

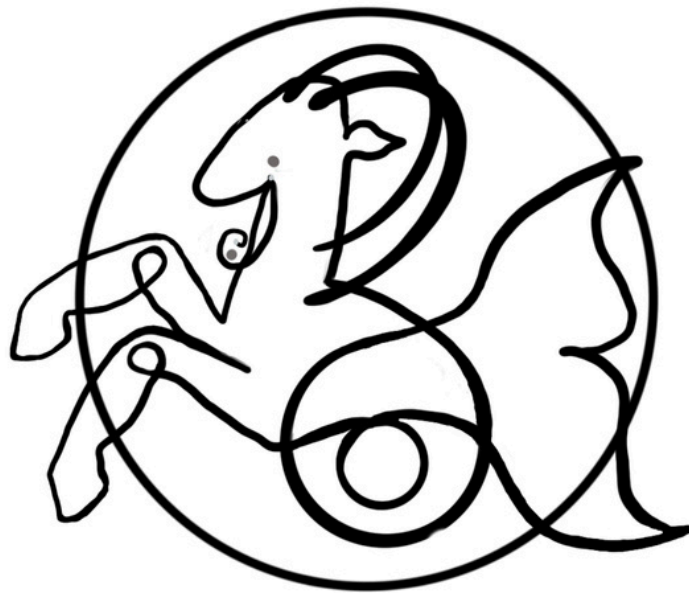
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Zodiac signs

CAPRICORN



introduction

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The zodiac sign Capricorn falls between December 22 and January 19 and is one of the most hardworking and persistent signs of the zodiac. People born under this sign are known for their discipline, ambition, and unwavering determination to achieve their goals.

Capricorns are realists with a practical outlook on life and the ability to overcome obstacles through patience and organizational skills. They often serve as a pillar of support for others and excel at building a solid foundation, not only for their own success but also for harmonious relationships.

With this step-by-step tutorial, you can create a symbol of Capricorn using wire and beads. Express the elegance and strength of this sign through your own artistic creation. Combine your creative talents with the energy that embodies Capricorn's determination and stability, and craft a piece of jewelry that is not only a beautiful accessory but also a symbol of resilience and strength.

Part 1: Frame

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

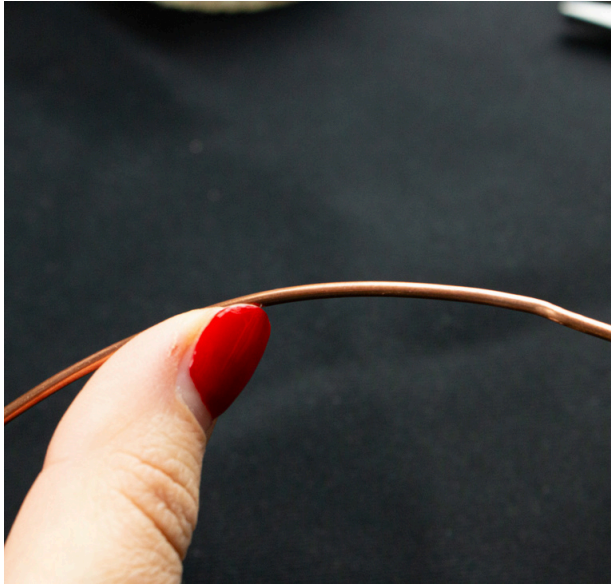
materials

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

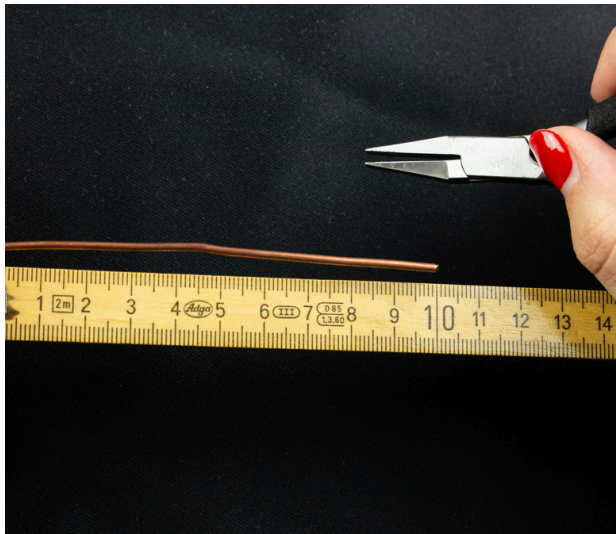
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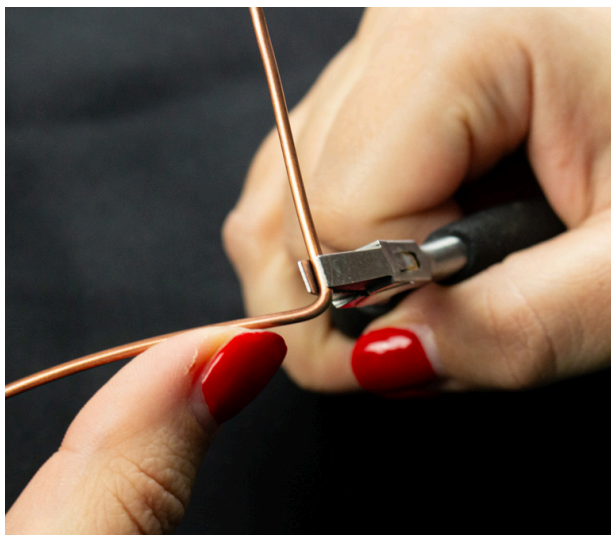
instructions



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.



