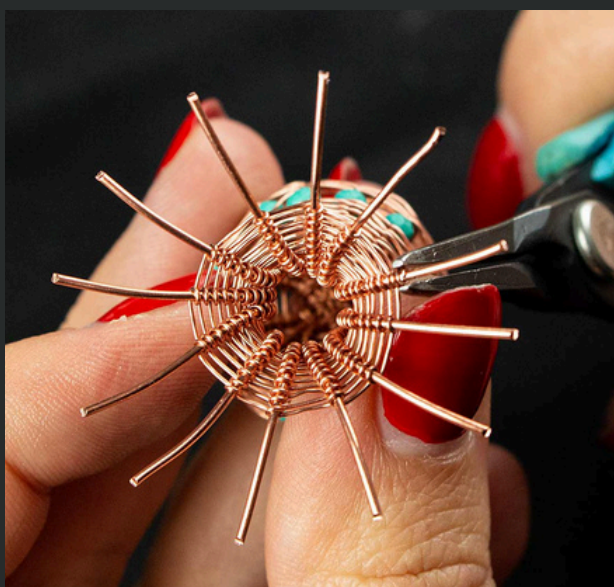
24. When the pitcher looks like a small pear and is about 2.5 cm tall (1 in), bend all the pieces of wire outwards.



25. Cut them, so they are of the same length, but not too short.



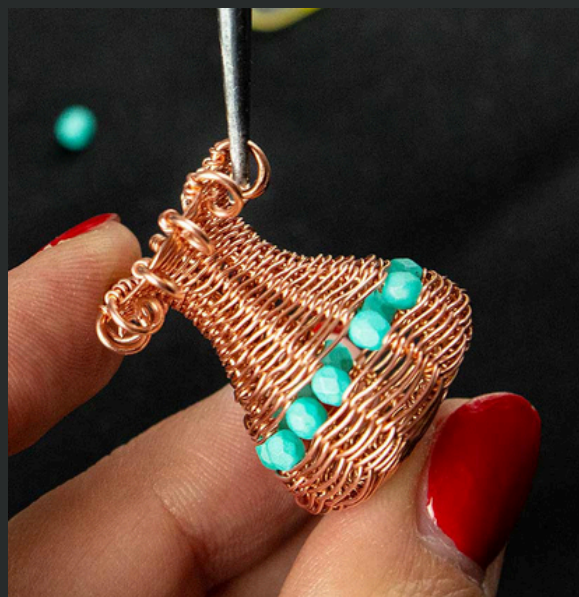
26. Then continue wrapping to form the wide neck of the pitcher. When the neck is wide enough, cut the thin wire off.



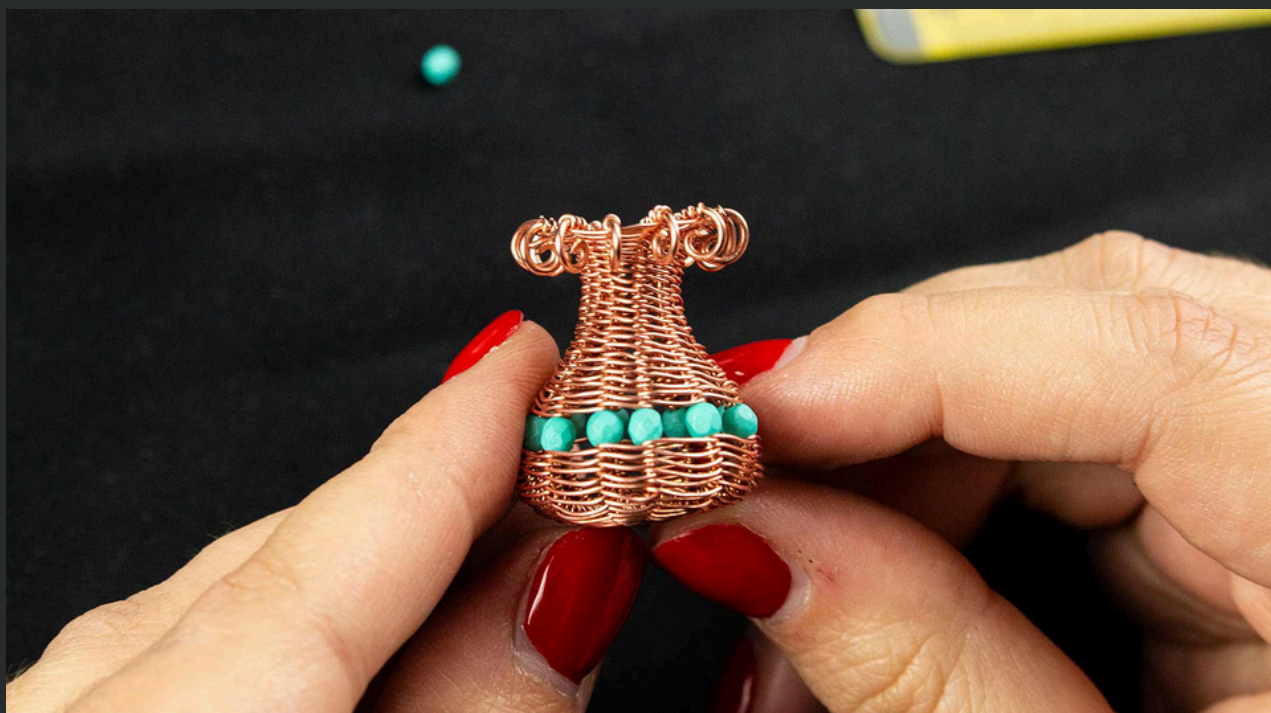
27. Finish its tip with the pliers.



