

Pisces



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introduction

Pisces

Pisces, a water sign ruled by Neptune, is celebrated for its compassionate and empathetic nature. Those born under the Pisces sign, from February 19 to March 20, are commonly recognized for their artistic inclinations, intuitive insights, and a deep connection to the emotional realm. With a profound appreciation for creativity and a natural sensitivity, Pisceans infuse a gentle and imaginative spirit into every aspect of their lives. Their ability to navigate the depths of emotions makes them adept at understanding and empathizing with others, adding a touch of empathy and dreamy inspiration to any situation.

PART 1: FRAME

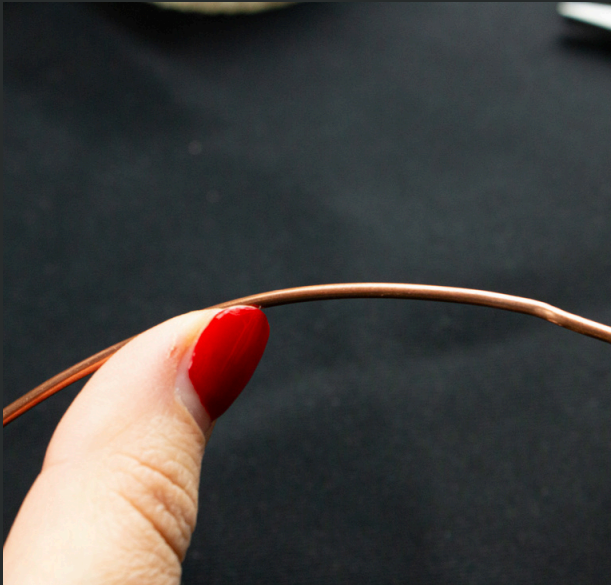
materials

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

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

All materials are available in our e-shop www.dratovani.cz/as

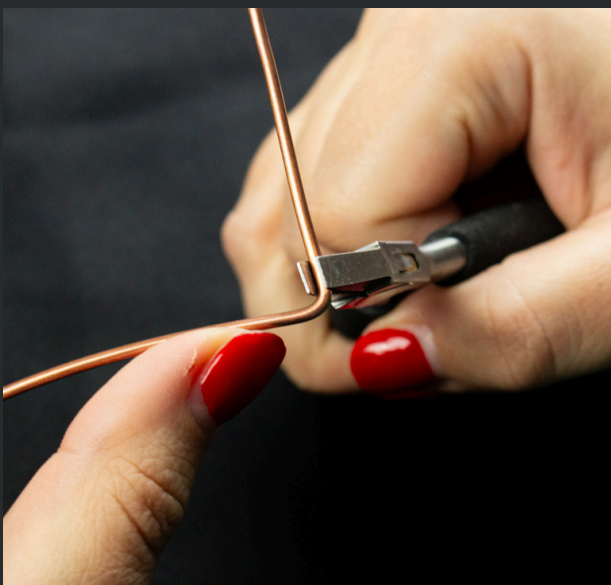
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1. Prepare all the tools and wire. Start with the thick wire 1.2 mm (16 ga), unwind a piece of it and smooth it between your fingers.



