

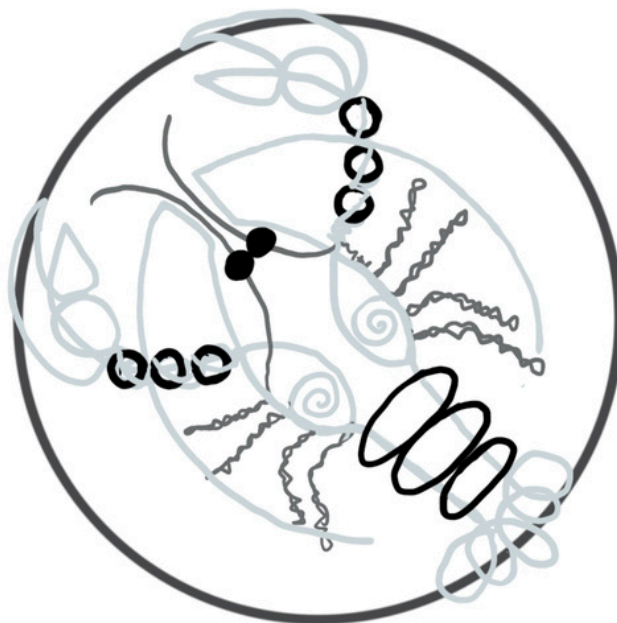
Cancer



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Zodiac signs

CANCER



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introduction

Cancer

The zodiac sign of Cancer is one of the prominent astrological signs and is associated with the period from June 22 to July 22. People born under this sign are often empathetic, nurturing, and intuitive.

Their emotional depth and strong sense of loyalty make them excellent caregivers and trustworthy friends. Individuals born under the Cancer sign are known for their creativity and ability to understand the emotions of others, which provides them with a unique perspective in many areas of life.

With this step-by-step guide, you can create this sign from wire and beads. Your crafting skills will merge with the symbolism of the zodiac, resulting in a unique piece of art.

Part 1: Frame

This frame is same for every of our wire-wrapped Zodiac signs. For the Cancer sign, you can leave a larger loop at the top left when finishing the eye to thread the claw through.

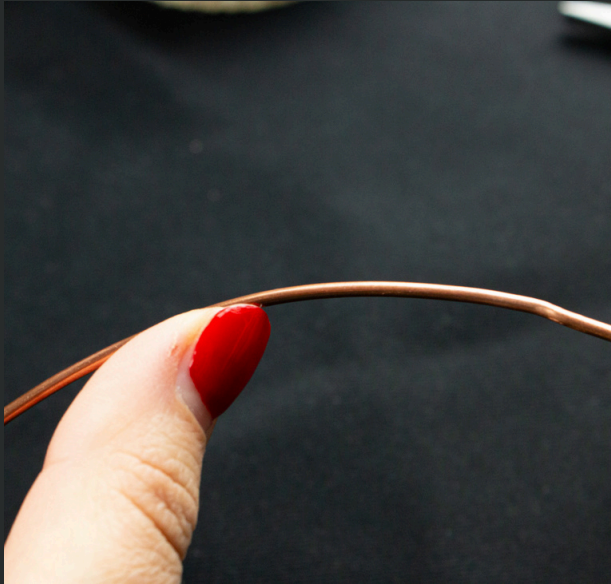
materials

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

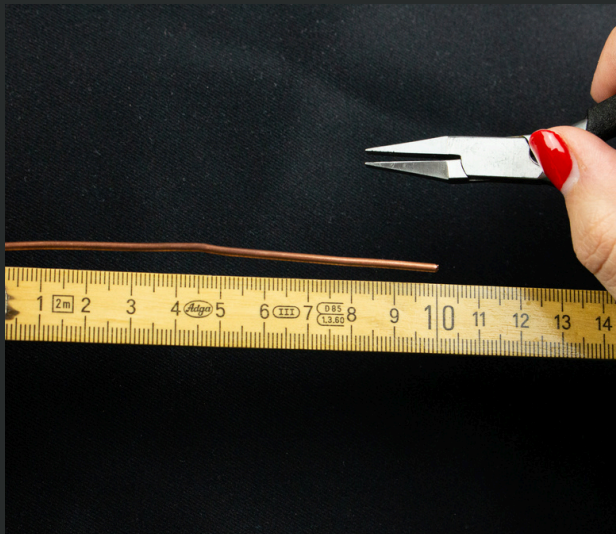
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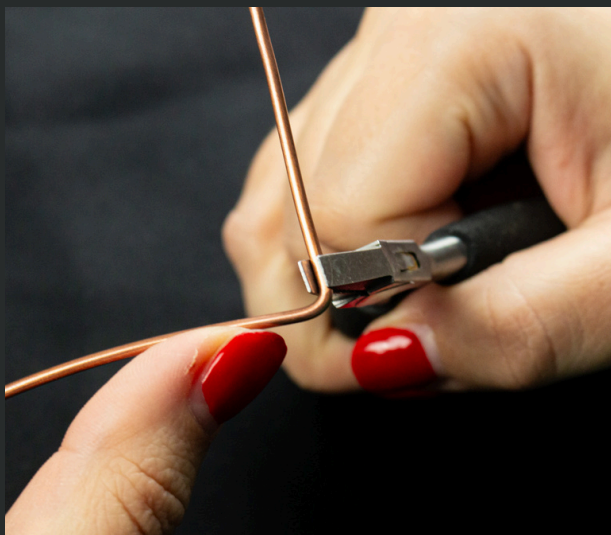
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1. Prepare all the tools and wire. Start with the thick wire 1.2 mm (16 ga), unwind a piece of it and smooth it between your fingers.



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



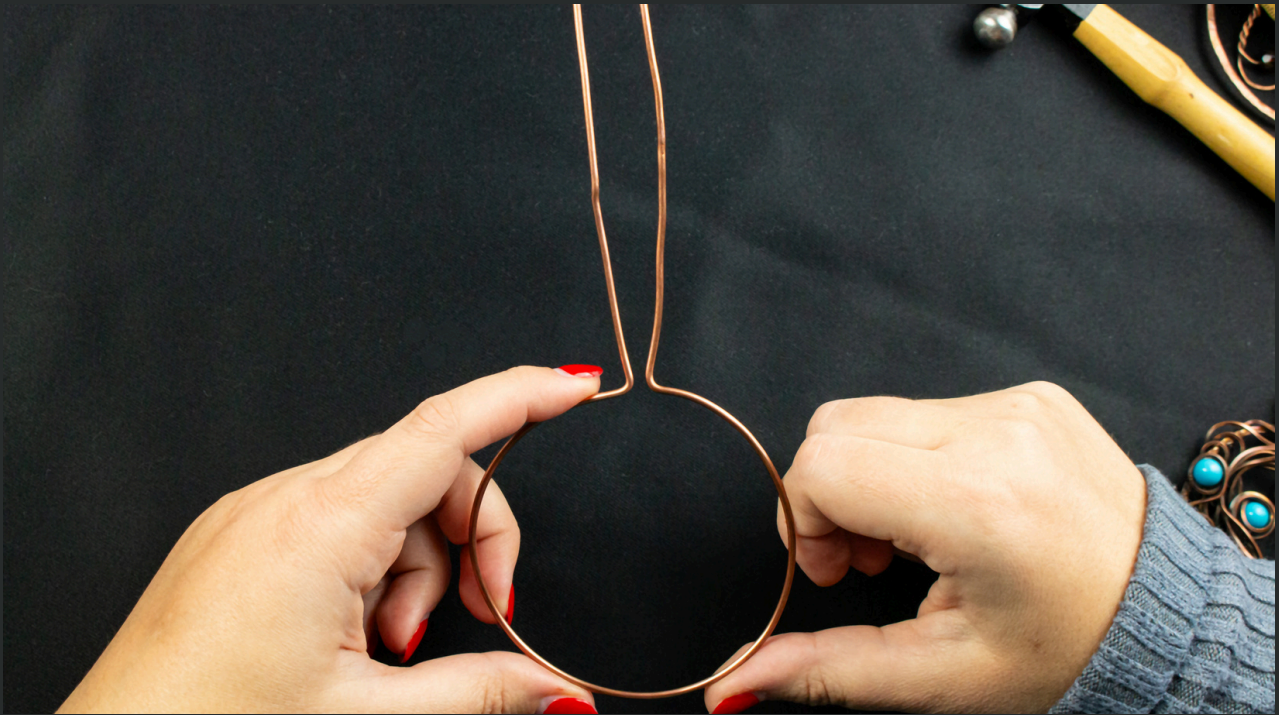
3. There, bend the wire at a right angle.