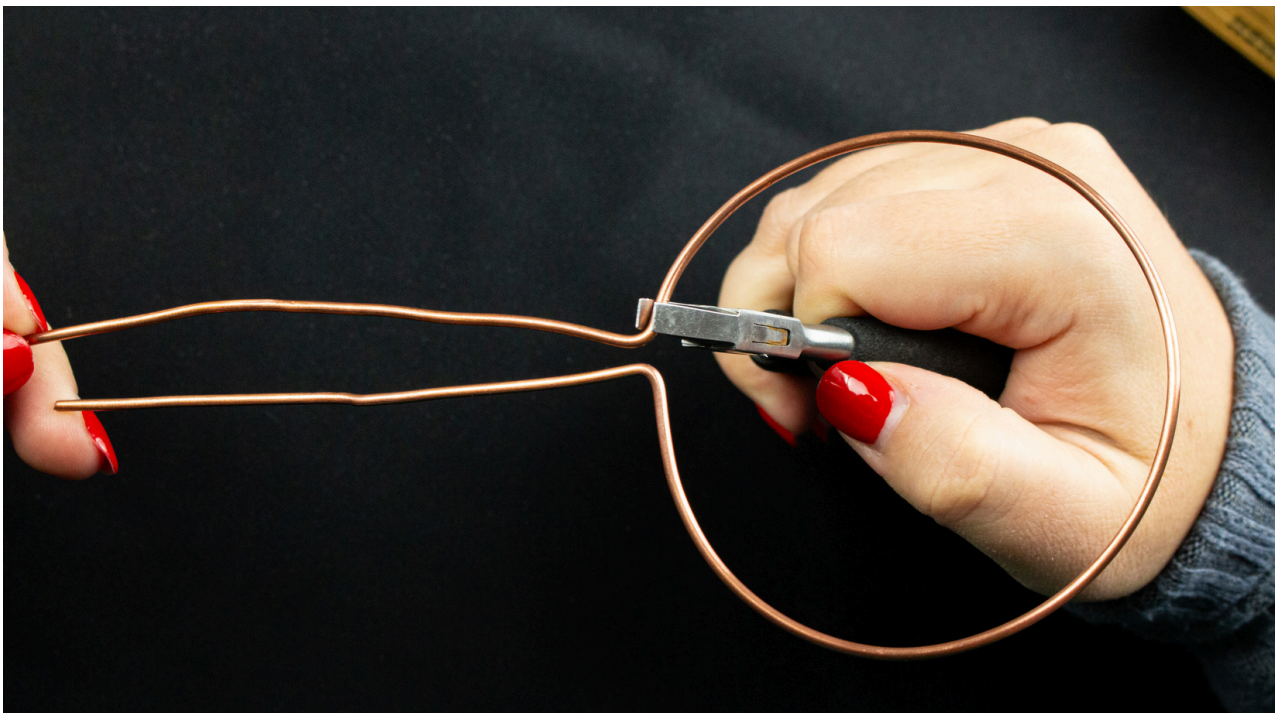
2. Measure 10 cm (4 in) of it.



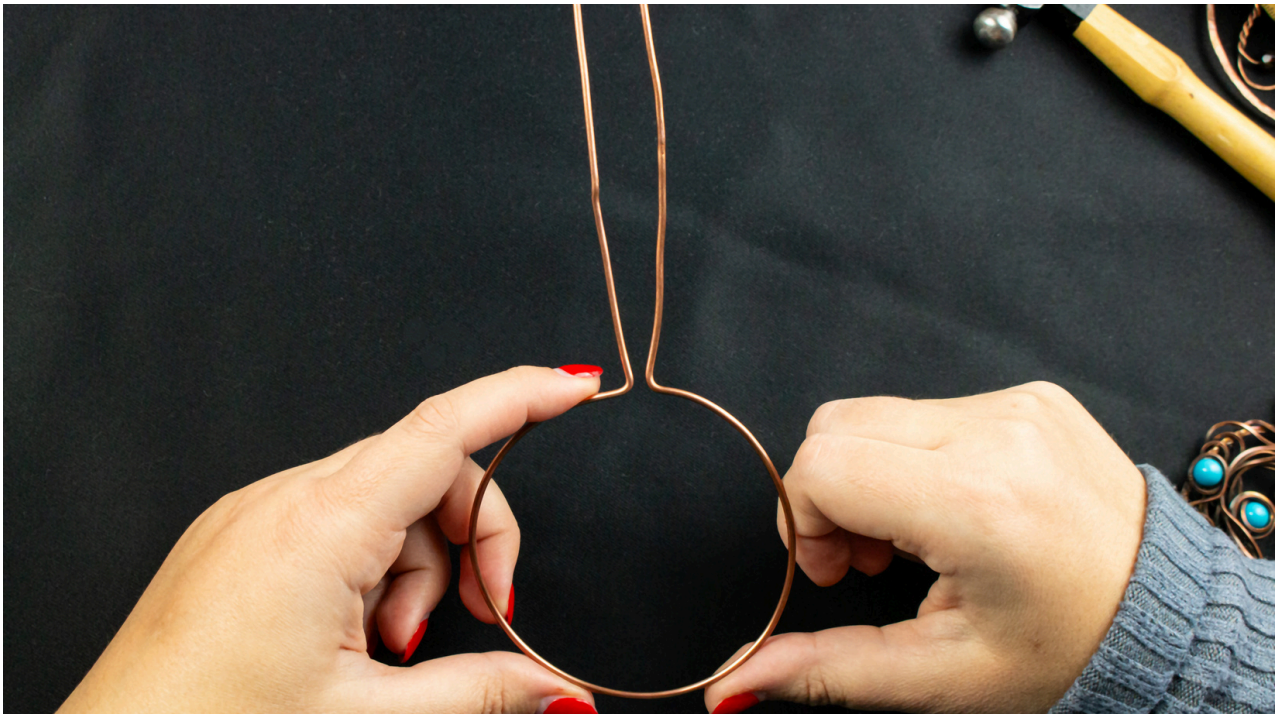
3. There, bend the wire at a right angle.



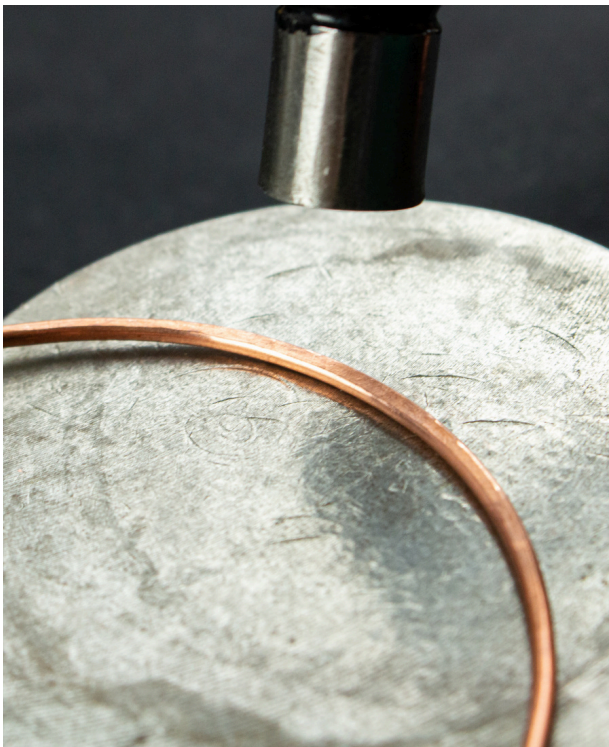
4. Use an object of a suitable diameter, like a mug or a rolling-pin. Bend and shape the wire around it.