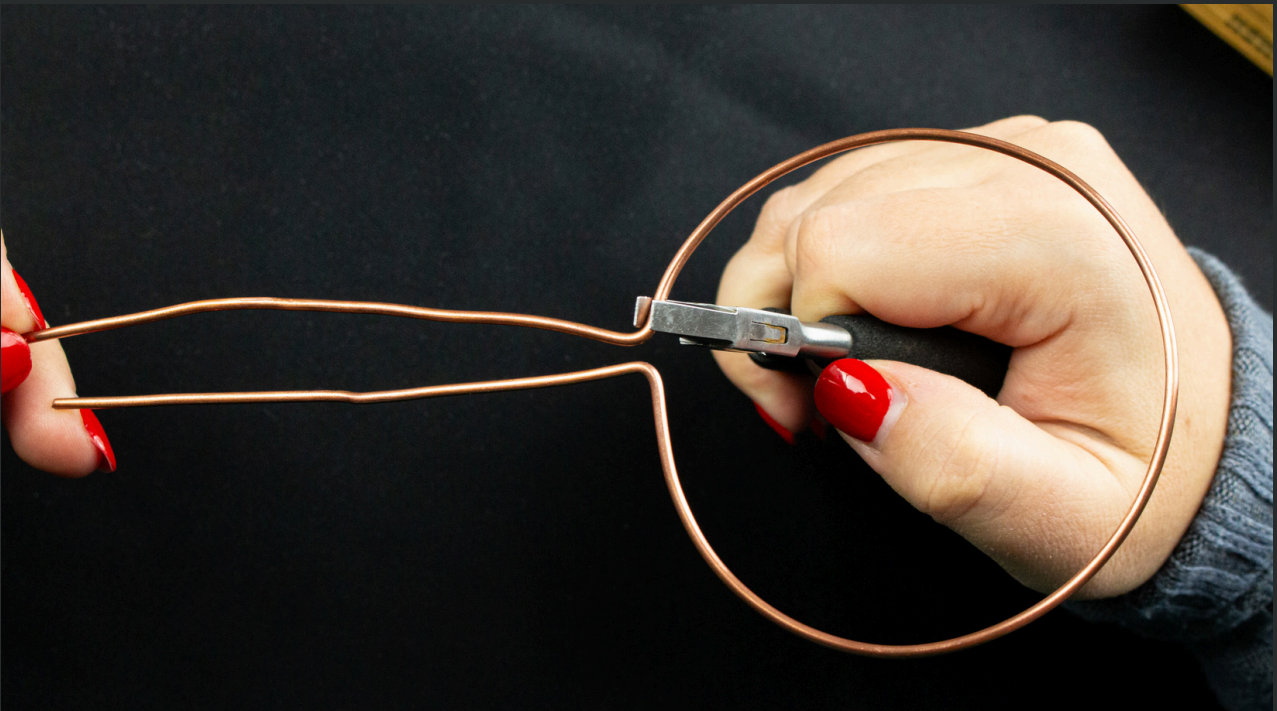
2. Measure 10 cm (4 in) of it.



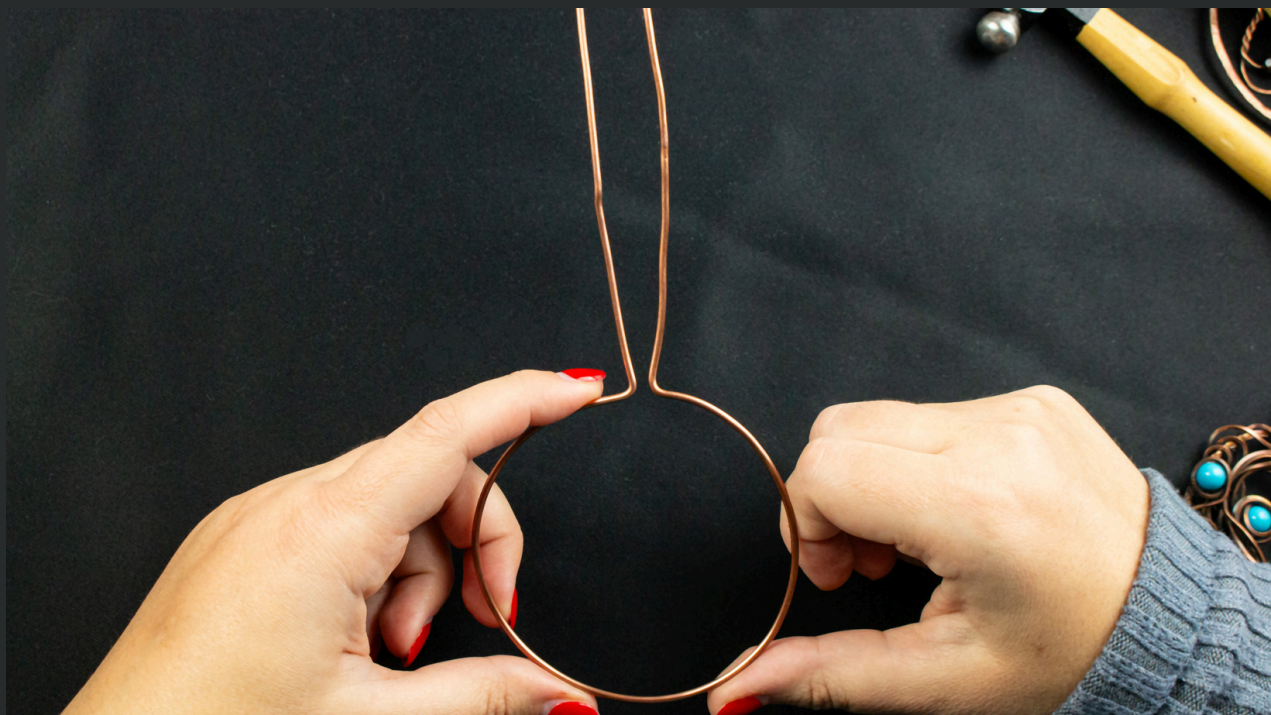
3. There, bend the wire at a right angle.