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



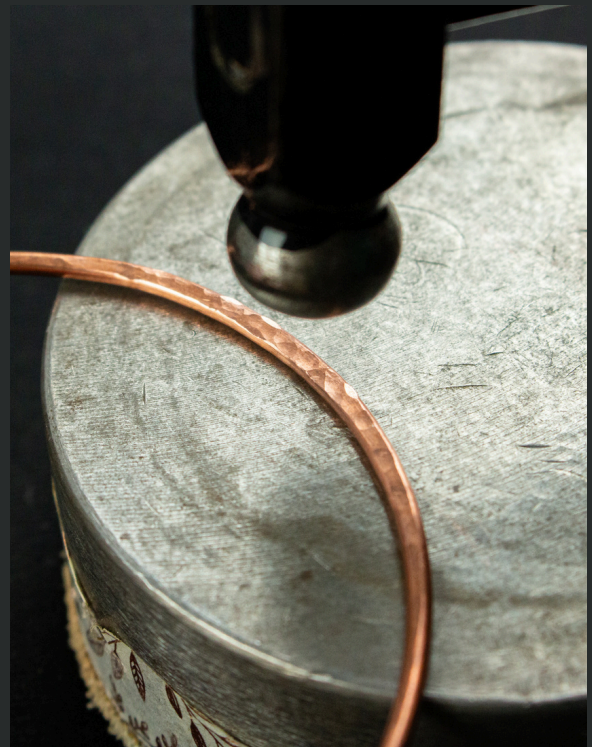
5. At the spot where the wire touches the first bend, bend it at a right angle again, measure 10 cm (4 in) and cut it.



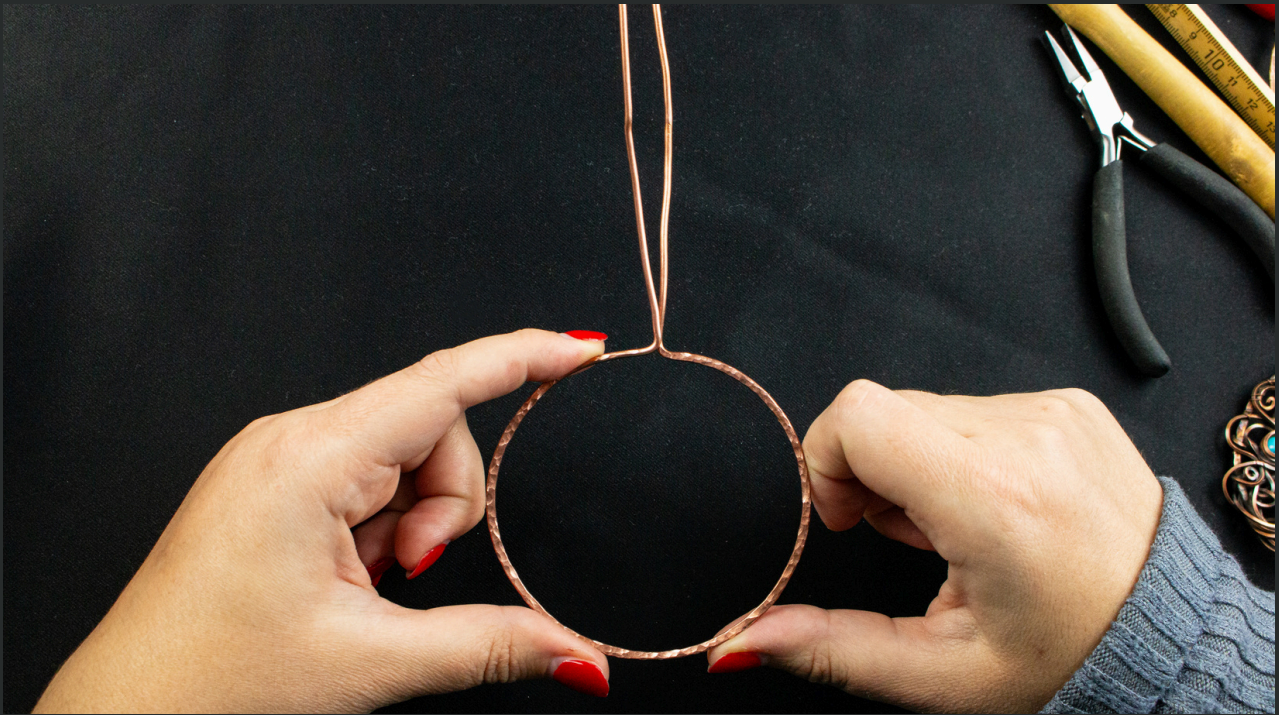
6. This is the final shape of the frame.



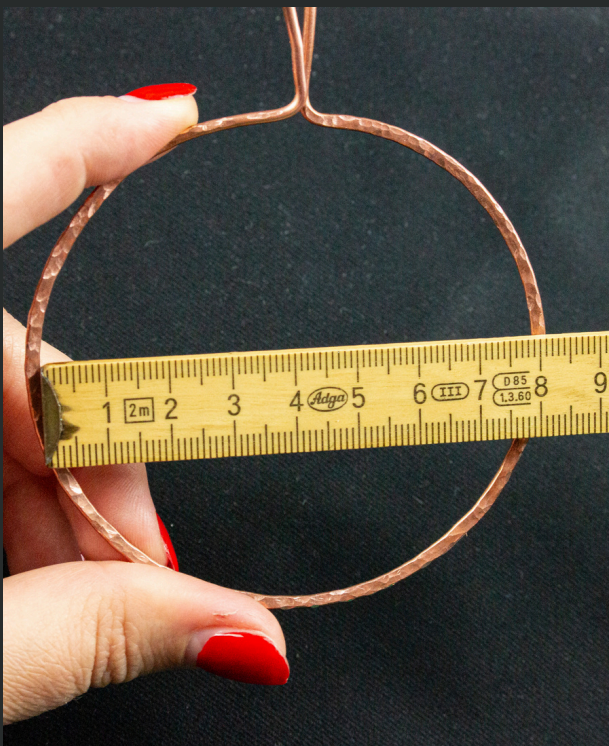
7. Then hammer the loop on the anvil with the flat end of the hammer. Do not hammer the straight ends of the wire.



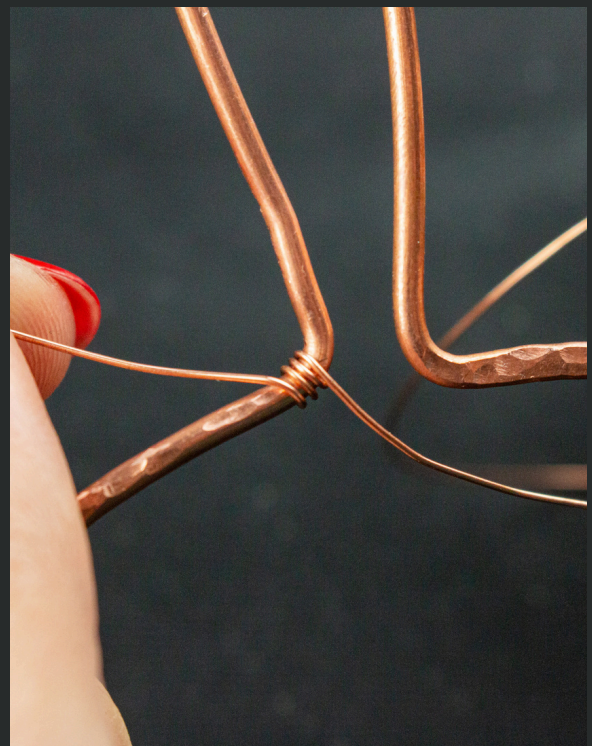
8. When it is done, turn the hammer and use the round end of the hammer some more to decorate it.



9. This is what the hammered frame looks like.



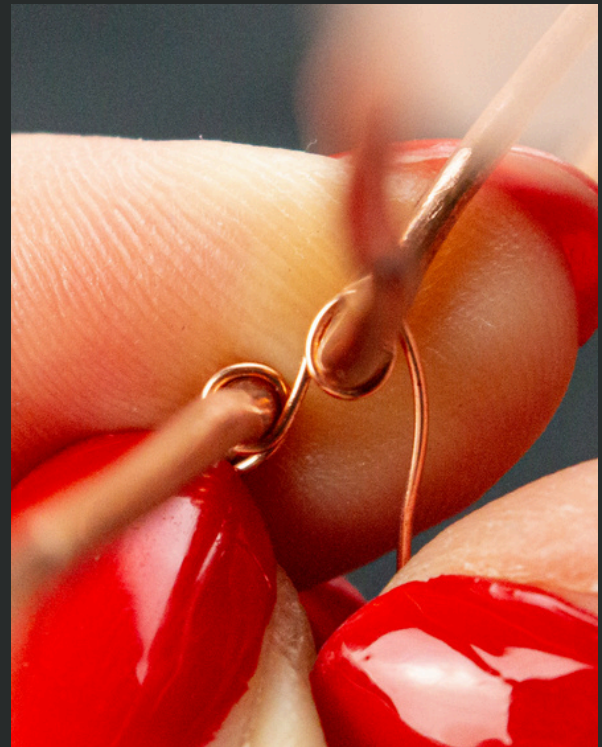
10. The diameter of the frame is approximately 8 cm (3 in).



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.