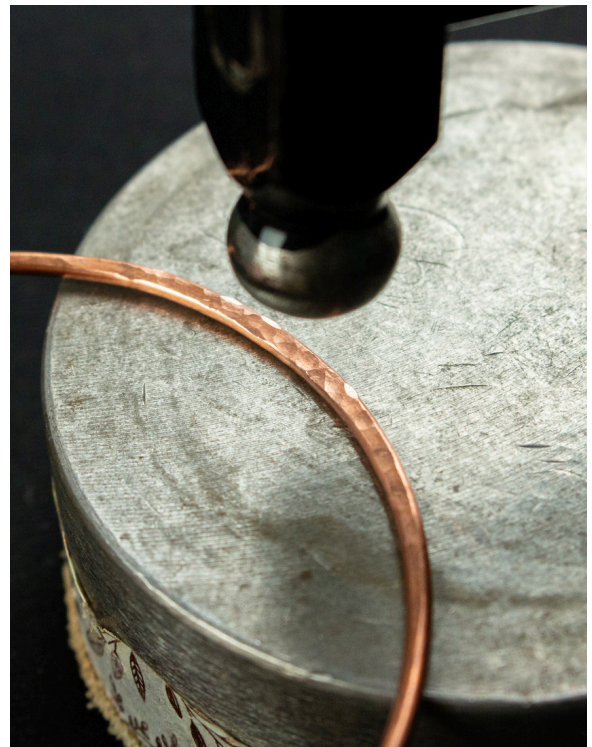
5. At the spot where the wire touches the first bend, bend it at a right angle again, measure 10 cm (4 in) and cut it.



6. This is the final shape of the frame.



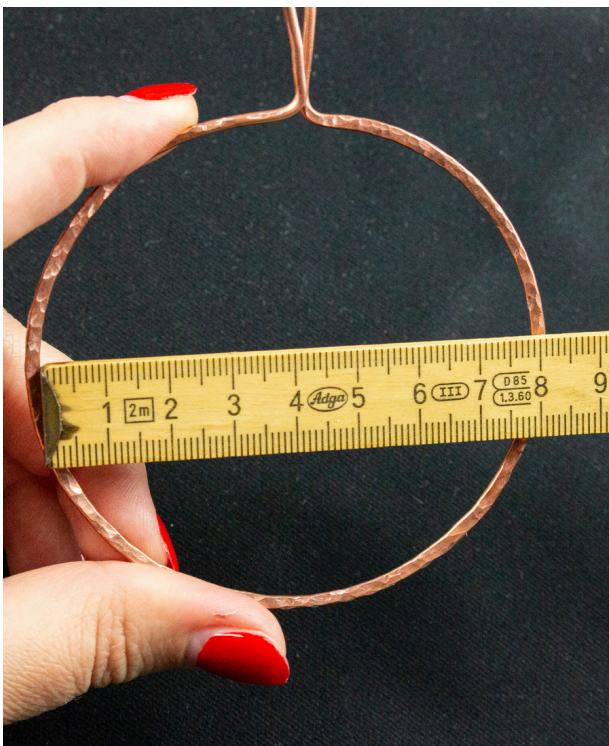
7. Then hammer the loop on the anvil with the flat end of the hammer. Do not hammer the straight ends of the wire.



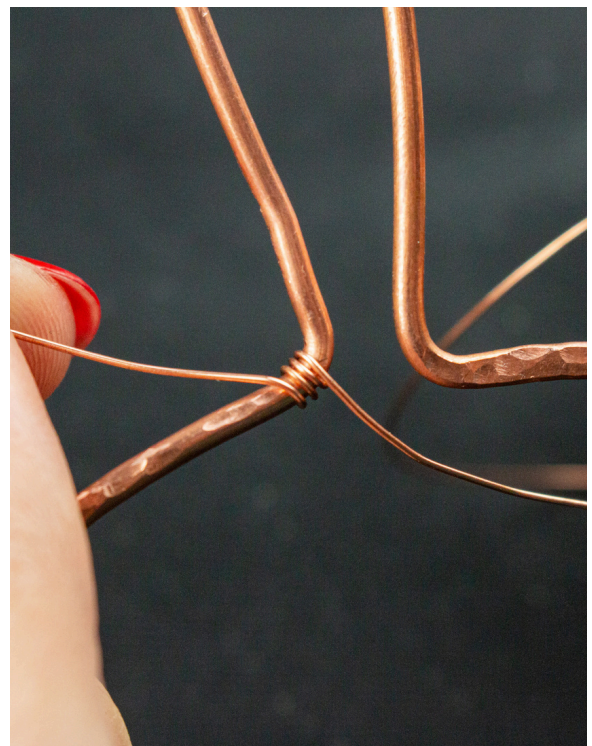
8. When it is done, turn the hammer and use the round end of the hammer to hammer some more to decorate it.



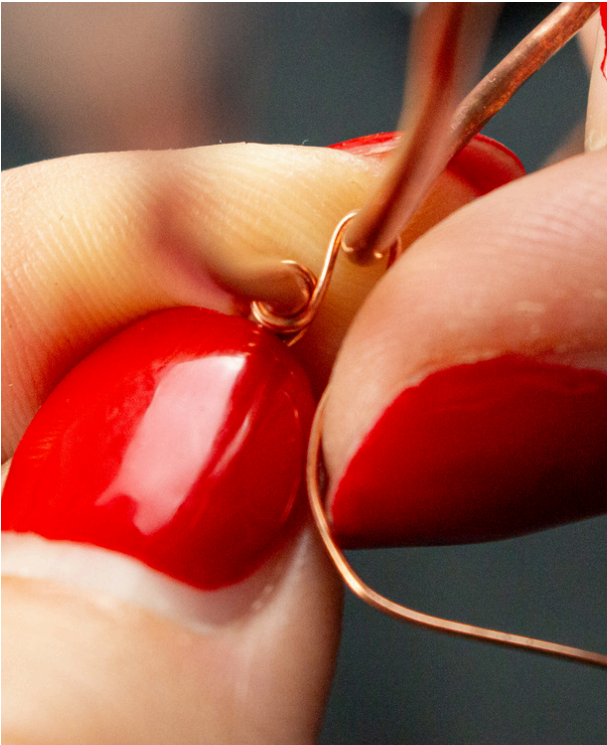
9. This is what the hammered frame looks like.



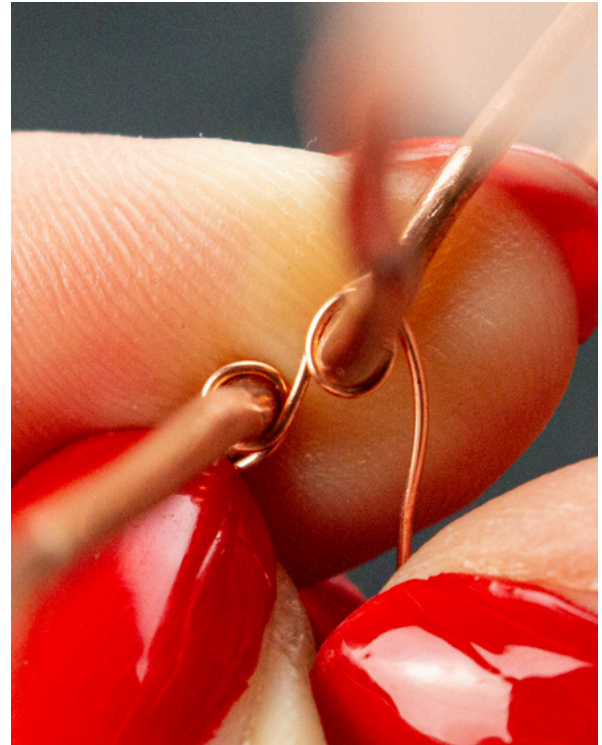
10. The diameter of the frame is approximately 8 cm (3 in).