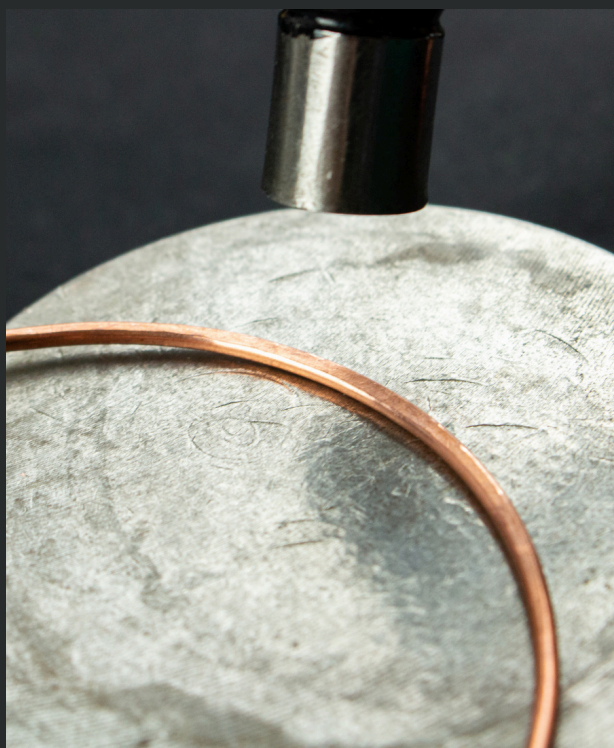
4. Use an object of a suitable diameter, like a mug or a rolling-pin. Bend and shape the wire around it.



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.



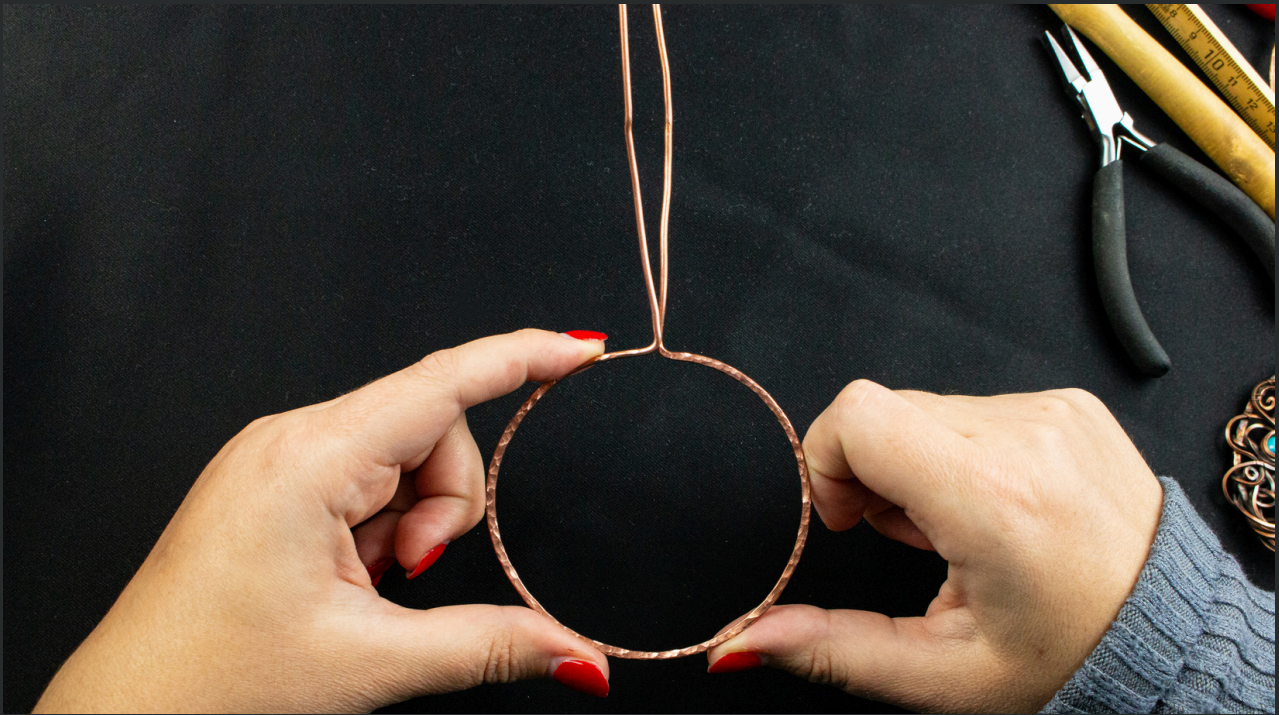
6. This is the final shape of the frame.