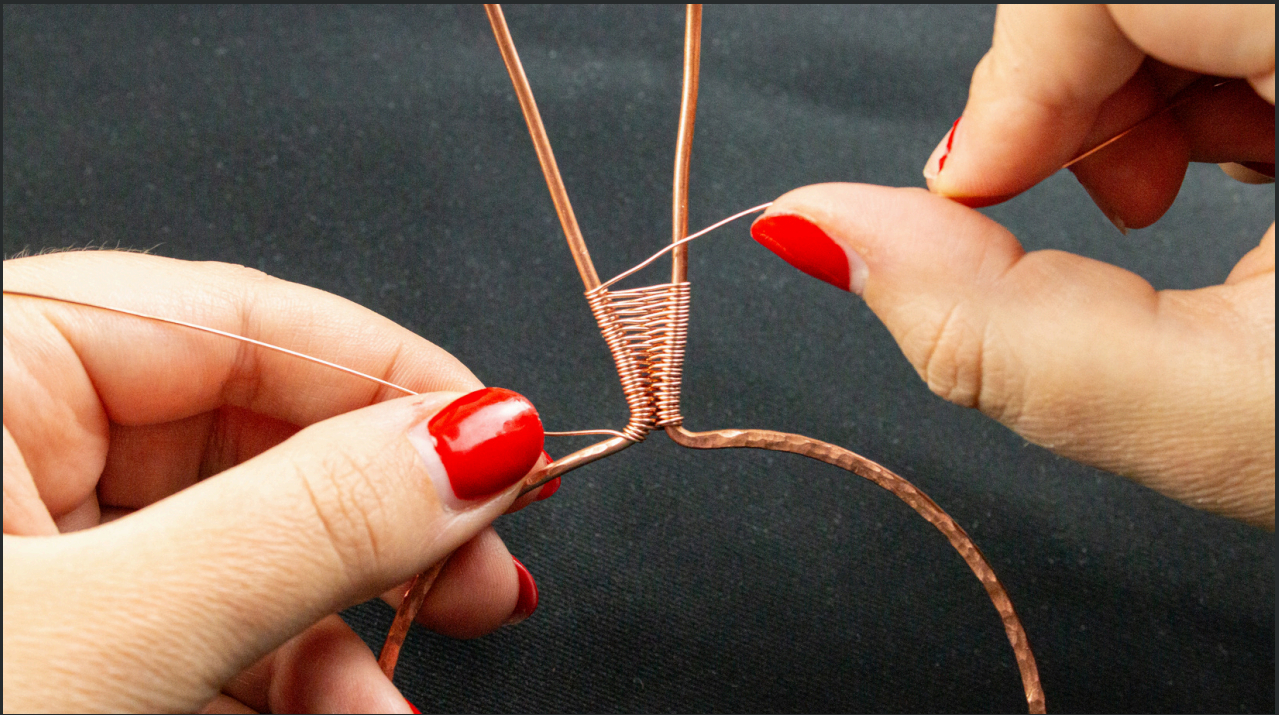
13. Continue in the same way.



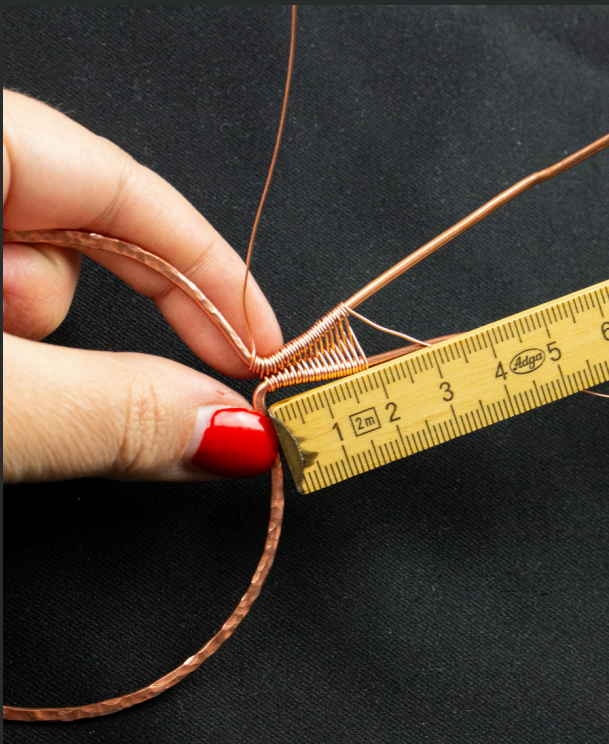
14. And one more loop on each piece of wire.



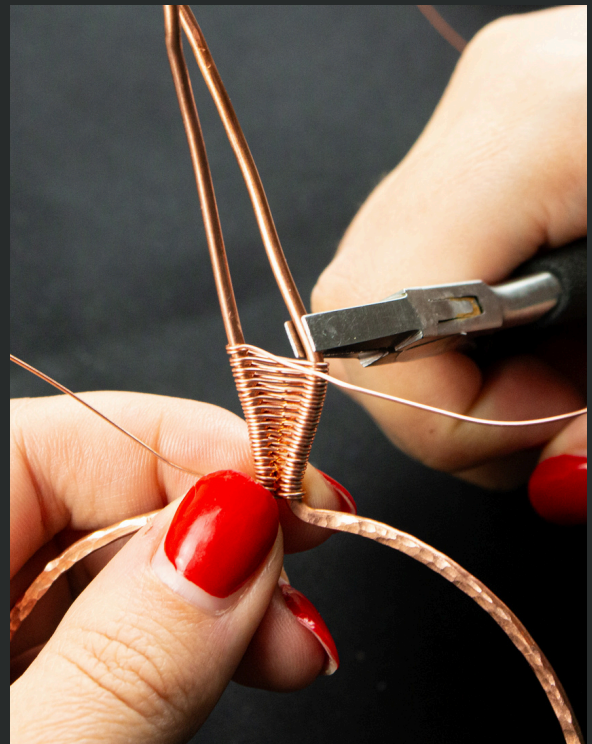
15. This is what your work looks like from the front, the two pieces of wire are spread apart a little bit.



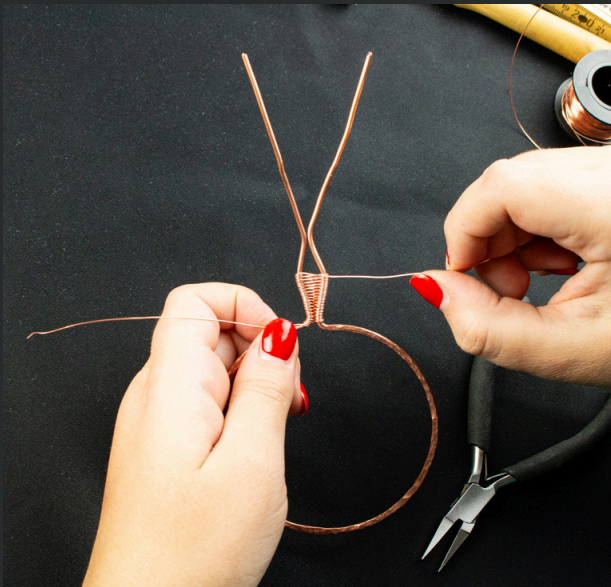
16. Continue wrapping, copy the width of the spread pieces of wire.



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



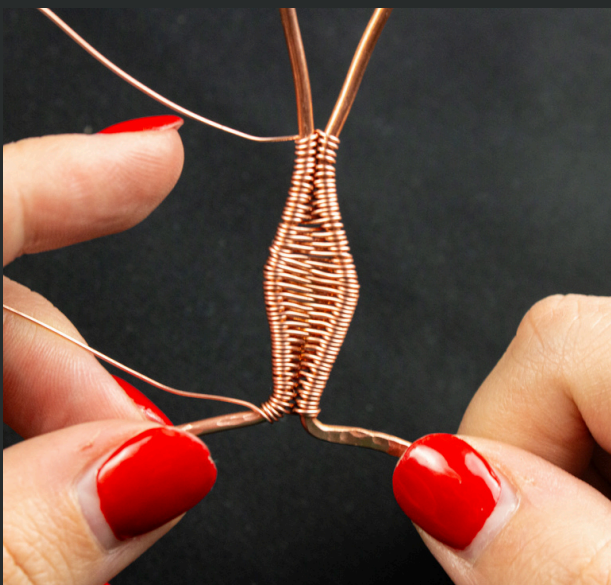
18. Then use the pliers to bend the two pieces of wire a bit closer.



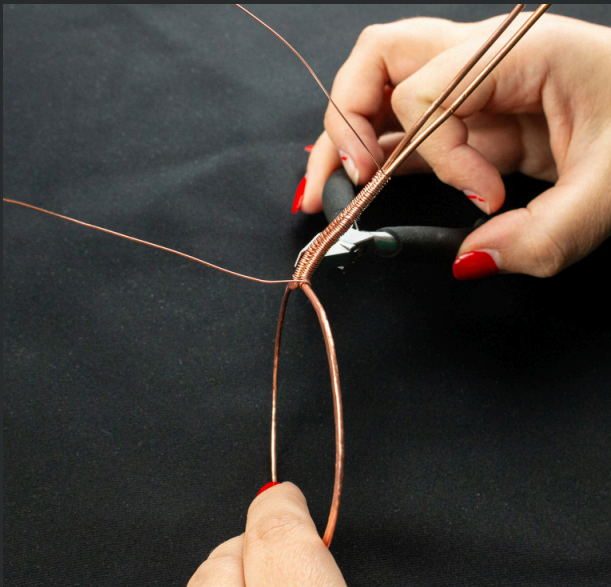
19. Measure 2 cm (0.8 in) and bend them a bit apart again. This is what the final shape of the large loop used to hang the pendant looks like.