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



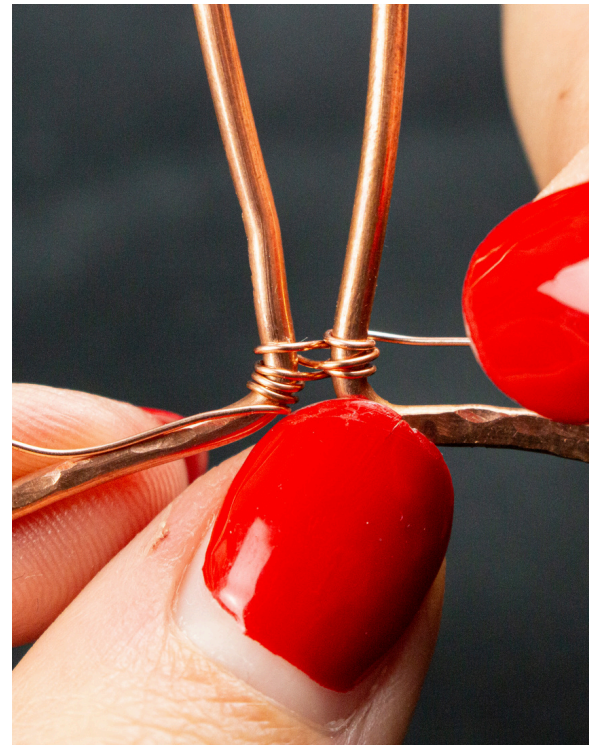
12. Then wrap the opposite bend once and go back again and wrap again.



13. Continue in the same way.



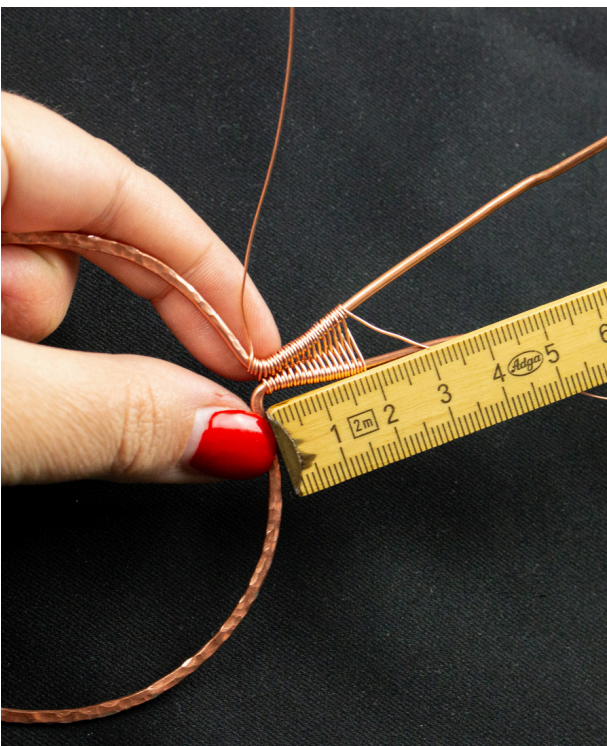
14. And one more loop on each piece of wire.



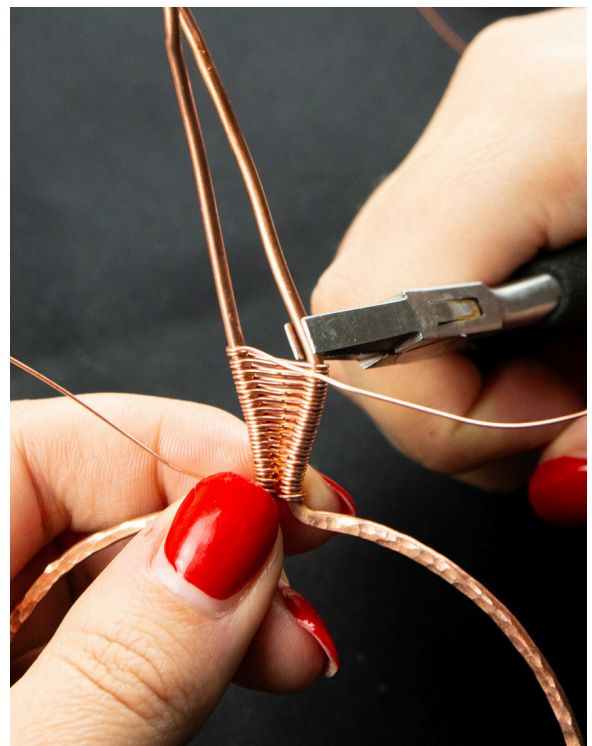
15. This is what your work looks like from the front, the two pieces of wire are spread apart a little bit.



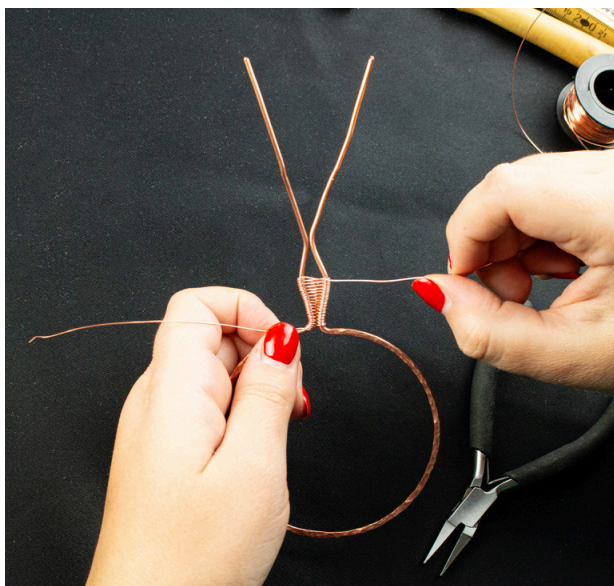
16. Continue wrapping, copy the width of the spread pieces of wire.