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



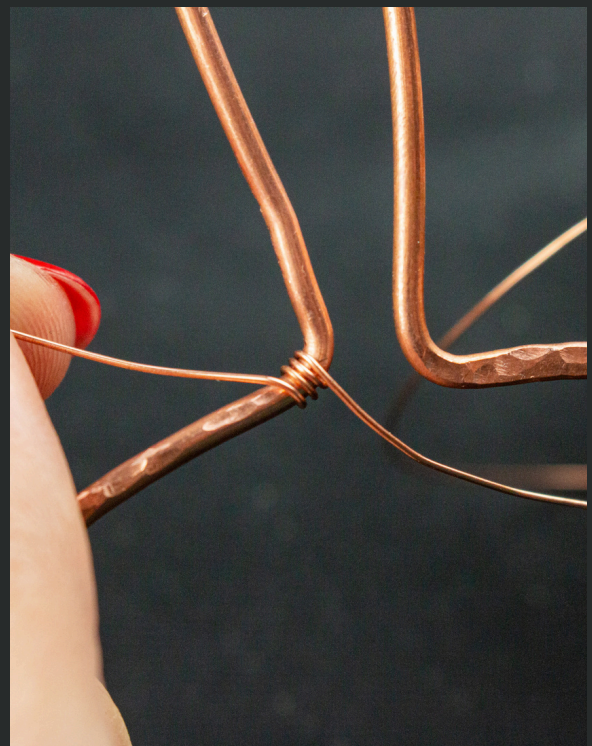
8. When it is done, turn the hammer and use the round end of the hammer to hammer some more to decorate it.



9. This is what the hammered frame looks like.



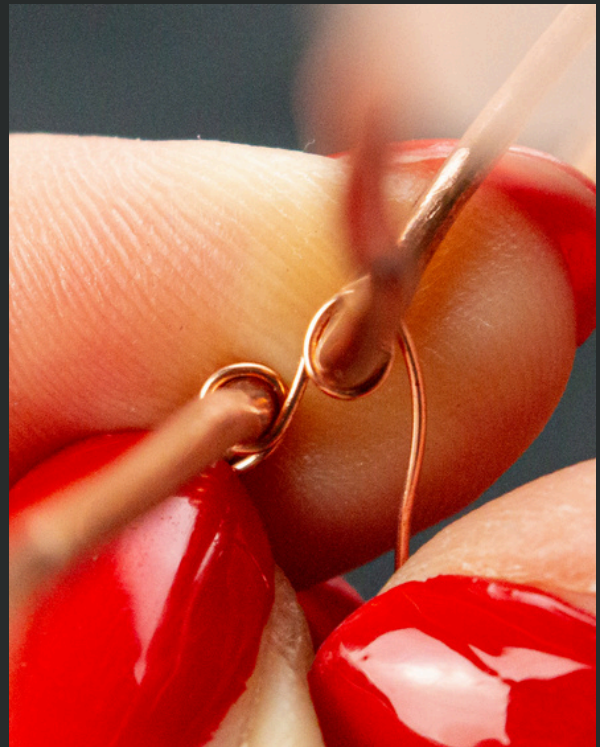
10. The diameter of the frame is approximately 8 cm (3 in).



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.