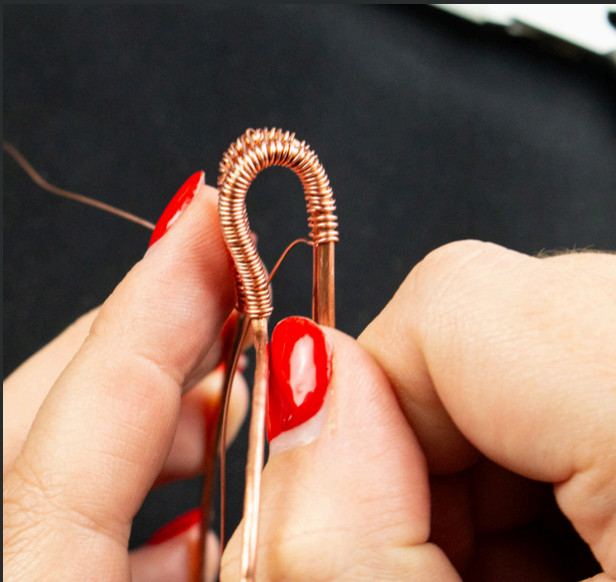
20. Then continue wrapping both parts of the loop in the same way as before.



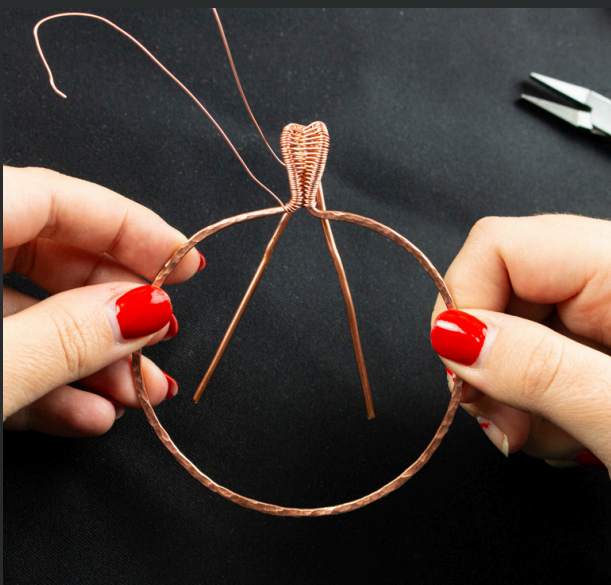
21. Stop at the point where the two pieces of wire meet. The wrapping is done.



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



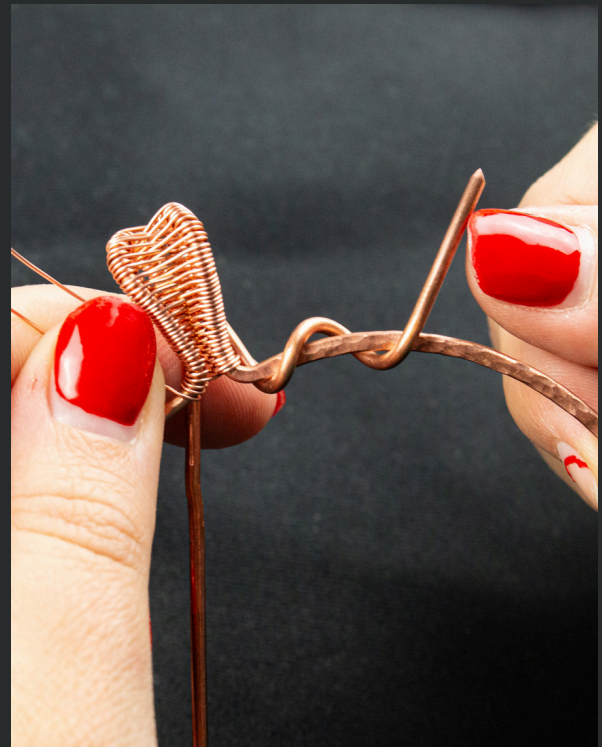
23. Then bend the whole loop backwards and all the way down.



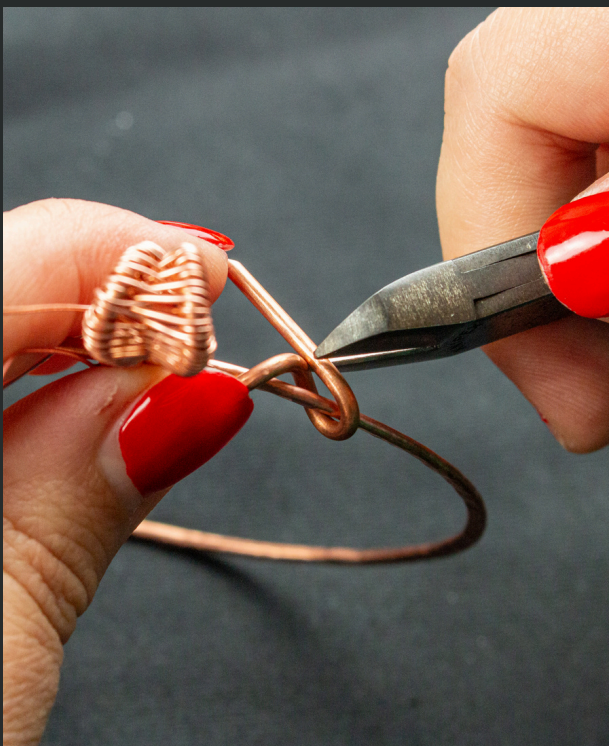
24. This is what the fully formed loop looks like. Both ends of the thick wire are spread apart behind the loop.



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.



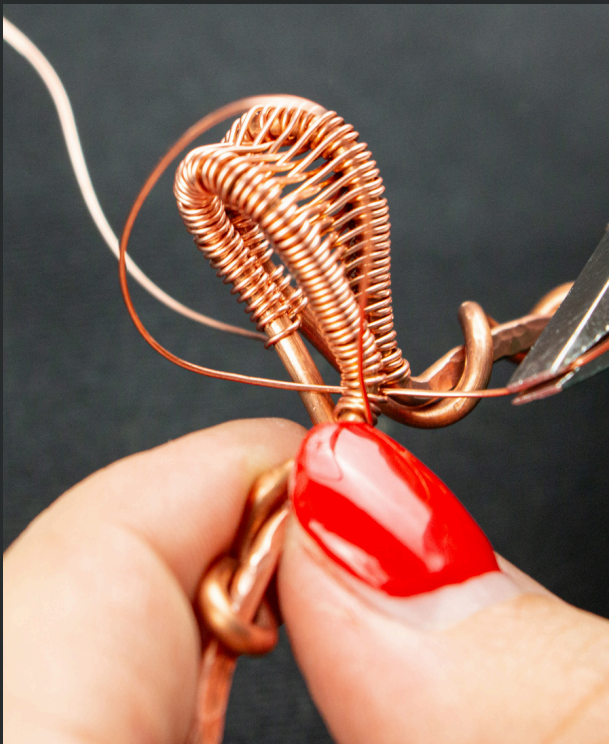
27. Bend it backwards and cut.



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: Cancer

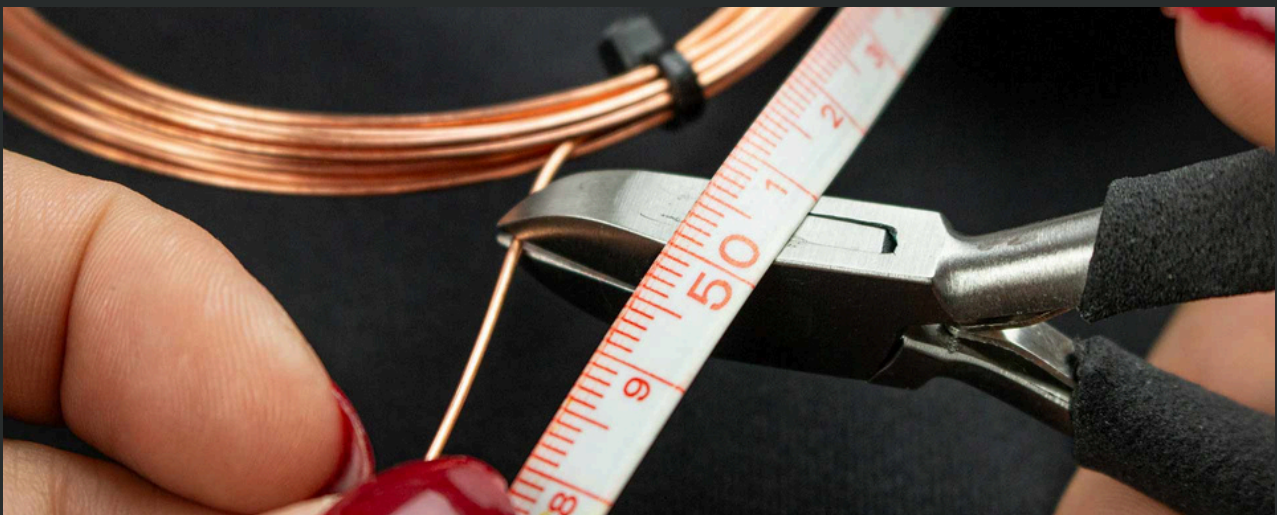
materials

- Finished frame
- Copper wire - [1 mm / 18 GA](#), [0.8 mm / 20 GA](#) and [0.4 mm / 26 GA](#)
- 2 black beads for eyes, 6 red beads for claws, and 2-3 large flat beads for the tail
- Template - crab
- Pliers: [flat-nose](#), [side cutters](#)