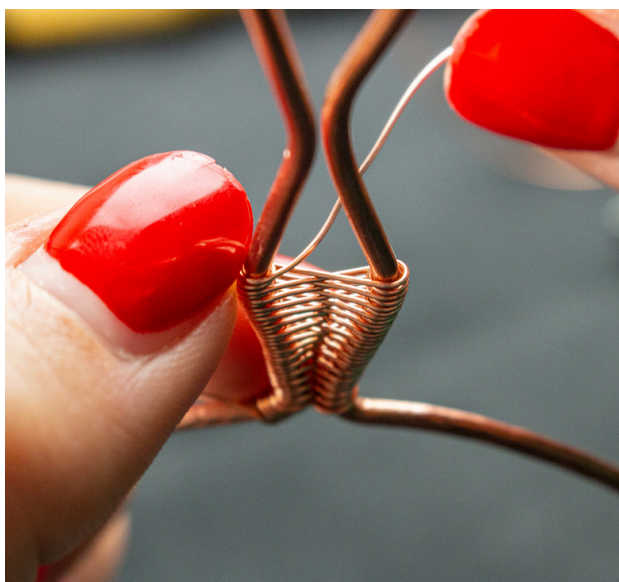
17. When you reach approximately 2 cm (0.8 in), stop.



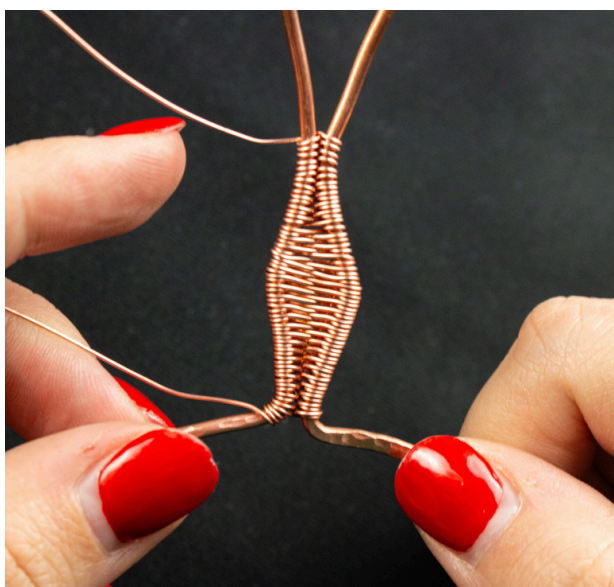
18. Then use the pliers to bend the two pieces of wire a bit closer.



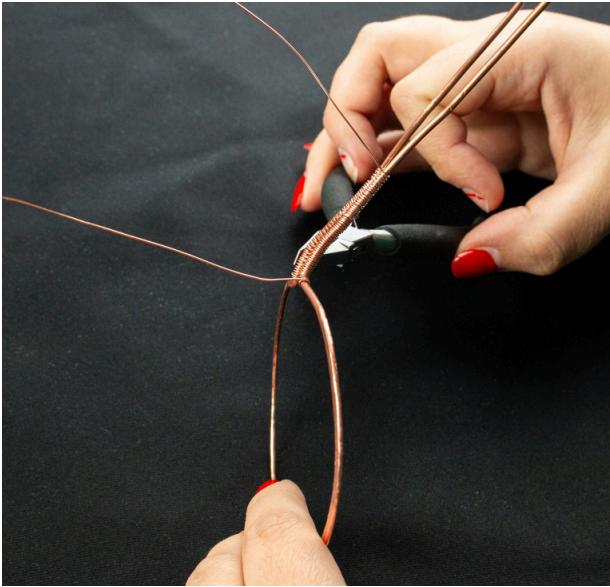
19. Measure 2 cm (0.8 in) and bend them a bit apart again. This is what the final shape of the large loop used to hang the pendant looks like.



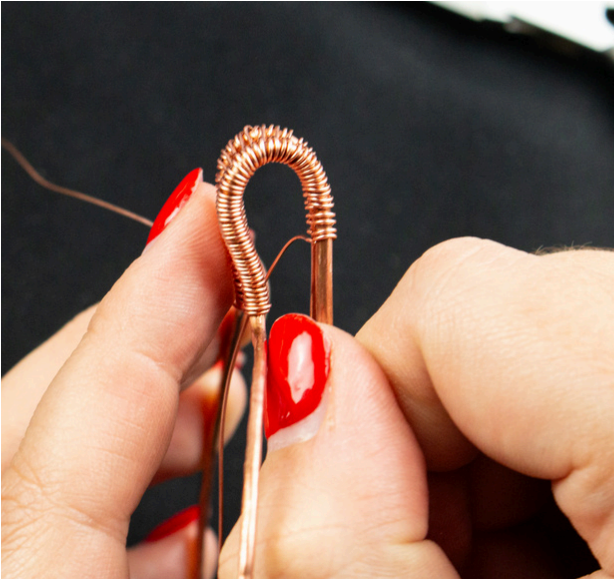
20. Then continue wrapping both parts of the loop in the same way as before.



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.



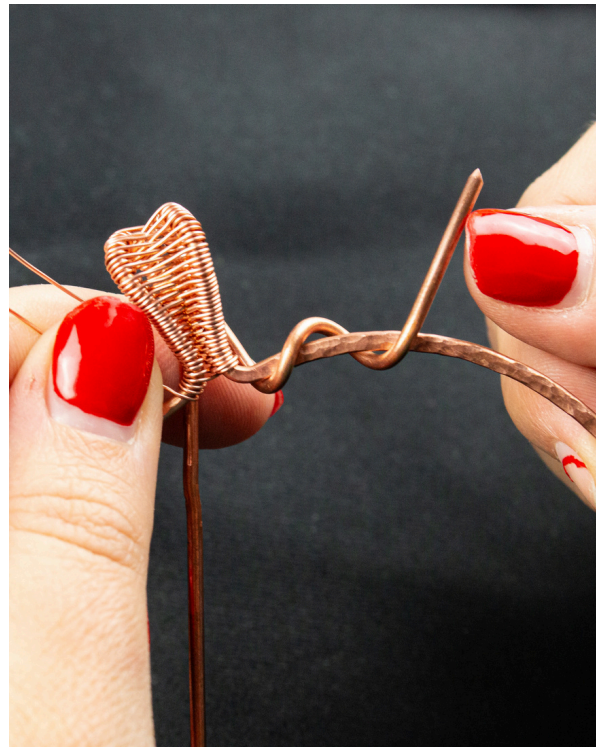
23. Then bend the whole loop backwards and all the way down.