28. Then twist a down-ward spiral from each end of the thick wire.



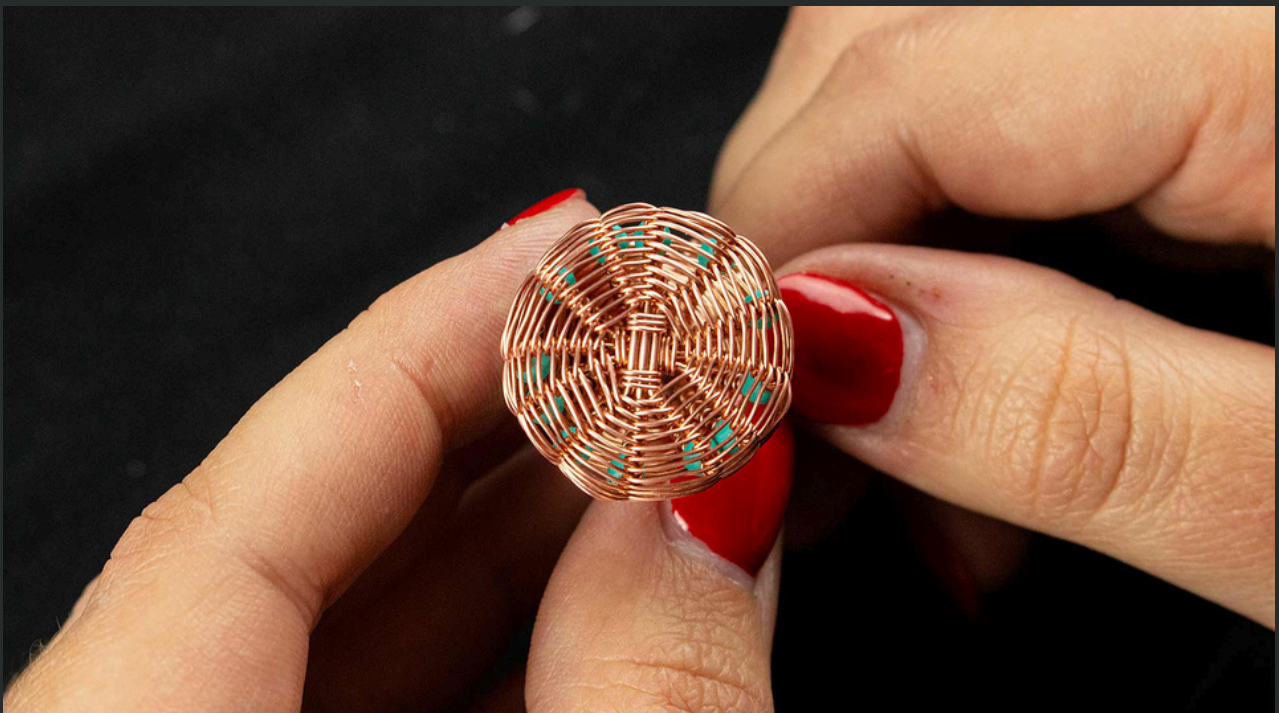
29. Straighten the spirals with pliers.



30. And the Aquarius's water-pitcher is finished.



31. View from above.



32. View from below.



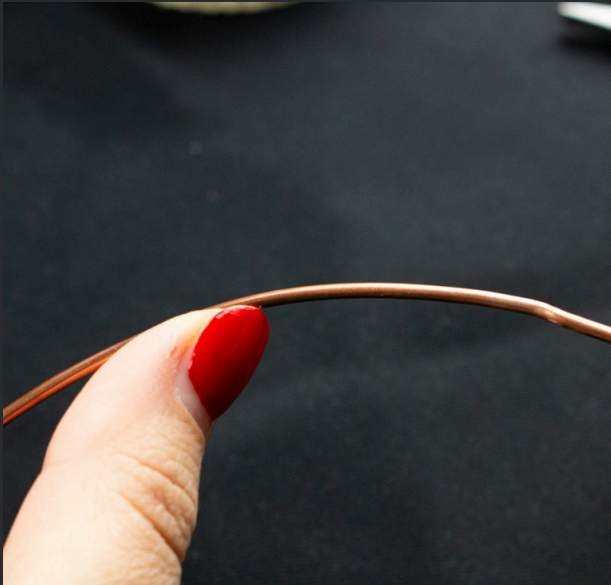
Part 2: Frame

- 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

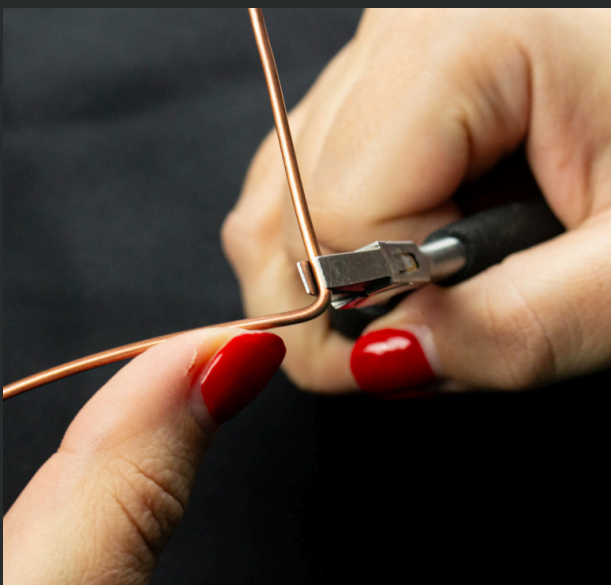
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1. Prepare all the tools and wire. Start with the thick wire 1.2 mm (16 ga), unwind a piece of it and smooth it between your fingers.



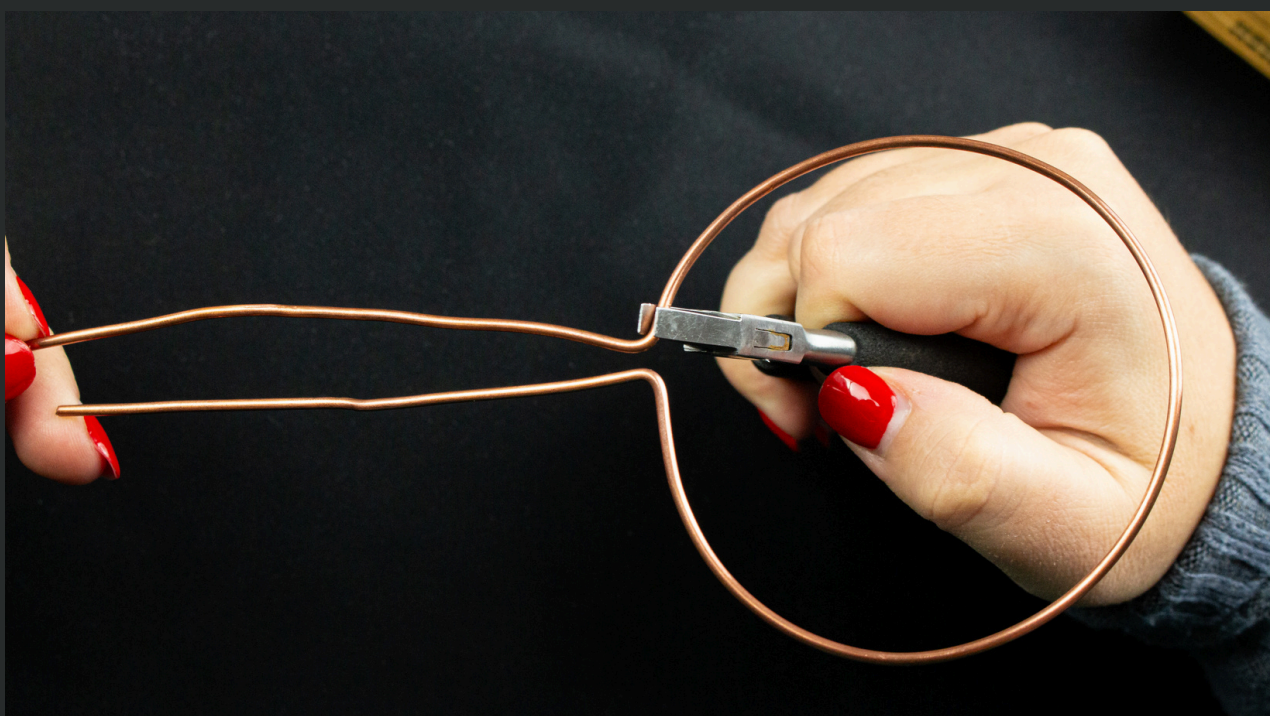
2. Measure 10 cm (4 in) of it.