instructions



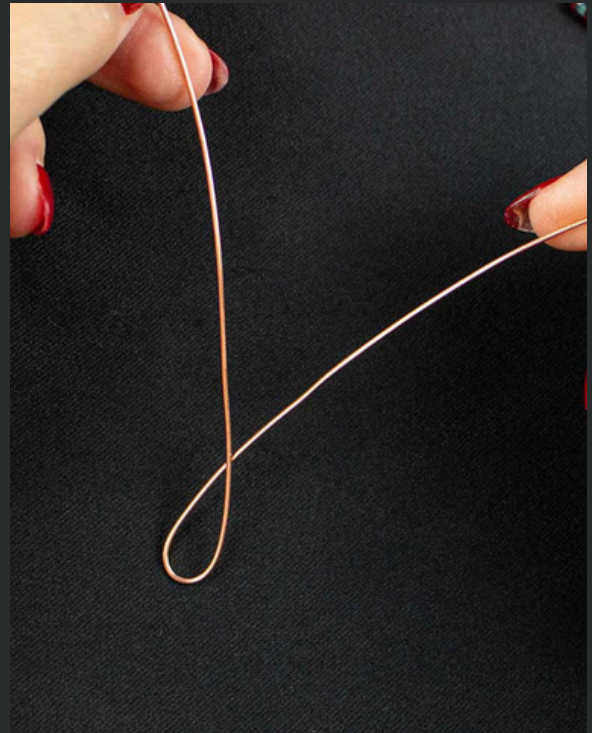
1. Prepare all the materials and tools on the table.



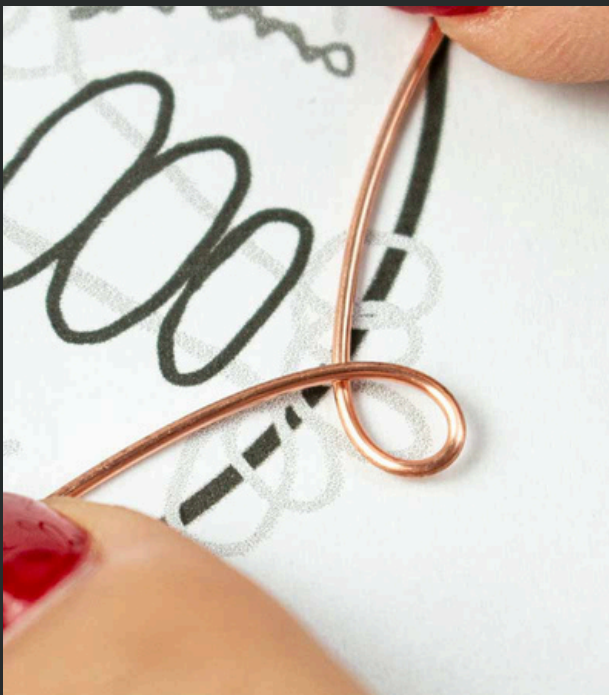
2. First, cut 50 cm of wire with a thickness of 1 mm.



3. Smooth the wire and bend it in the middle.



4. Cross the bent wire to create the first loop of the crab's tail.



5. Shape the loop according to the provided template.



6. Add a second loop on the right side of the first loop, bending the wire slightly.



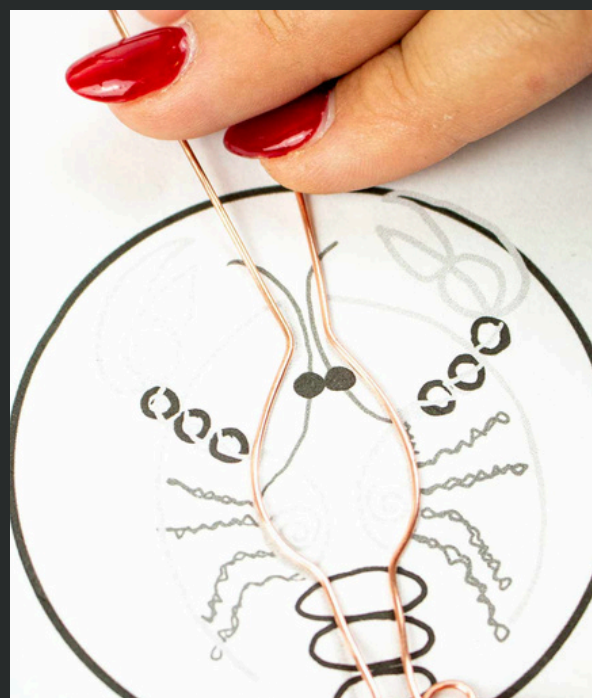
7. Then add another one, and do the same on the left side. Compare with the template. This is what the finished end of the crab's tail looks like, made up of five loops.



8. Next, run the wire straight up and bend it with pliers according to the template at the point where the crab's tail ends.



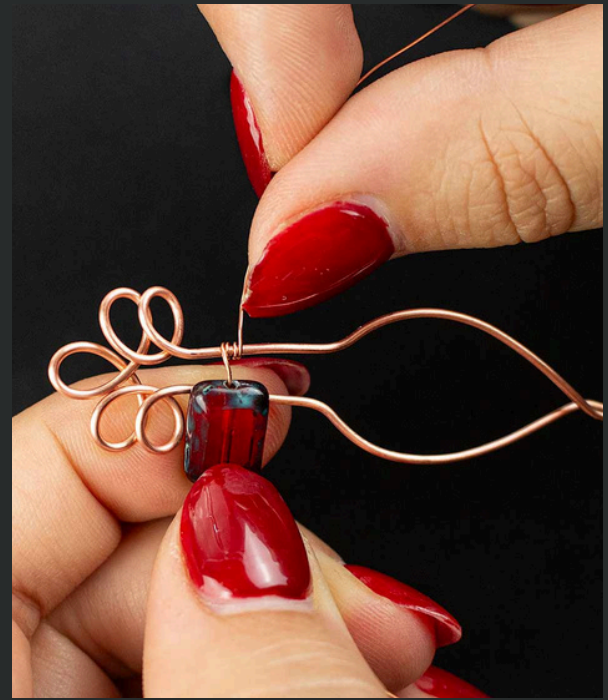
9. Shape the crab's body with your thumb, following the template.



10. Let the rest of the wire stick straight up for now; you will shape it later.



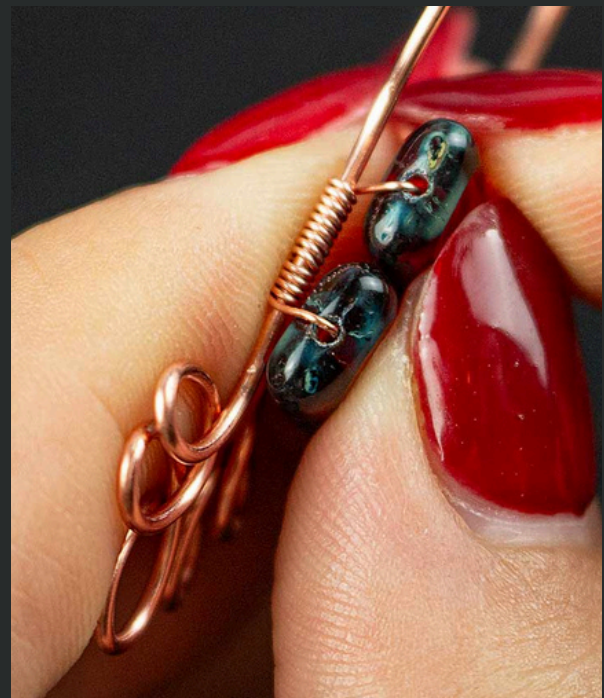
11. Next, cut 100 cm of wire with a thickness of 0.4 mm. Thread the first flat bead onto it and bring it to the middle of the wire.



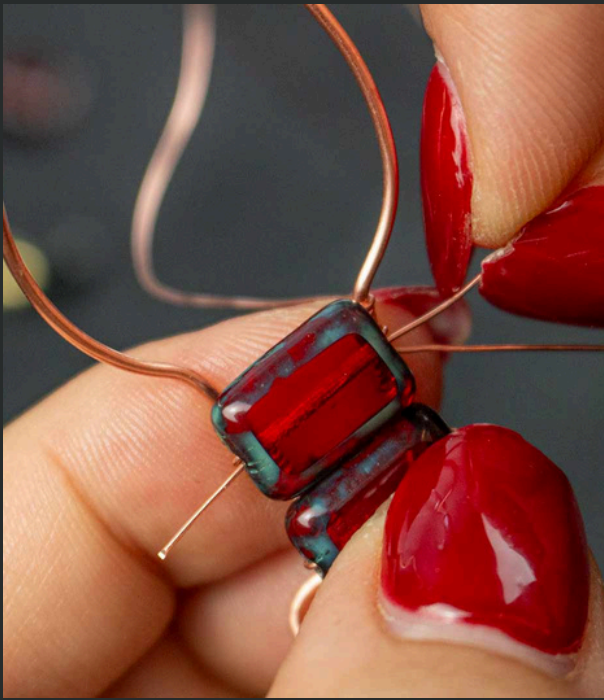
12. Sew the bead onto the tail by wrapping it several times from both sides, right above the shaped loops of the crab's tail.