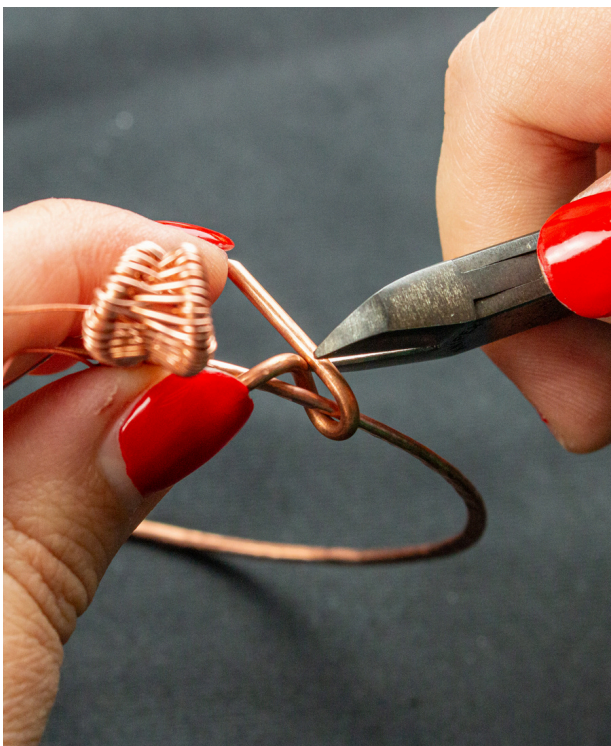
24. This is what the fully formed loop looks like. Both ends of the thick wire are spread apart behind the loop.



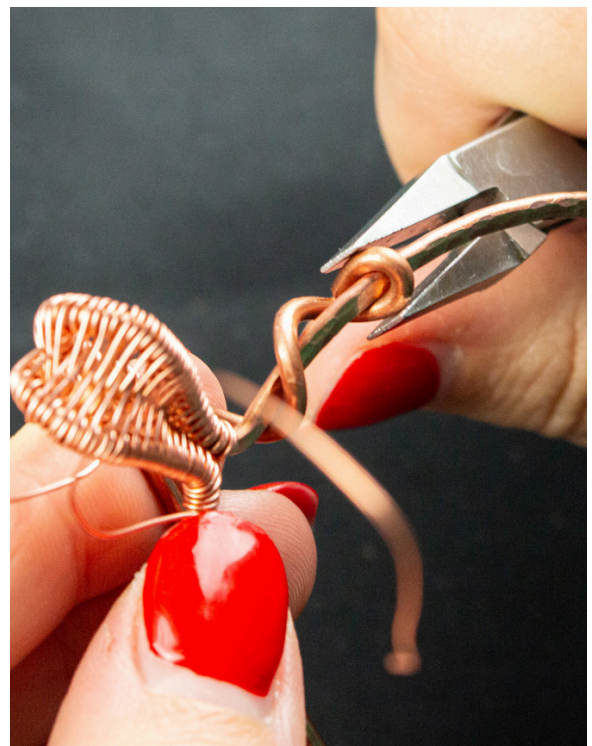
25. Now take the right end of the thick wire and wrap it under the loop forward and up.



26. Then wrap it twice around the frame.



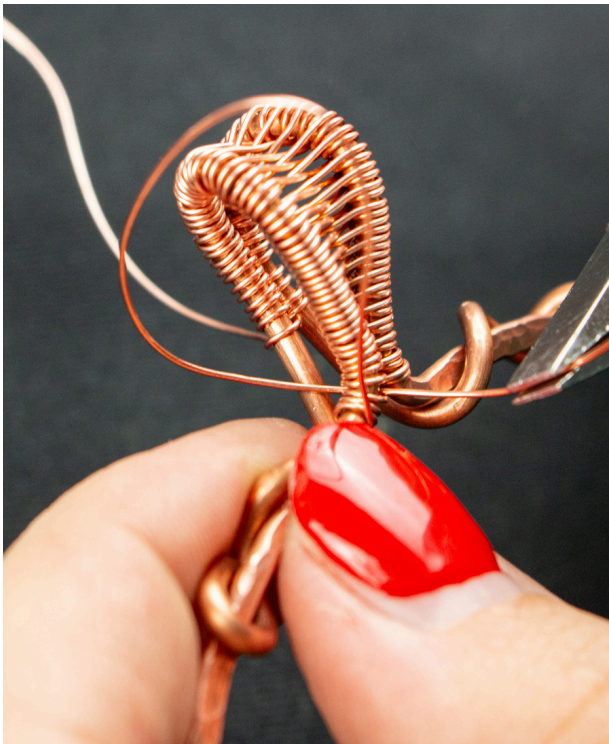
27. Bend it backwards and cut.



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: Capricorn

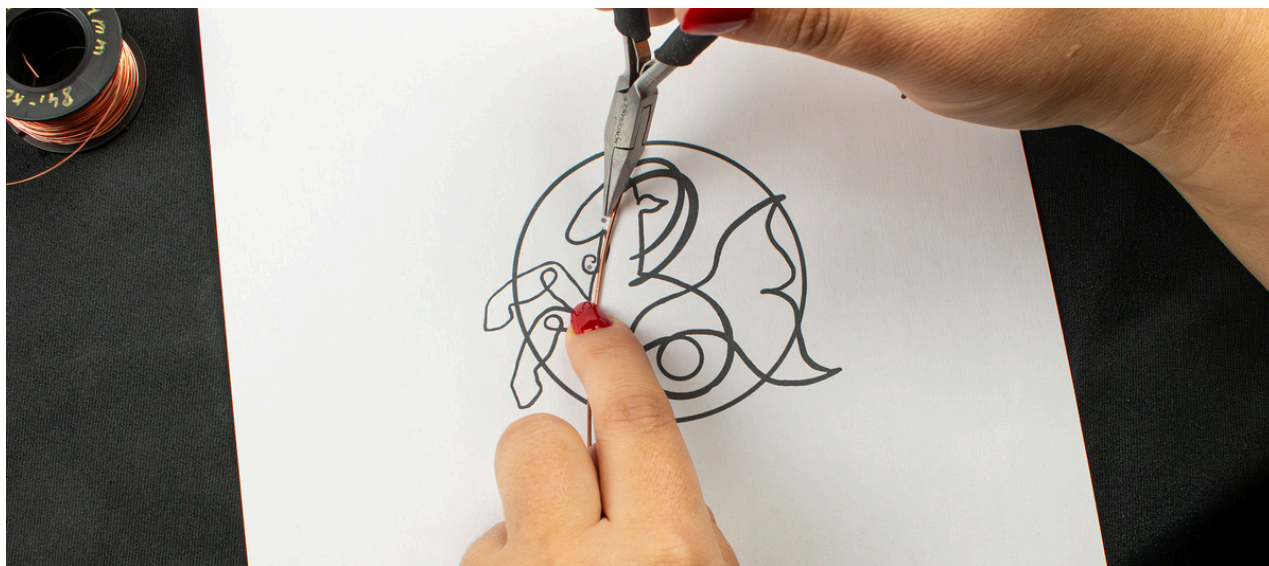
materials

- Uncoated copper wire- 1,2 mm, 0,4 mm (for the weave), 2 mm (for the horns)
- Beads: any type, e.g., fire-polished beads with a 4 mm diameter
- Template
- Pliers: flat-nose, side cutters
- File or sandpaper
- Anvil, and hammer