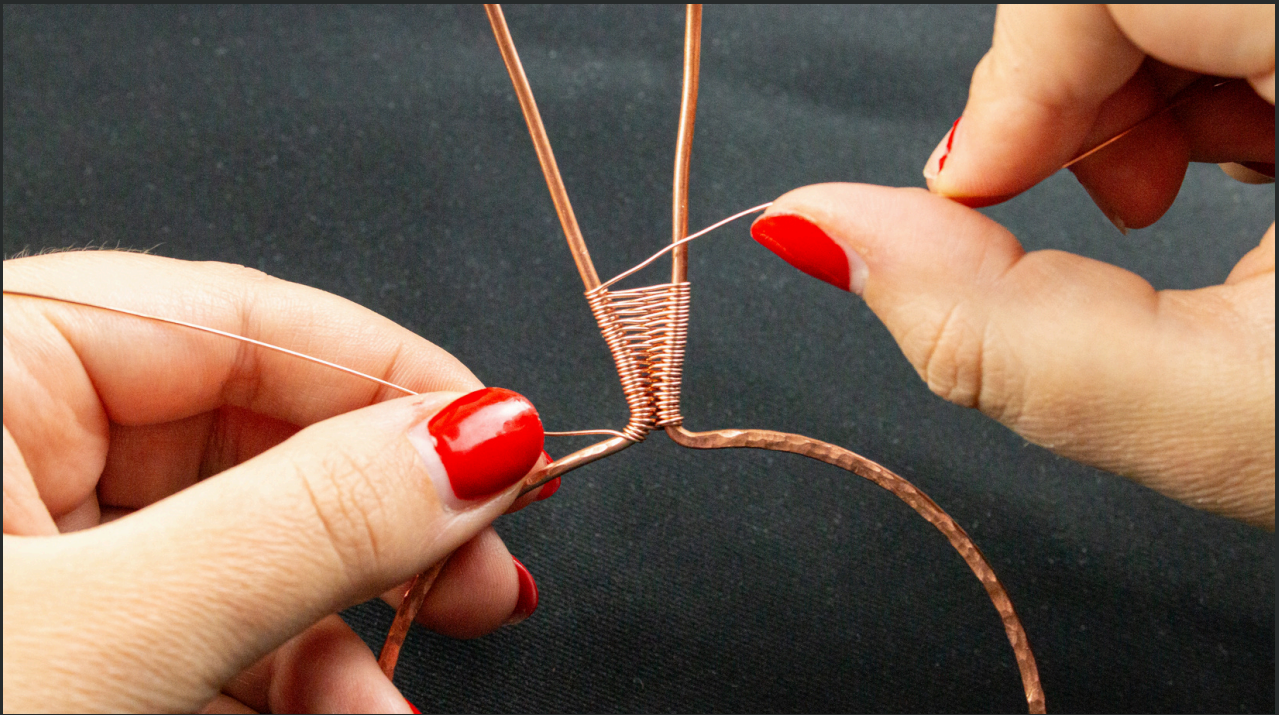
13. Continue in the same way.



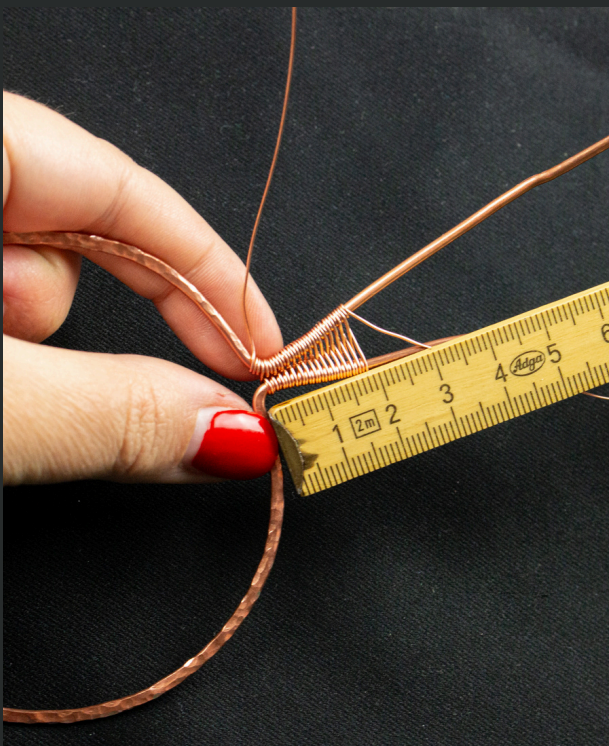
14. And one more loop on each piece of wire.