13. Continue wrapping the frame with the thin wire under the bead.



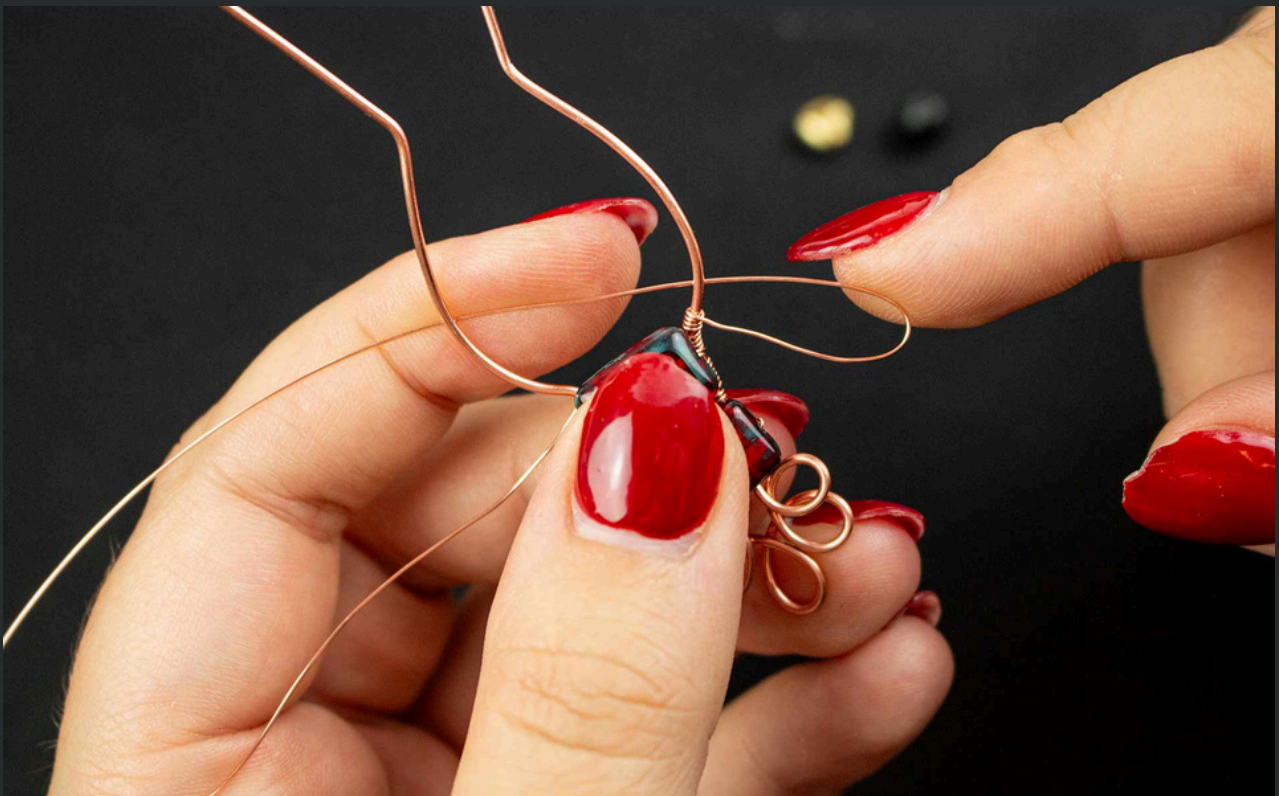
14. Add the second bead in the same way, and possibly a third, depending on the size of the beads, so that the entire tail is filled.



15. Thread the wire through the second (and possibly third) bead from both sides.



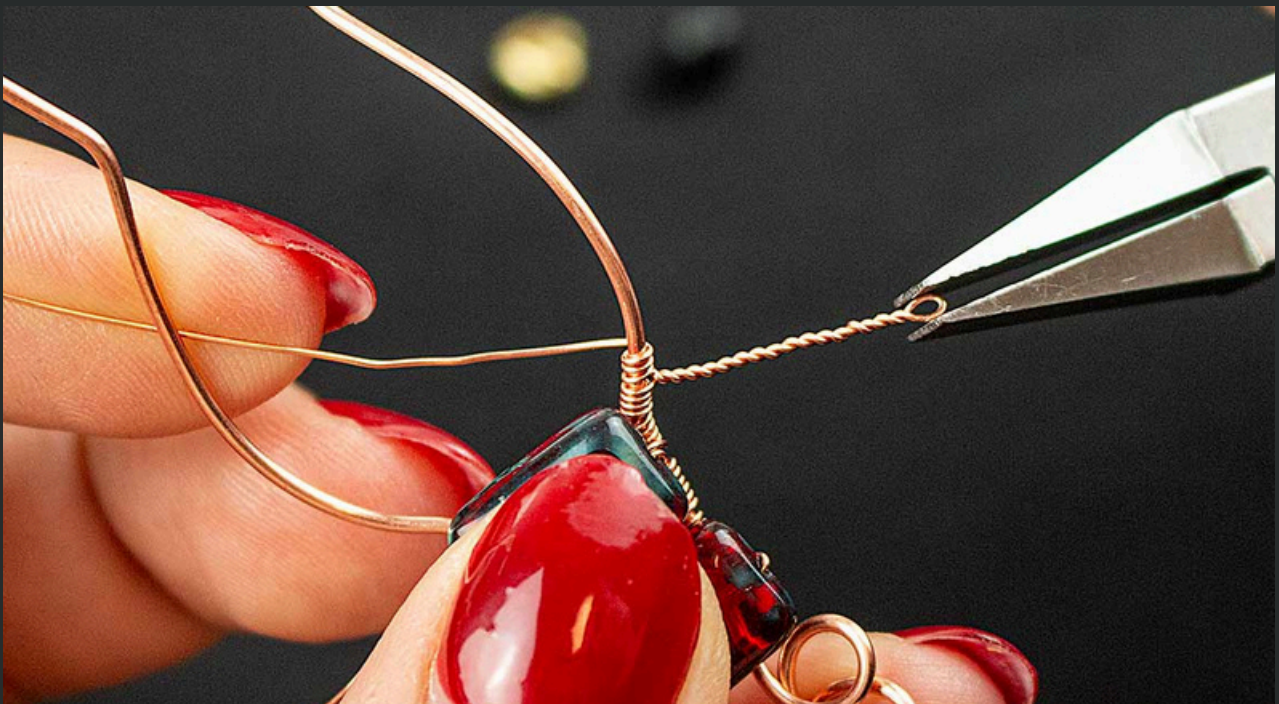
16. Continue wrapping the frame under the bead.



17. At the point where the rounded shape of the crab's body begins, wrap the frame with the thin wire 6 times. Then lead it out and back so that you create a loop about 1.5 cm long, which is the base of the first crab leg.



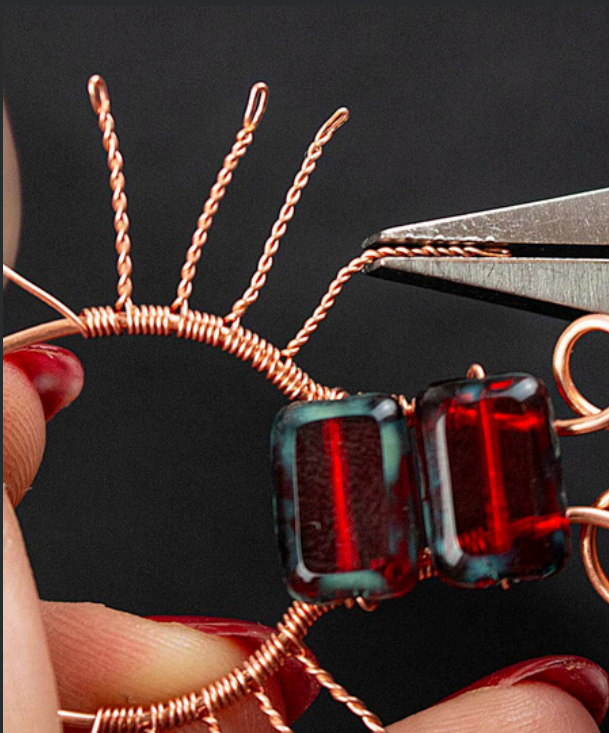
18. Attach the wire back to the frame and start twisting the loop with your fingers to form the first leg.