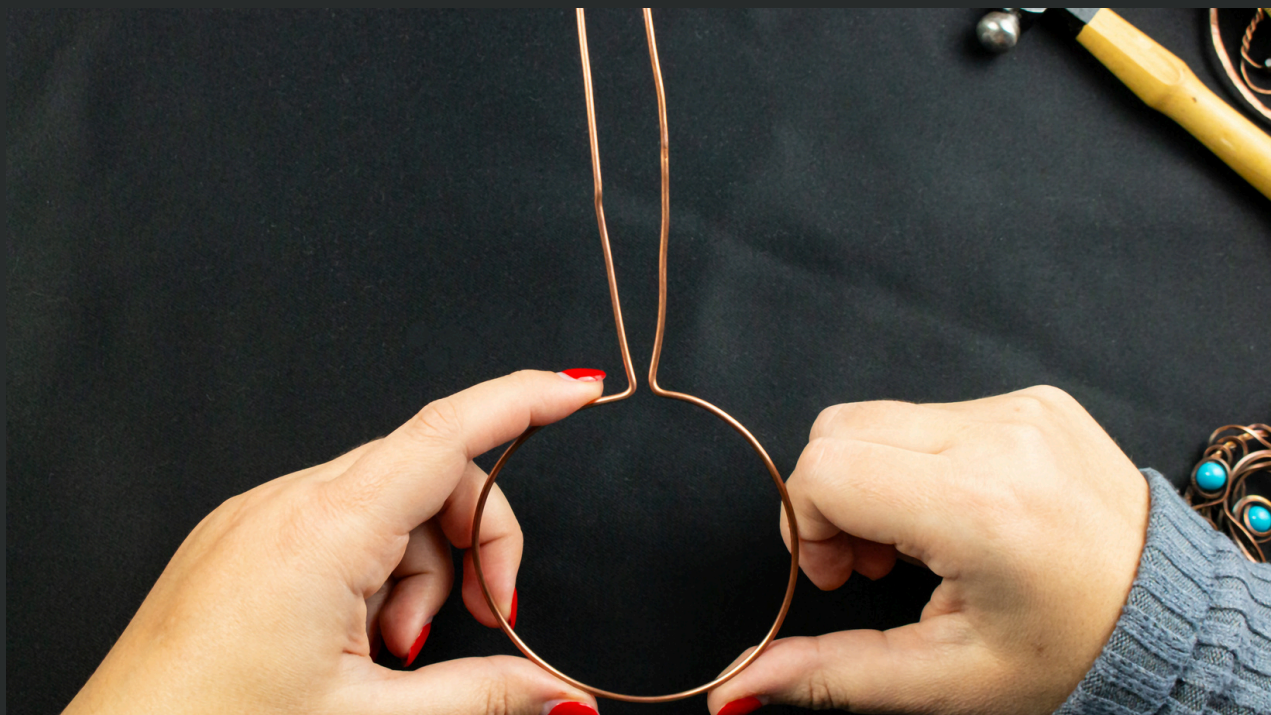
3. There, bend the wire at a right angle.



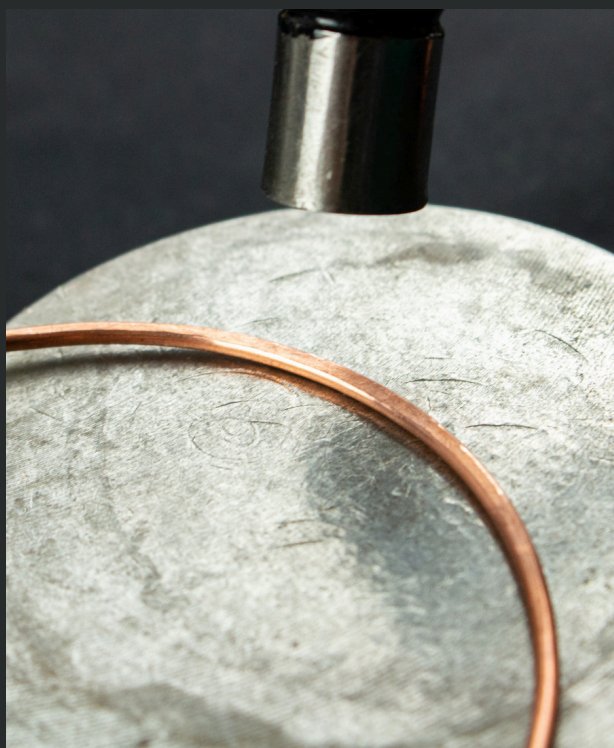
4. Use an object of a suitable diameter, like a mug or a rolling-pin. Bend and shape the wire around it.



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.