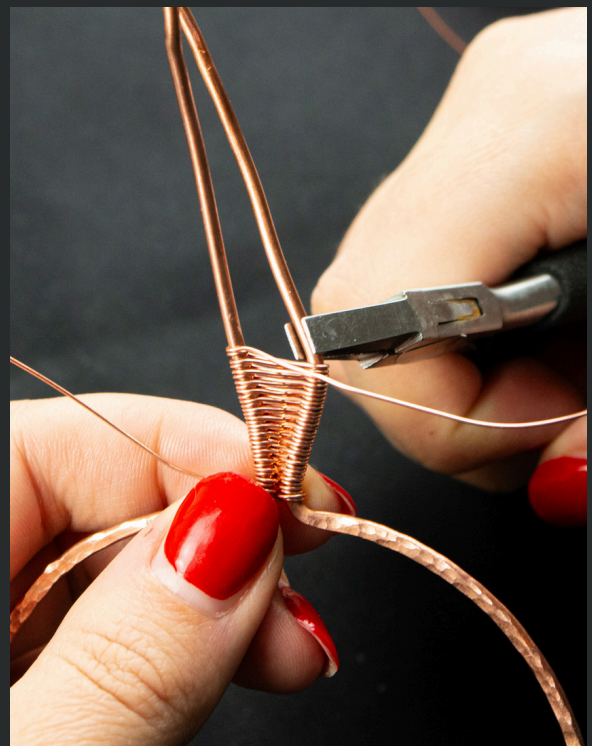
15. This is what your work looks like from the front, the two pieces of wire are spread apart a little bit.



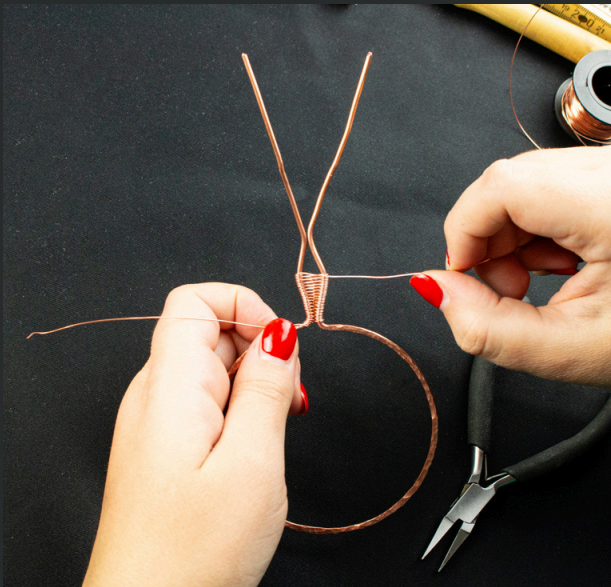
16. Continue wrapping, copy the width of the spread pieces of wire.



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



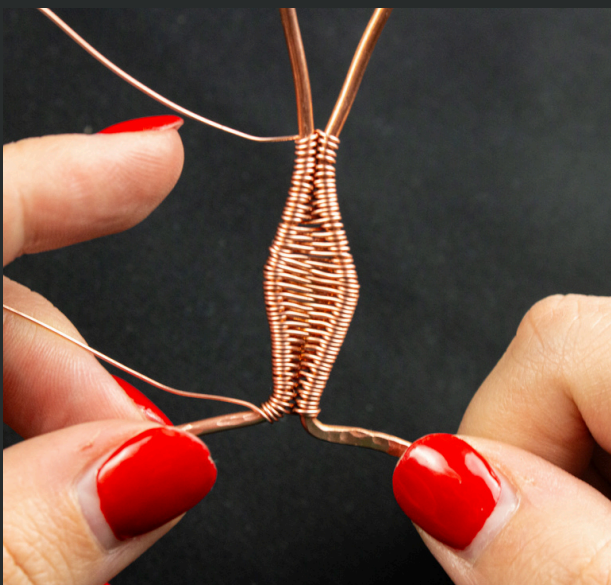
18. Then use the pliers to bend the two pieces of wire a bit closer.



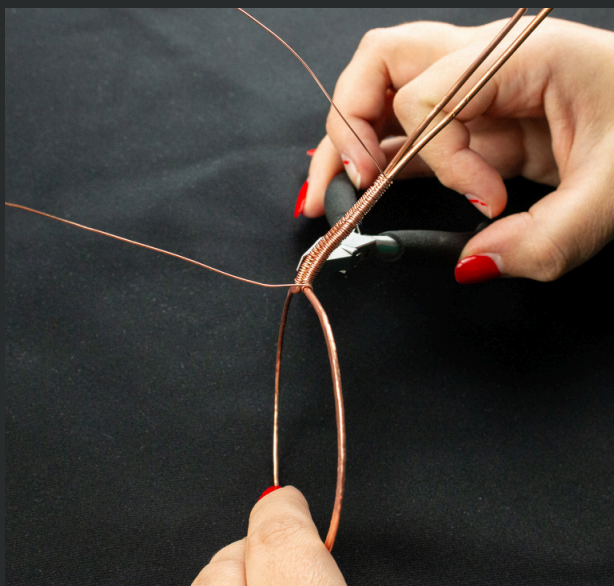
19. Measure 2 cm (0.8 in) and bend them a bit apart again. This is what the final shape of the large loop used to hang the pendant looks like.