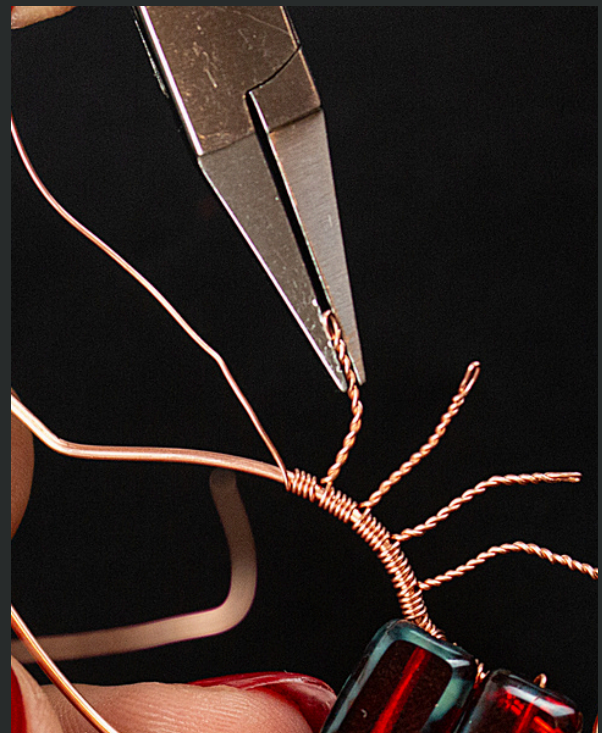
19. Twist the leg firmly with pliers.



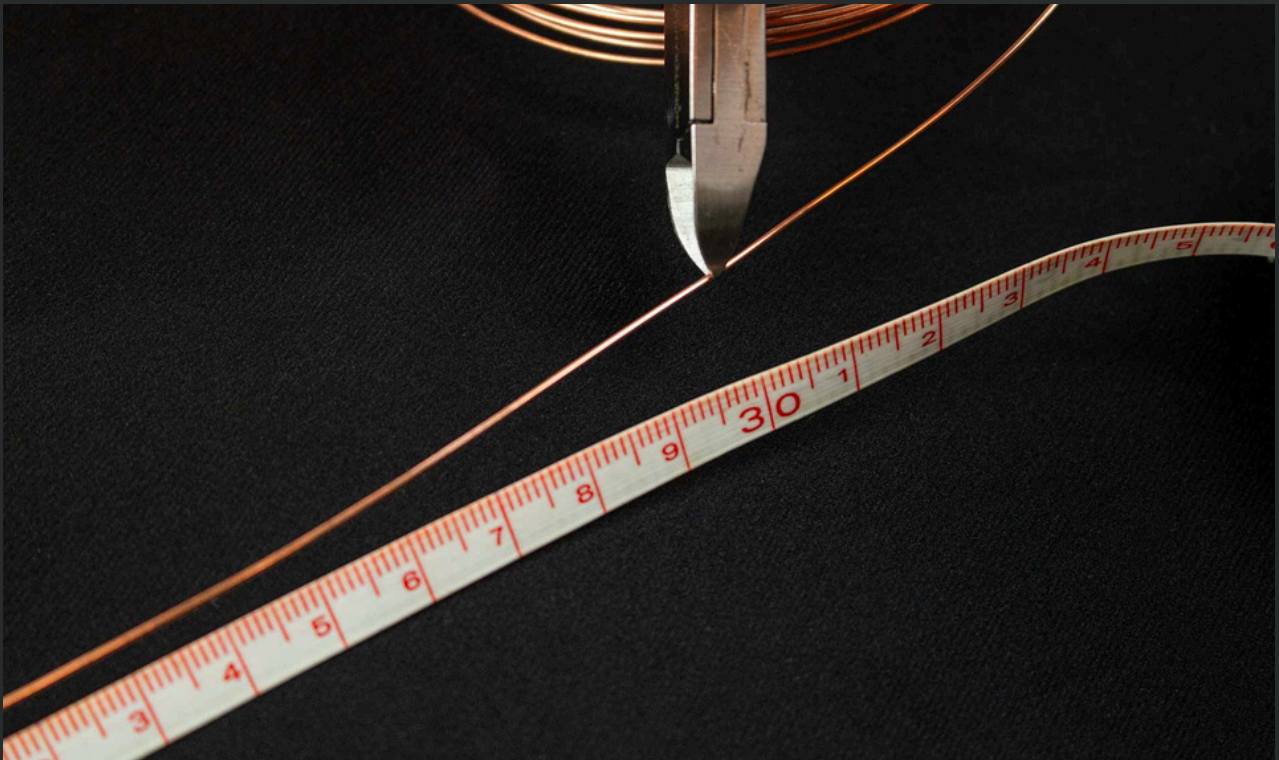
20. Continue in the same way until there are four legs on each side. Remember that the thin wire is wrapped around the frame 6 times between the legs and that the loops left for the legs are always about 1.5 cm long.



21. Further shape the legs with flat pliers. Bend them so they look like real crab legs.



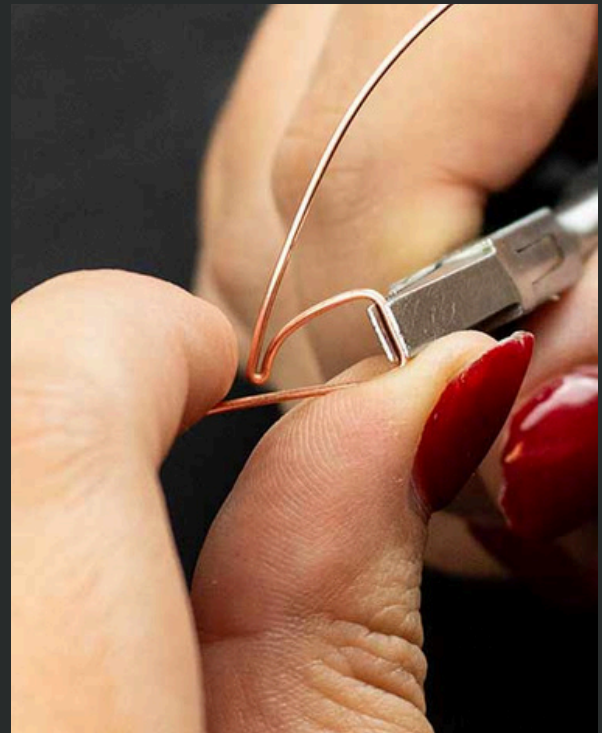
22. The front legs forward, the back legs backward, and the middle ones slightly to one side or the other.



23. Next, cut two 30 cm pieces of wire with a thickness of 0.8 mm for the crab claws.



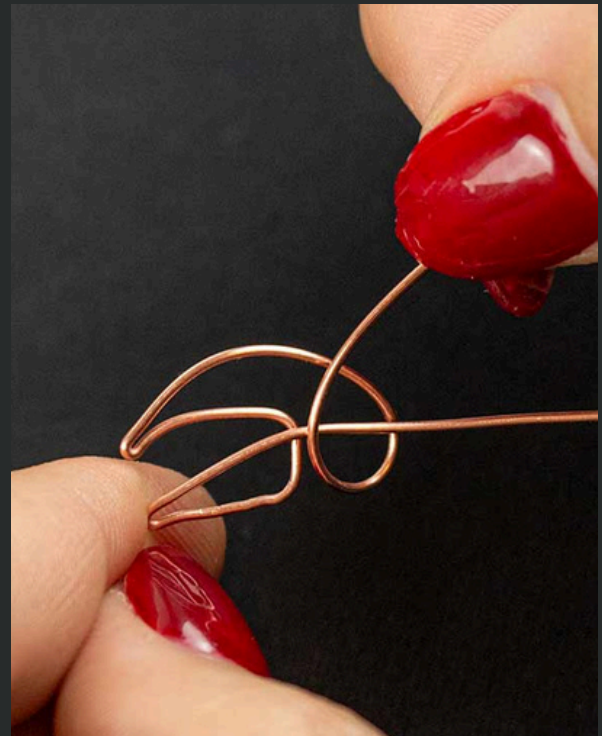
24. Take the first wire and sharply bend it in the middle, using pliers to help.



25. Gradually shape the first claw according to the template.



26. This is what the finished claw looks like.



27. Finish the claw with a loop.



28. Wrap the loop wire once around the straight wire and thread the first red bead onto the straight wire.



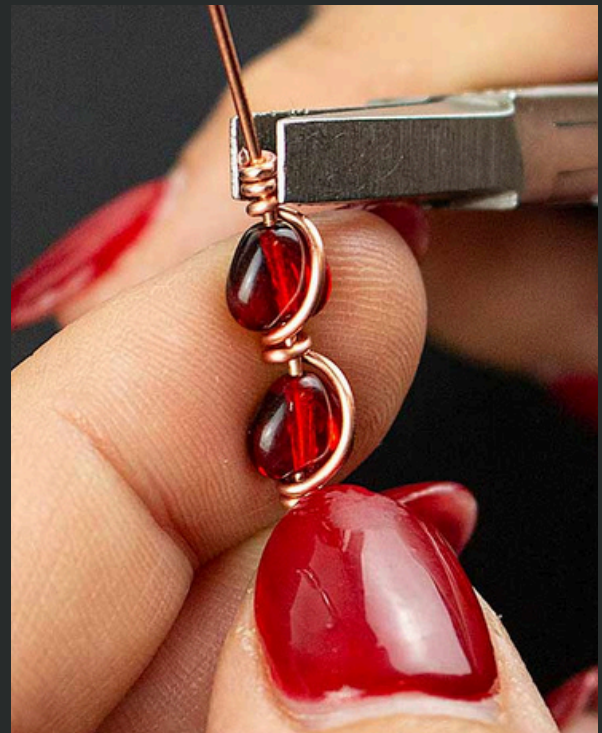
29. Run the wire over the bead and secure it with another wrap.