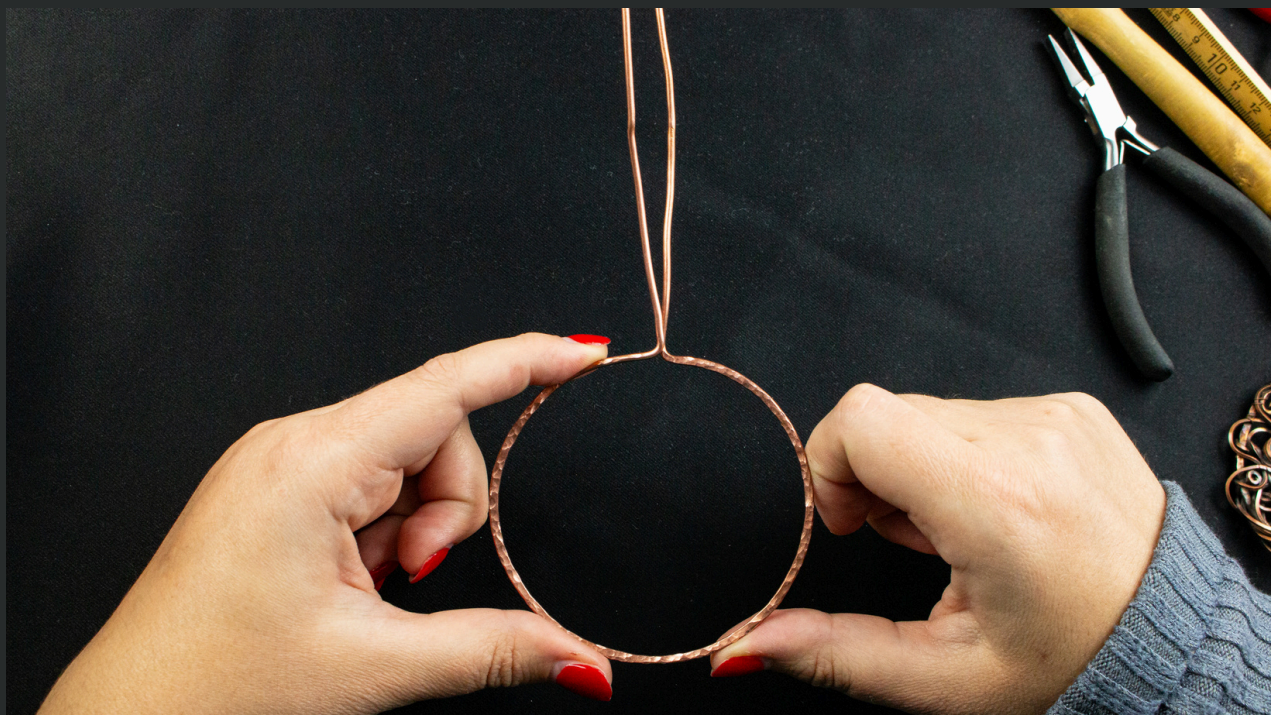
6. This is the final shape of the frame.



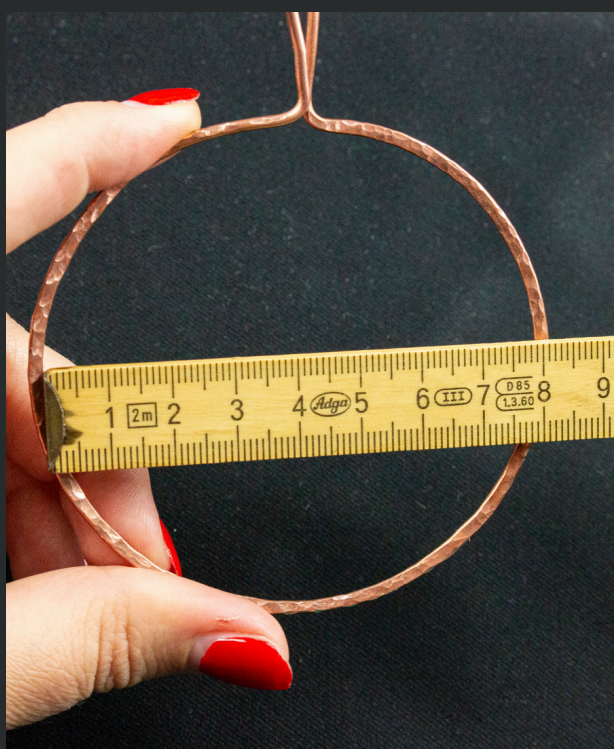
7. Then hammer the loop on the anvil with the flat end of the hammer. Do not hammer the straight ends of the wire.



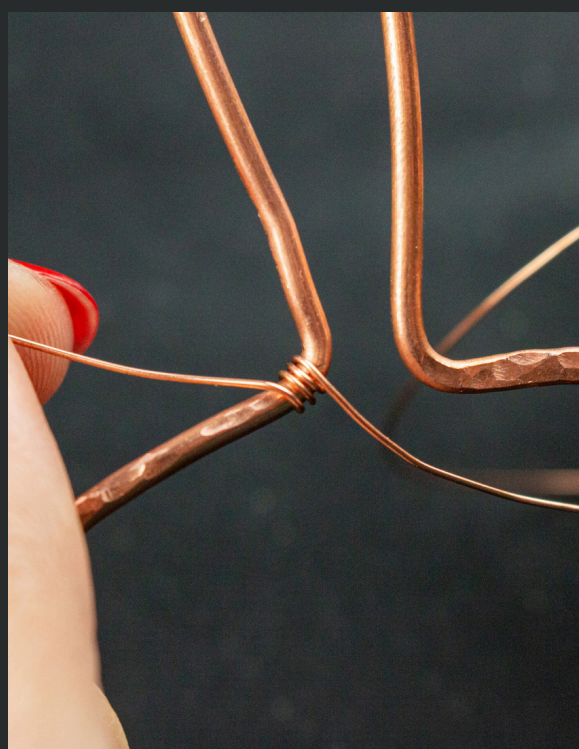
8. When it is done, turn the hammer and use the round end of the hammer to hammer some more to decorate it.



9. This is what the hammered frame looks like.



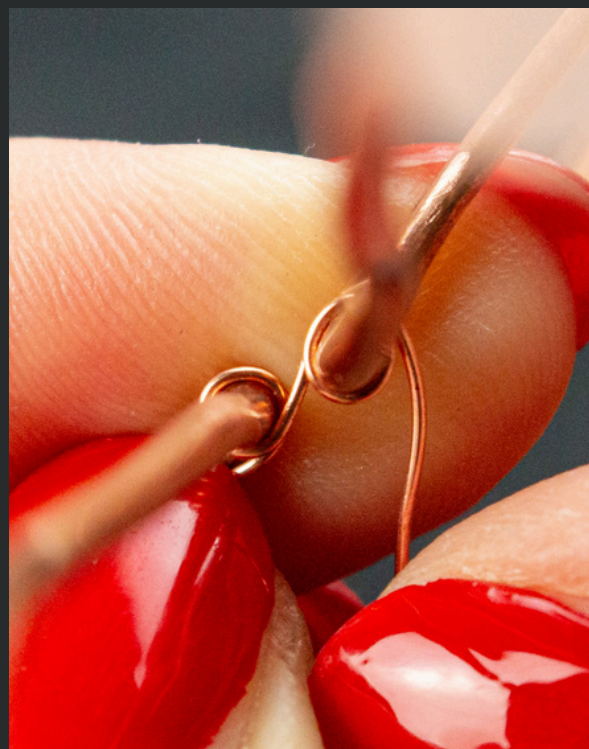
10. The diameter of the frame is approximately 8 cm (3 in).