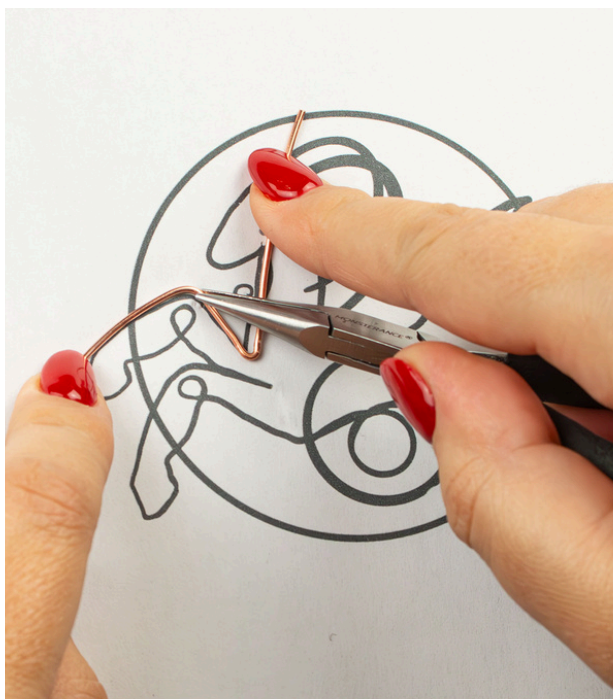
instructions



1. Prepare all materials, tools, and the template on your workspace.



2. Begin shaping the outline of the entire Capricorn. Use the 1.2 mm wire and work directly from the spool. Unwind a section of wire, straighten it, and start shaping it along the template at the red dot, starting with the straight wire under the chin.



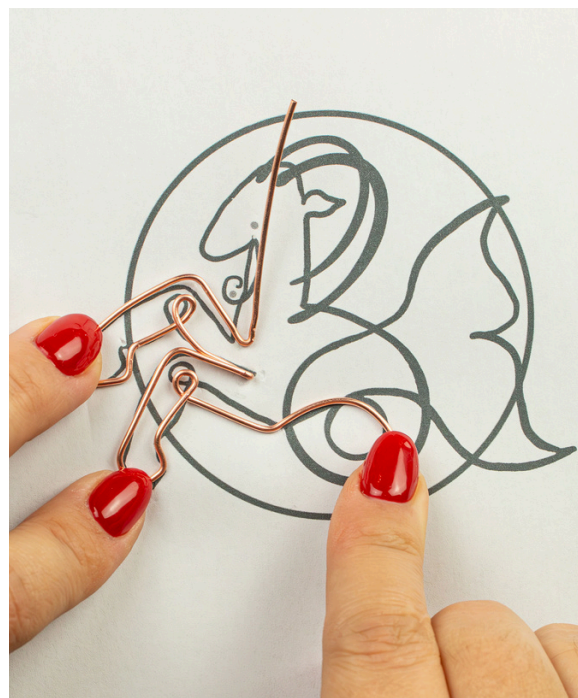
3. Shape the wire either by hand and check against the template or place the wire on the paper, holding the pliers perpendicular to the template to bend directly on it.



4. Once you reach under the knee of the first leg, lift the shape and bend the wire over the pliers to create a loop.



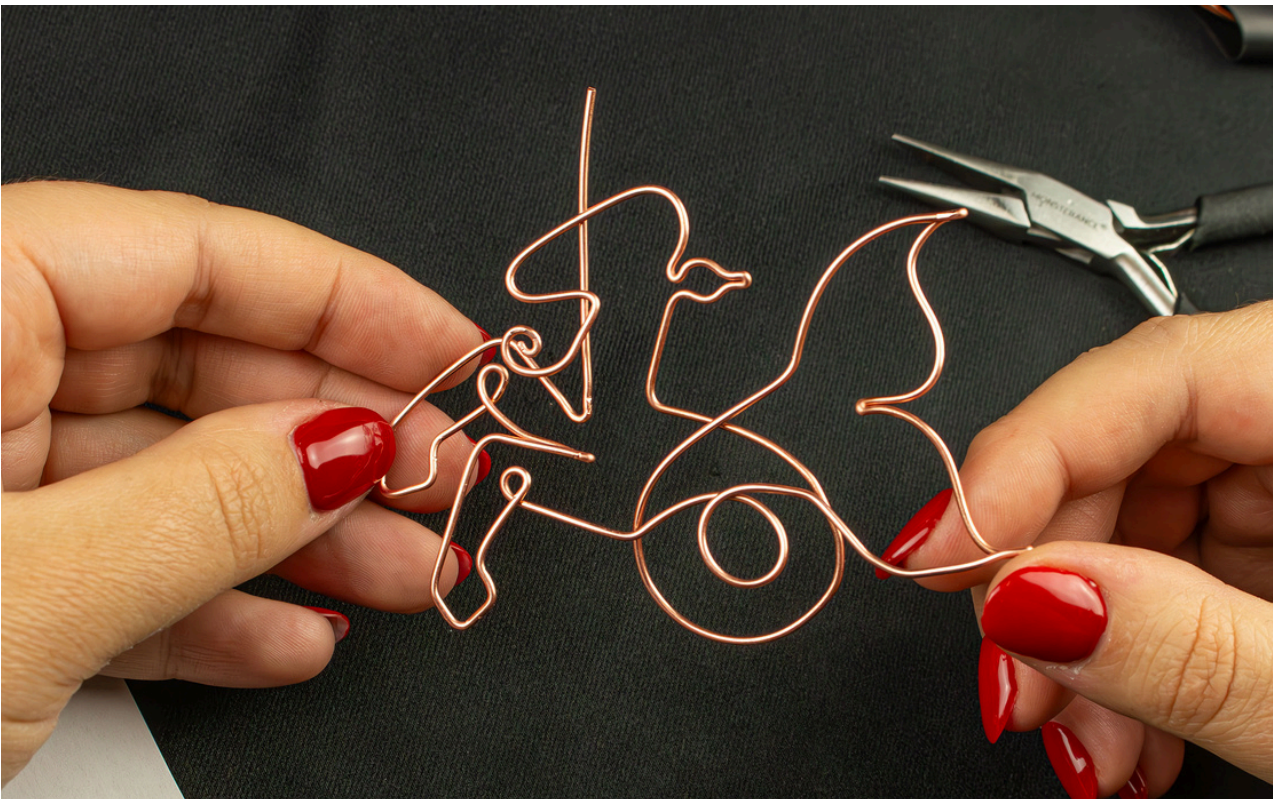
5. Shape the sharp bend between the front legs by pinching the wire with pliers and twisting the tip 90°.