30. Attach all three red beads in this way.



31. Cut the wire after the last wrap with wire cutters.



32. Clean it up by squeezing with pliers.



33. Make the second crab claw in the same way, mirrored. It doesn't matter if you shape each claw a different size. Crabs in nature often have this too.



34. Place the claw above the crab legs.



35. Secure it with a wrap.



36. Bend the end of the wire inward to the first bead of the tail.



37. Wrap it again there, lead it up, bend it in the opposite direction, and finish with a spiral.



38. Done.



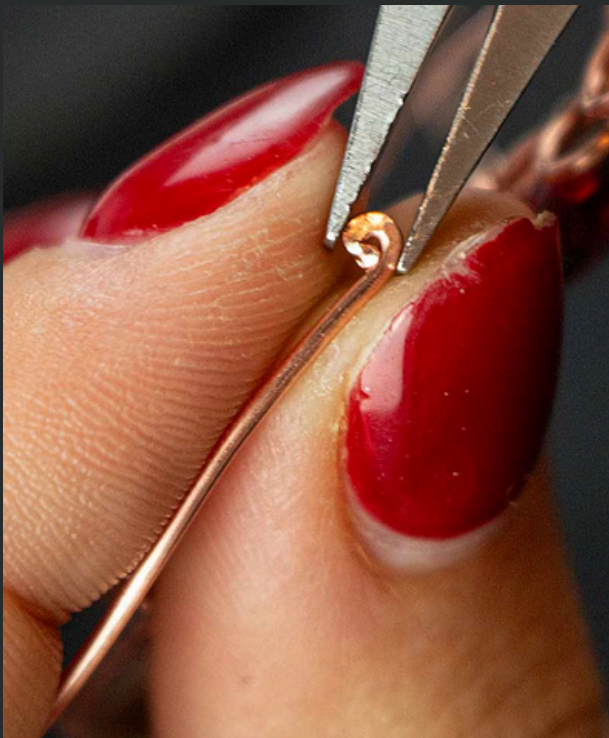
39. Attach the second claw in the same way.



40. Now shape the large crab antennae. First, bend the wire sharply to the side with pliers, then shape it into a semicircle towards the tail with your thumb.



41. Cut the remaining wire a little away from the tail.



42. At the end, twist a small spiral downwards to neatly finish the antenna.





43. This is what the finished crab antennae look like.



44. Continue wrapping the frame with thin wire from the legs. Wrap over the attached claw upwards. Then thread the first black bead, which will form the crab's eye, and place it inside the outline.



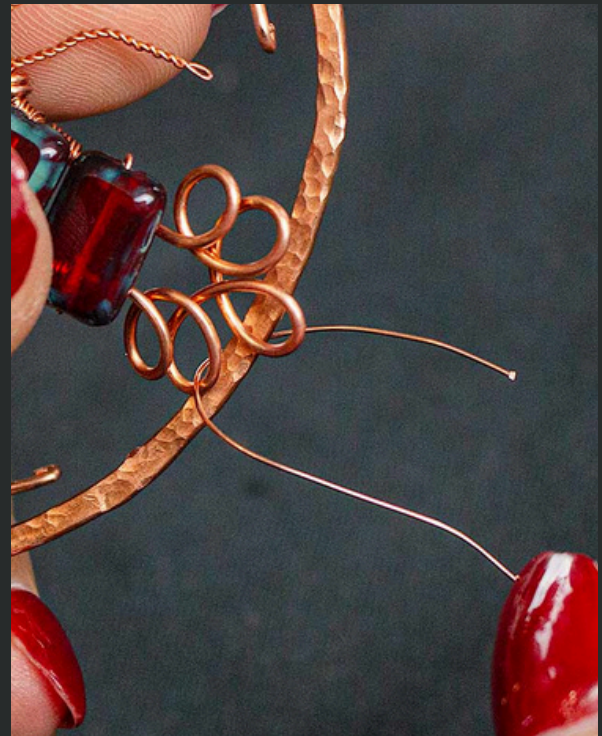
45. Wrap the wire around the frame once above the eye, lead it around the bead, and thread it again.



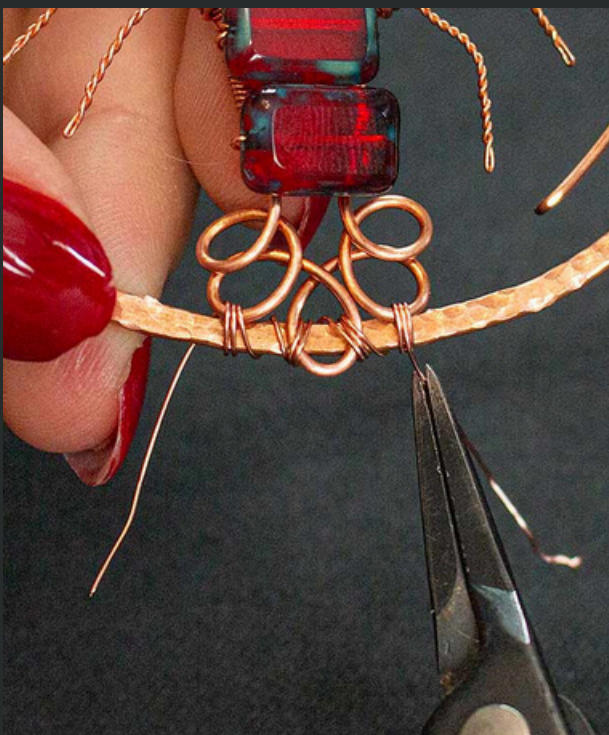
46. This way, the eye will hold well in place. Then lead the wire straight up between the large antennae. Let it stick out a bit and cut with wire cutters.



47. Now all that remains is to attach the crab to the round frame. Insert the claw into the free loop.



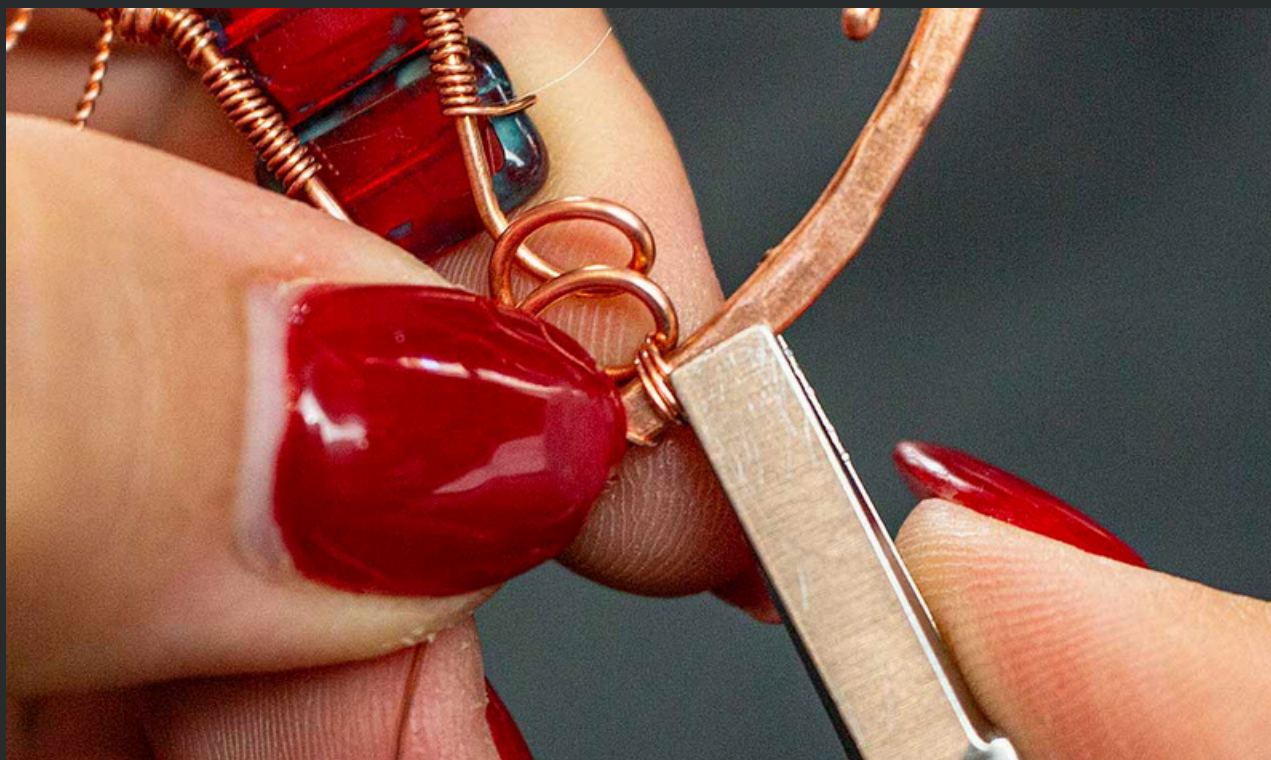
48. Sew the tail with wire. Thread a piece of thin wire through the tail loop.



49. And wrap it several times in each adjacent loop.



50. Cut the end.



51. Press the remaining piece of wire against the hoop. And done :-)



conclusion

Have you created your Cancer Zodiac Sign? 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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