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.



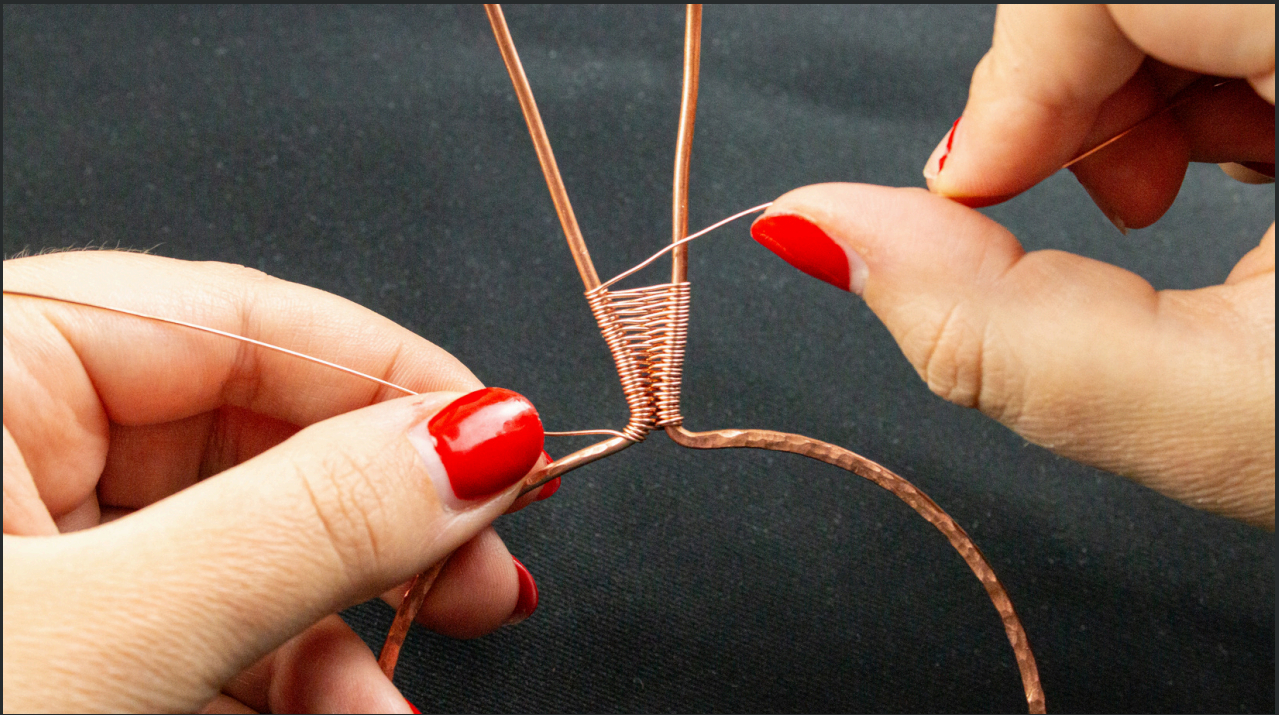
13. Continue in the same way.



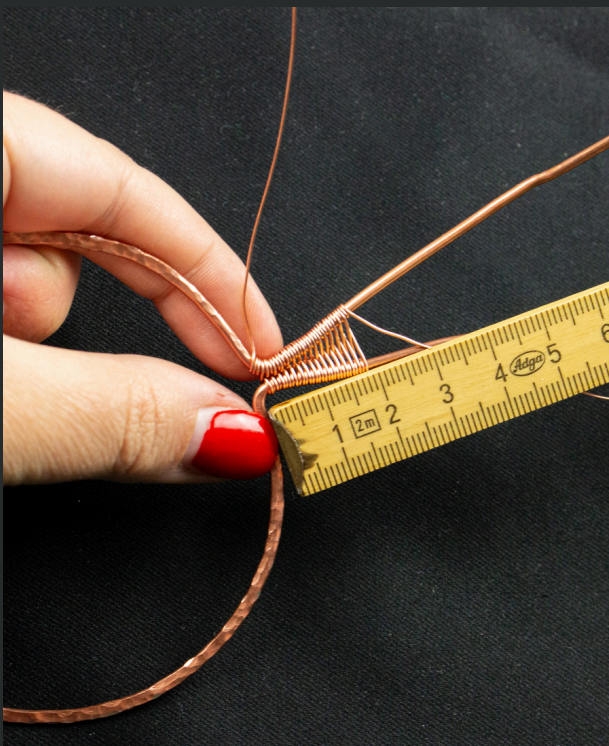
14. And one more loop on each piece of wire.



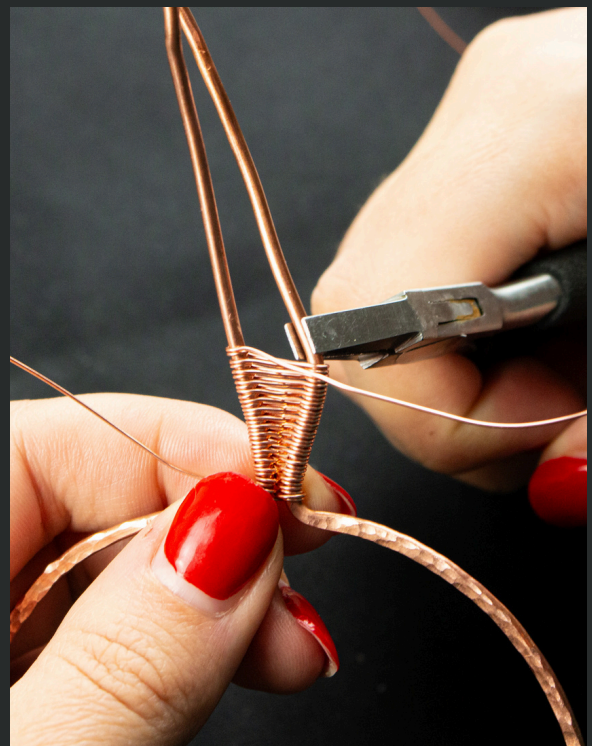
15. This is what your work looks like from the front, the two pieces of wire are spread apart a little bit.