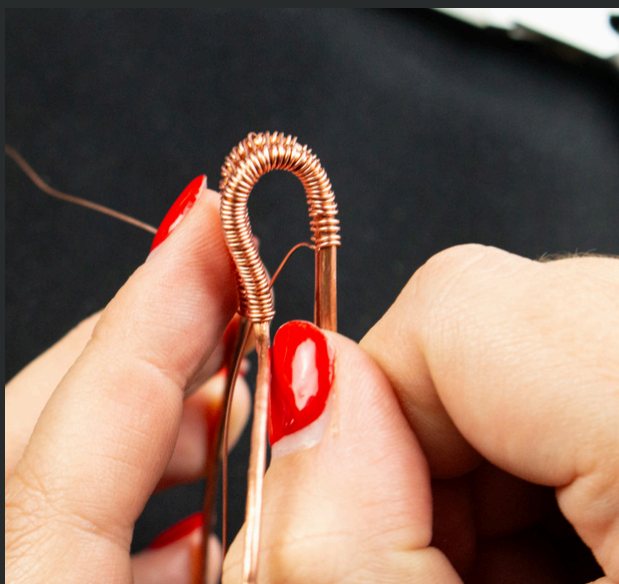
20. Then continue wrapping both parts of the loop in the same way as before.



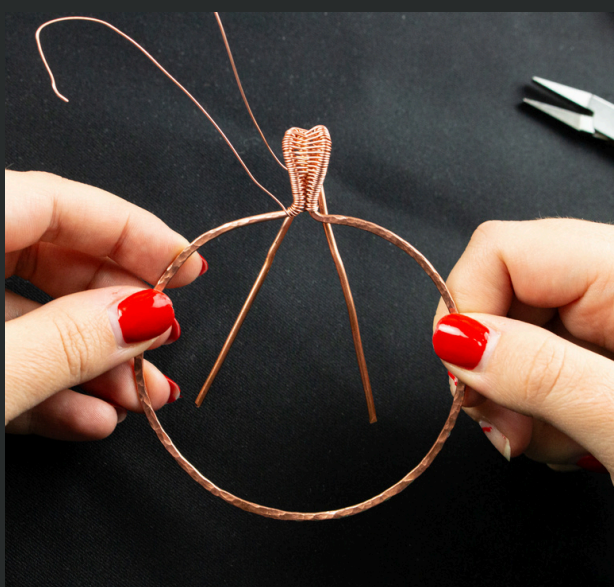
21. Stop at the point where the two pieces of wire meet. The wrapping is done.



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



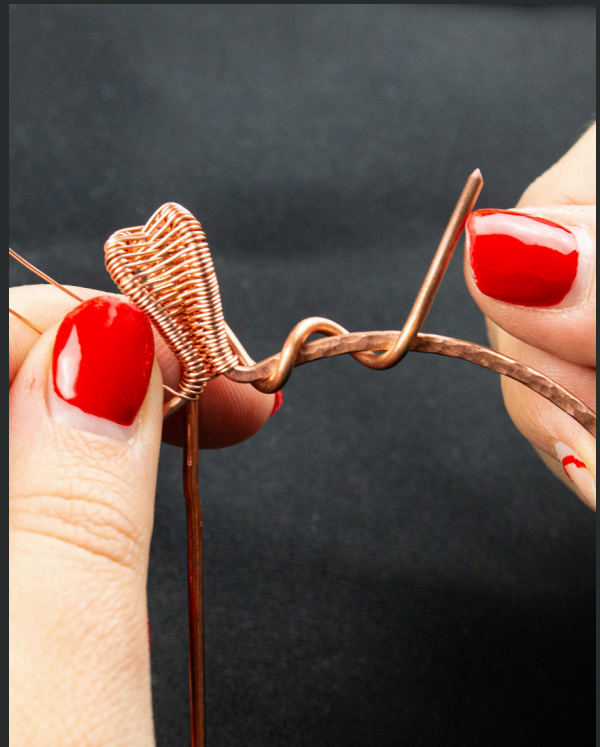
23. Then bend the whole loop backwards and all the way down.