6. Continue shaping the back of the body along the template. Use pliers for sharp bends on the tail as described above.



7. Use pliers to form the ear. Pinch the tip with pliers and then shape the curve below the tip smoothly.



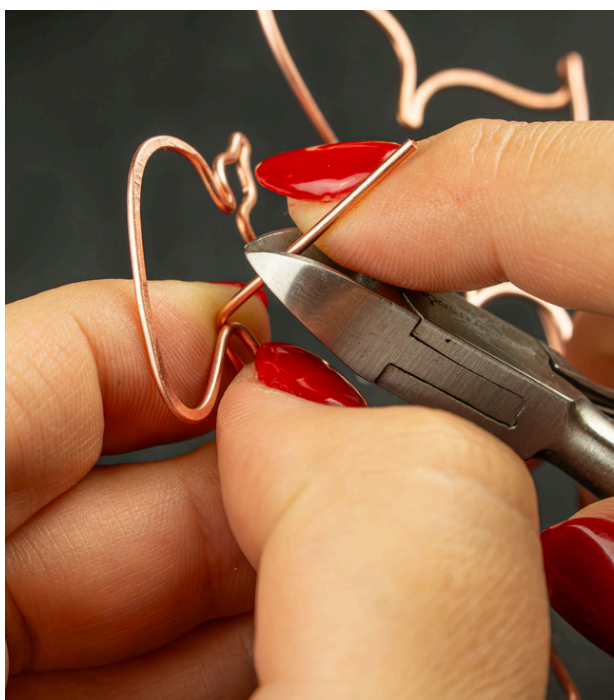
8. Create the head according to the template, cut the wire, and finish the outline with a spiral representing the goat's beard.



9. Hammer parts of the outline, such as hooves, parts of the tail, and the head, on the anvil. Avoid hammering where wires overlap.



10. After hammering, join the two ends of the outline. Bend the straight starting wire under the chin over the head wire.



11. Cut off the excess wire and form a secure loop with pliers.



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13. Next, weave the end of the tail. The template offers three variations for the weave, but you can create your own. For simplicity, use two spirals with beads. Cut a piece of 1.2 mm wire, fold it in half, and shape it to fit the inner curve of the tail fin.



14. Shape spirals at both ends of the folded wire to fit into the tail fin.



15. The resulting shape should fit snugly.



16. Cut a piece of 0.4 mm wire, twice the length of your arm span, and fold it in half. Attach the center of this wire to the middle of the tail fin and begin sewing the spiral into place.



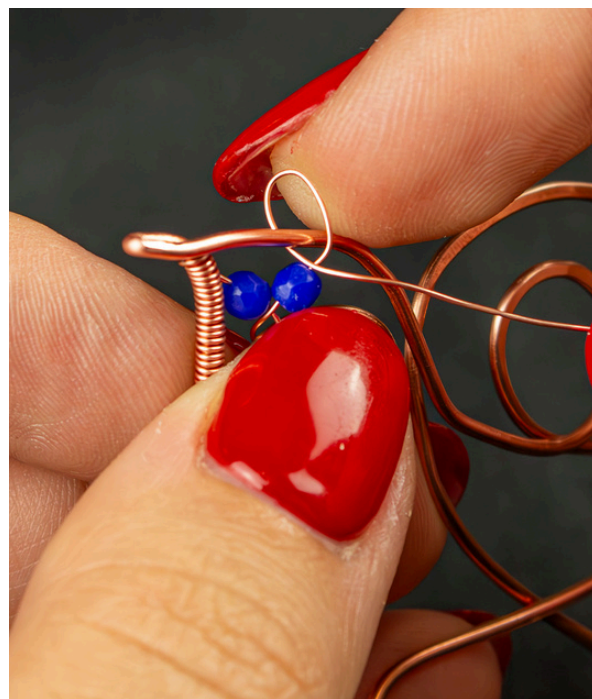
17. Use a 2-5-2-5 weave pattern, as shown in the photo, to attach the spiral.



18. After sewing the spiral into the tail fin, continue wrapping the guiding wire until the end. Repeat for the second spiral.



19. Use the ends of the thin wire to decorate the spirals with beads. Thread a bead onto the wire, wrap it onto the spiral, and make the first stitch of the zigzag weave.



20. Add another bead and move to the opposite wire.



21. Where beads don't fit, create zigzag weaves without beads.



22. Continue using the wire lace technique with beads.



23. Fold the end of the thin wire over the weave, return, wrap it around itself, and cut off the excess.



24. Clean the edges with pliers.



25. Repeat for the other side. The decorated tail fin is now complete.



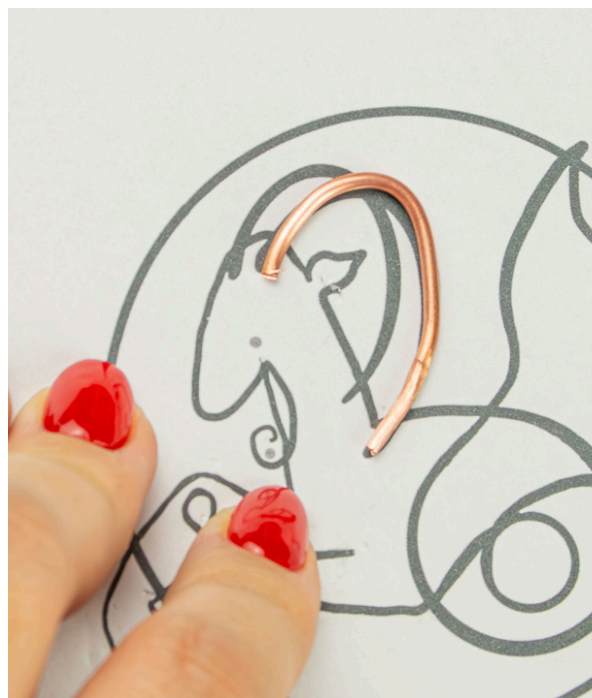
26. Take 2 mm wire and cut two 5 to 6 cm pieces (or twist two pieces of 1 mm or 1.2 mm wire if 2 mm wire is unavailable).



27. Shape the horns according to the template.



28. Hammer the ends of the horns on the anvil to taper them evenly. Rotate the wire while hammering for uniform shaping.



29. Compare the finished horns with the template.



30. File or sand both ends of the horns to smooth them.



31. Place the horns on the head and mark where they will be attached.



32. Use cutting pliers to create grooves on each horn at the marked points by lightly pinching and twisting the wire until a groove forms.



33. Cut a piece of 0.4 mm wire, twice your arm span, place the first horn (the one higher on the head) on the outline, and begin sewing it with the thin wire. The horn rests behind the ear and against the neck outline for stability.



34. Place the second horn over the first and sew it to the head outline, crossing the thin wire over both wires. Continue attaching the second horn to the first one. Cut and clean the thin wire ends on both sides.



35. The Capricorn is now complete. You can attach it to the prepared hoop and patinate it if desired.



Here's another variation. The template includes a few suggested weaving patterns—don't be afraid to experiment with them! :-)

conclusion

Have you created your Capricorn? 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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