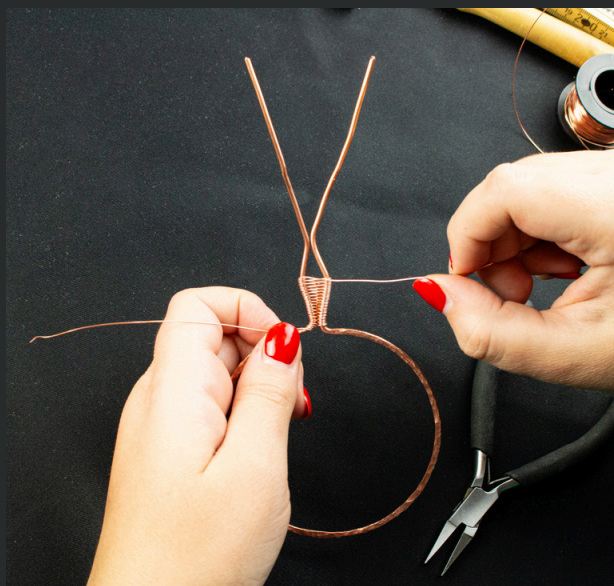
16. Continue wrapping, copy the width of the spread pieces of wire.



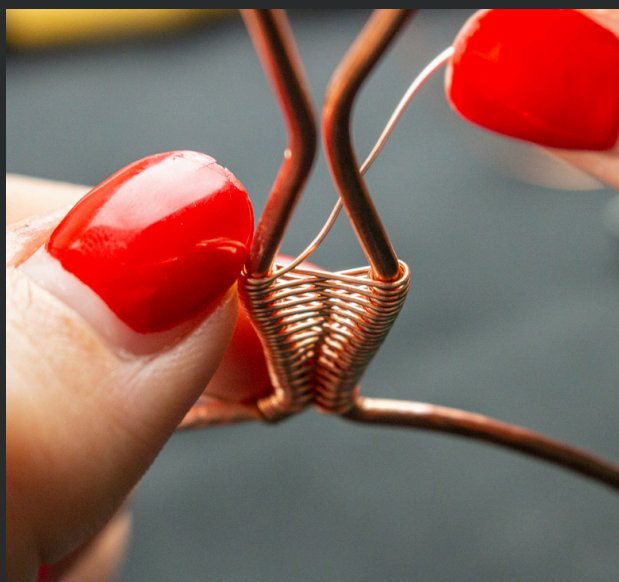
17. When you reach approximately 2 cm (0.8 in), stop.



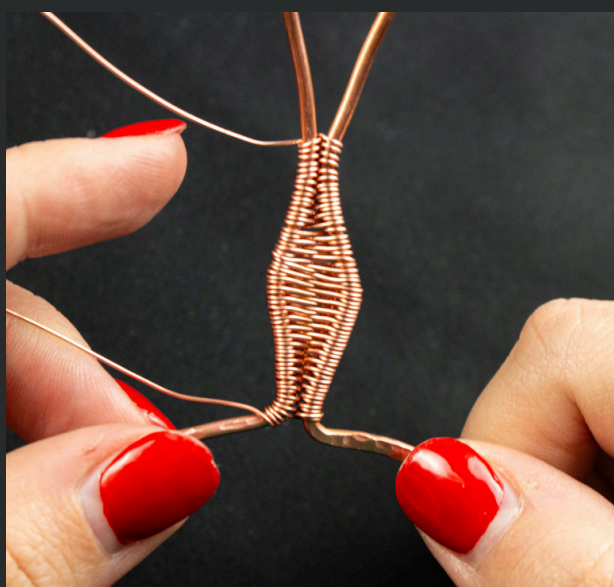
18. Then use the pliers to bend the two pieces of wire a bit closer.



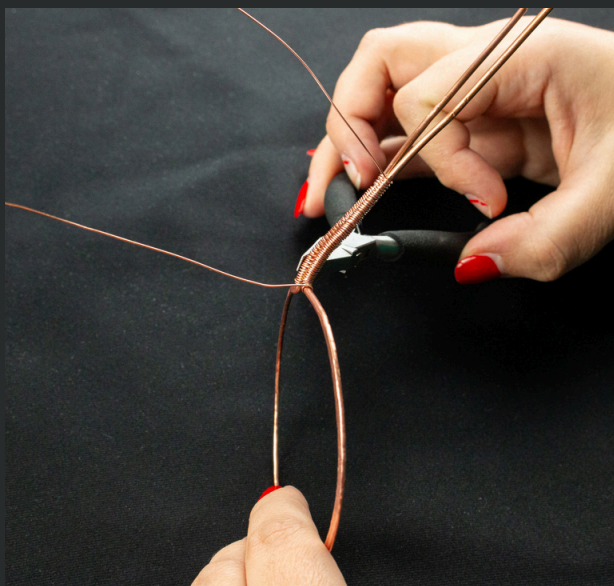
19. Measure 2 cm (0.8 in) and bend them a bit apart again. This is what the final shape of the large loop used to hang the pendant looks like.



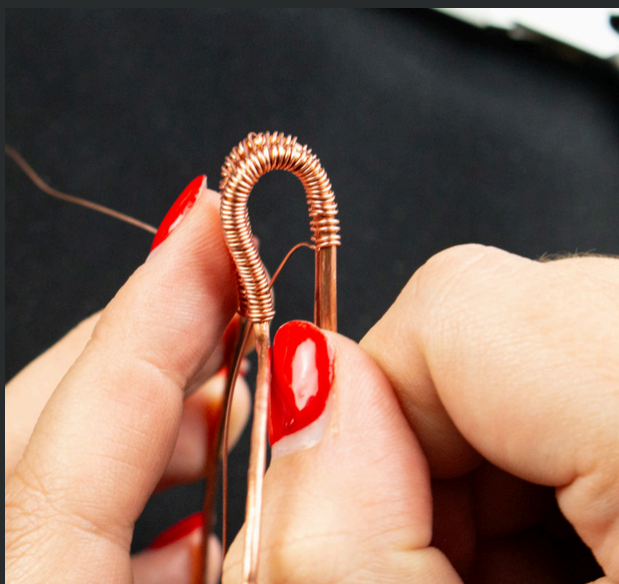
20. Then continue wrapping both parts of the loop in the same way as before.



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.



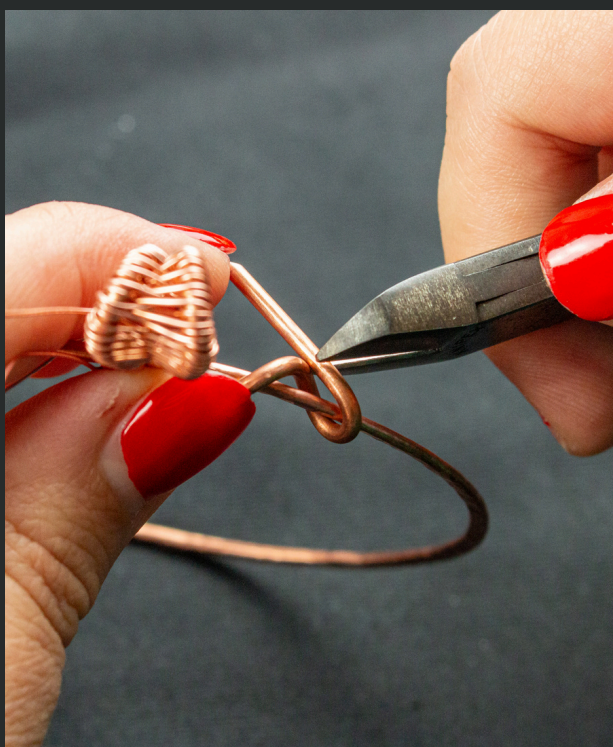
24. This is what the fully formed loop looks like. Both ends of the thick wire are spread apart behind the loop.



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



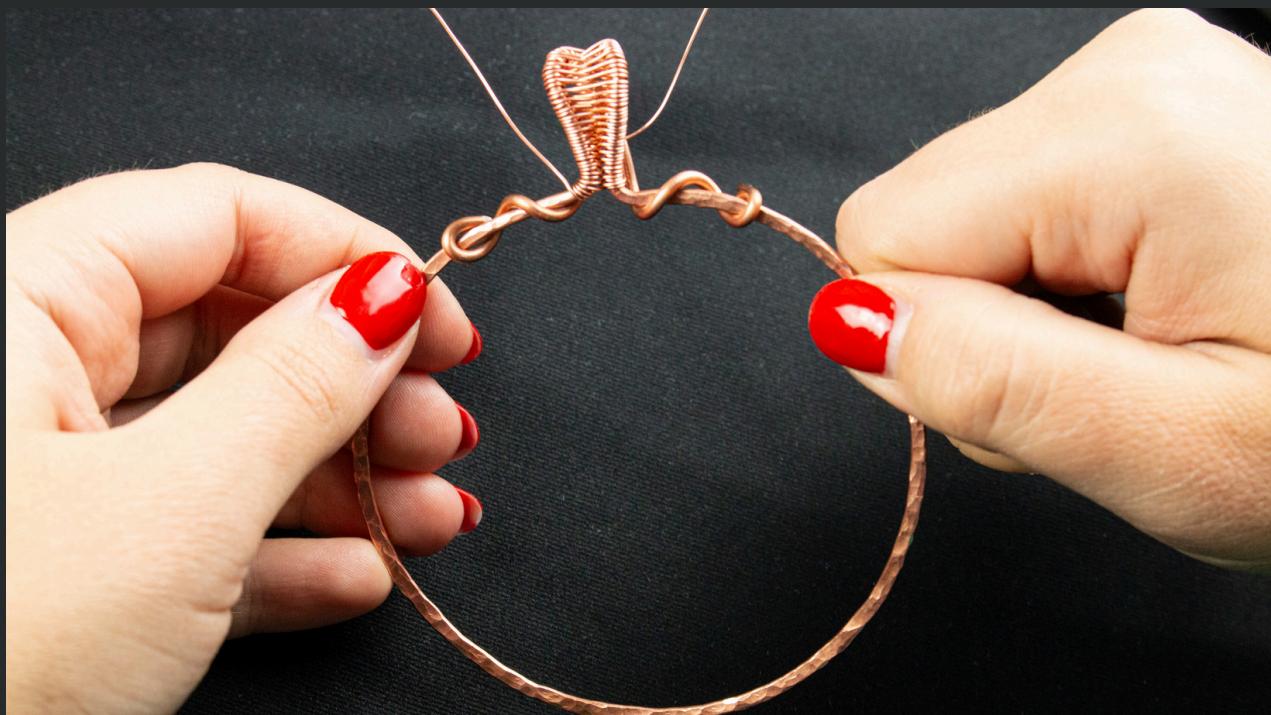
26. Then wrap it twice around the frame.



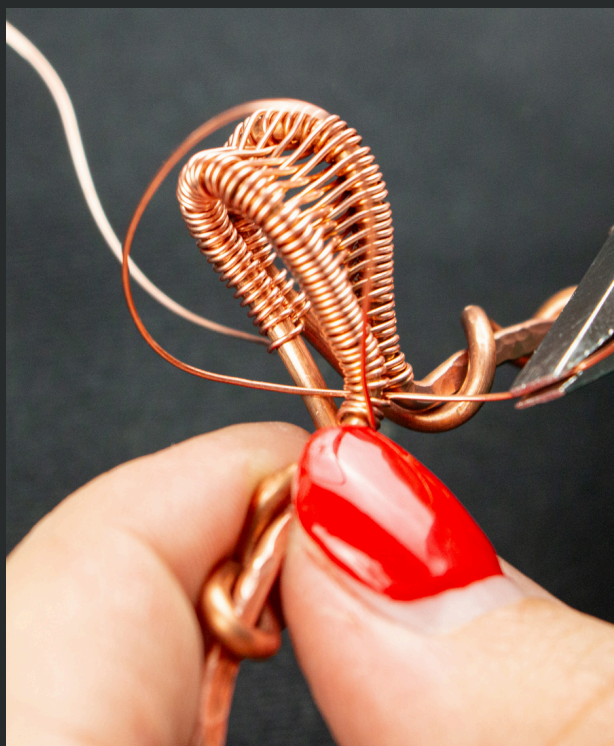
27. Bend it backwards and cut.



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 3: Completion

materials

- [Square copper wire 1 mm \(18 ga\).](#)
- Pliers: [flat-nose](#), chain-nose, [side cutters](#)
- Beads 1.0 cm (0.4 in) in diameter
- Finished amphora and frame

instructions



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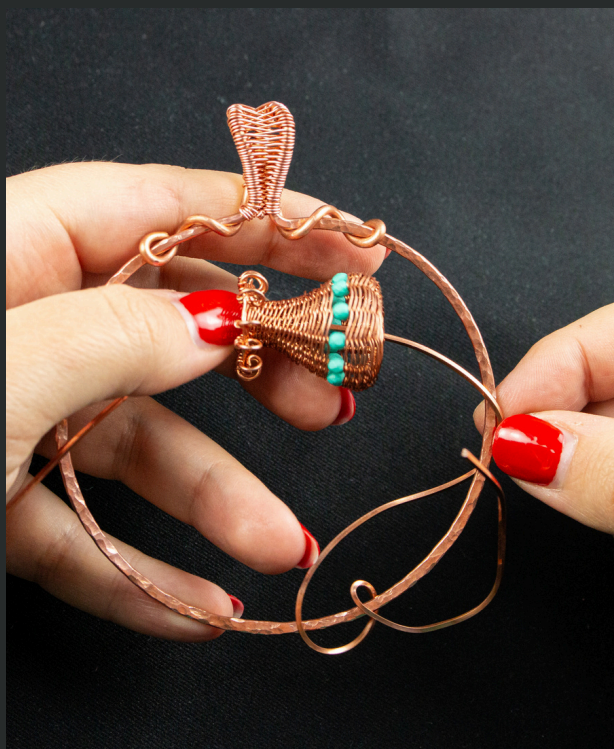
2. Measure several pieces (as many waves as you want, depends on your preferences) of the wire, each 40 cm (15-16 in) long .



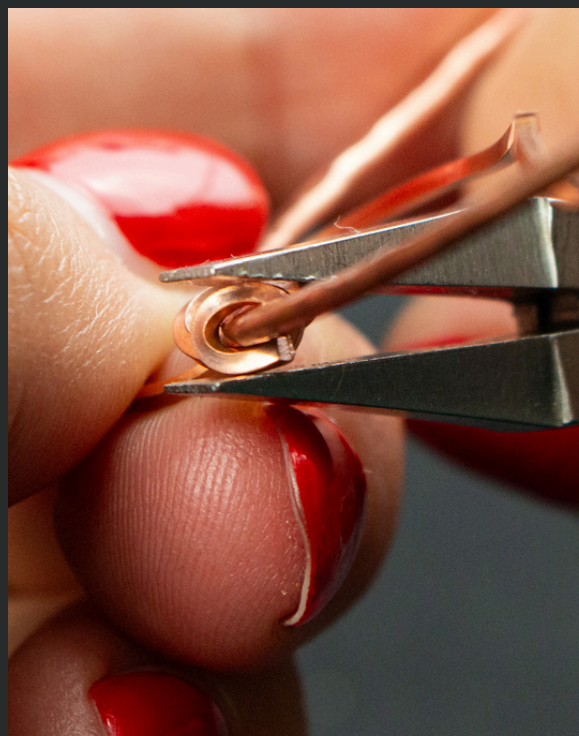
3. Take the first piece of wire and pass it through the bottom of the amphora, so it is placed approximately in the middle of its length.



4. Bend the wire and place the amphora sideways onto the hoop in the upper-right part of it.



5. Wrap the part of the wire under the amphora around the hoop in a decorative way, e. g. like in the picture.



6. Fix the end of the wire onto the hoop tightly with the pliers.



7. String the first bead onto the upper part of the wire above the amphora, leaving it a little bit further from it.



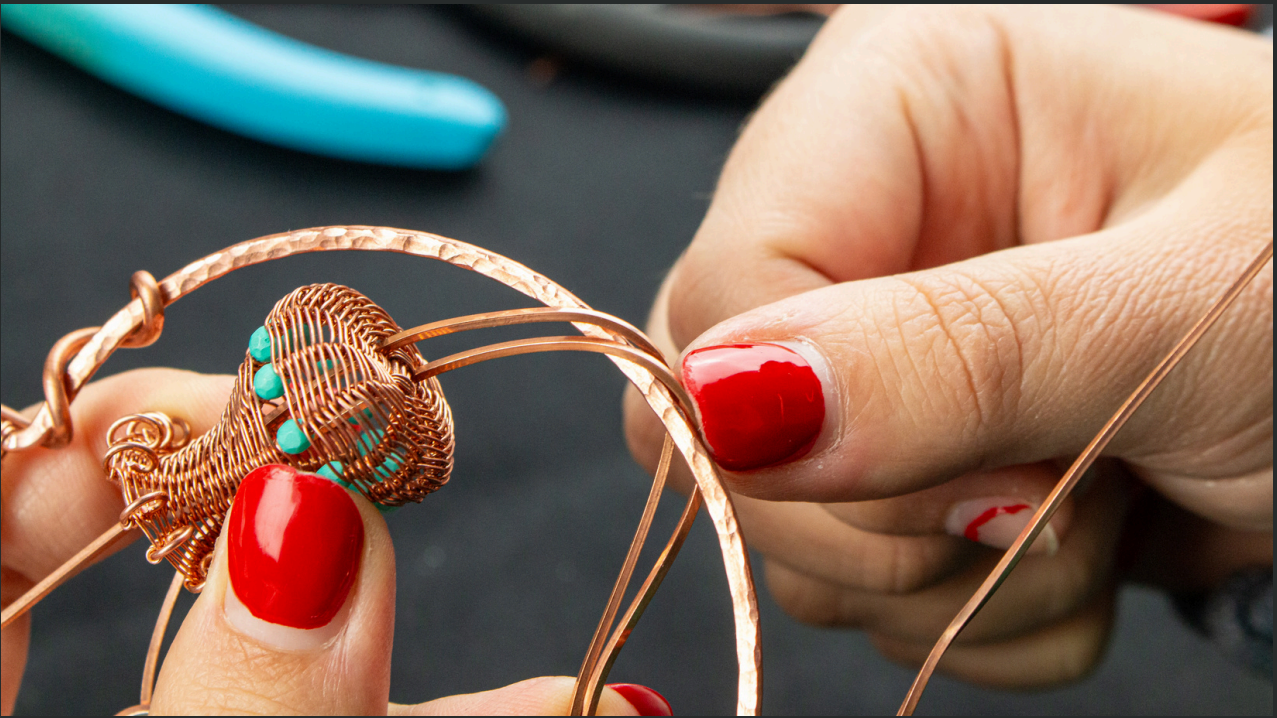
8. Then wrap the wire around the bead, return to the same direction and wrap the wire in a decorative way around the wire of the hoop again. This time finish with a spiral which will fix it onto the hoop.



9. This is what the first strand of water passing through Aquarius's amphora looks like.



10. Now take the second piece of wire and do the same thing. First pass it through the bottom of the amphora, so it is placed approximately in the middle of it.



11. Wrap the part of the wire under the amphora around the hoop in a decorative way again, next to the first piece of wire.



12. Form a couple of loops around the wire of the hoop and fix it tightly with the last one as before. Lead the other end of the wire onto the left part of the hoop. You can string another bead onto it or you can wrap it onto the hoop in a decorative way without it, in a similar way as before.



13. Then do the same with the other pieces of wire and beads. The result can look for example like this. There you can see four pieces of wire passing through the amphora.



In this picture you can see more pieces of wire passed through the amphora. They flow just like the water flows eternally from the bottomless Aquarius's amphora.



conclusion

Have you created your Aquarius? 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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