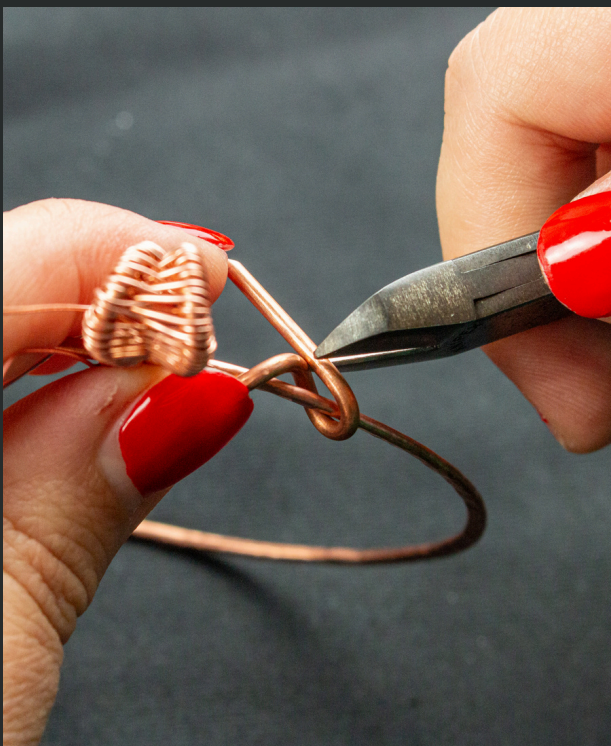
24. This is what the fully formed loop looks like. Both ends of the thick wire are spread apart behind the loop.



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



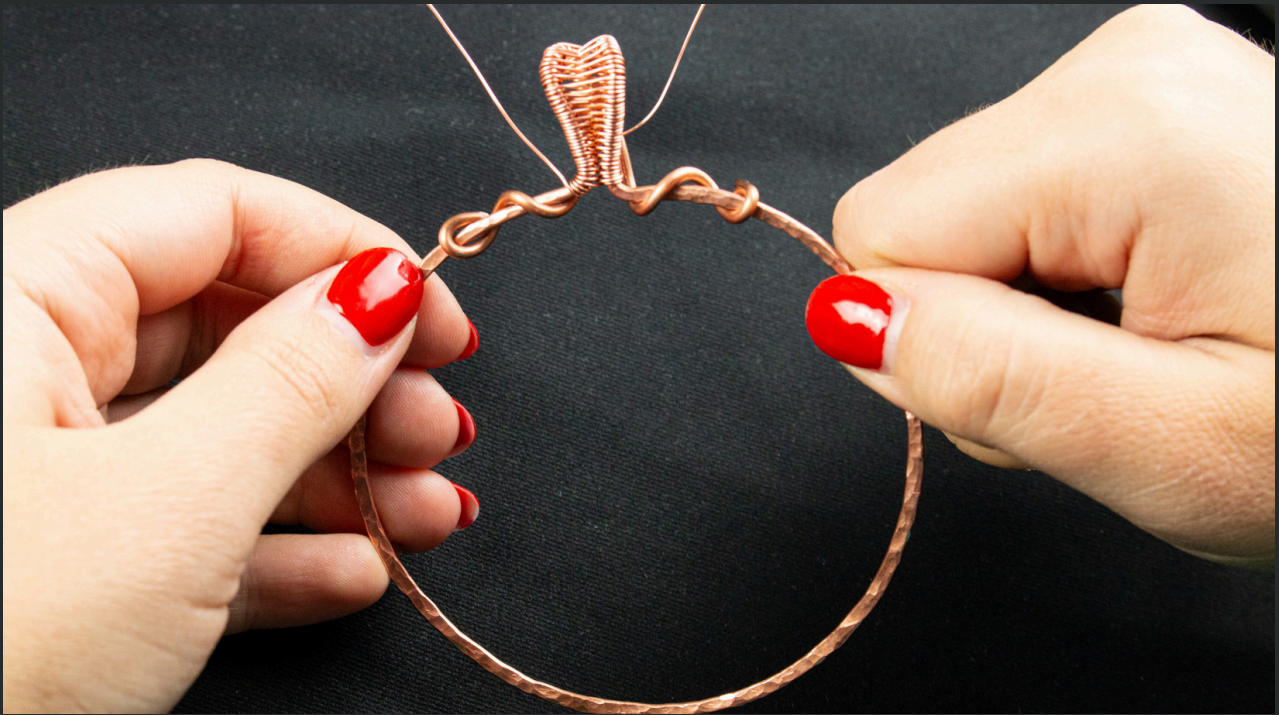
26. Then wrap it twice around the frame.



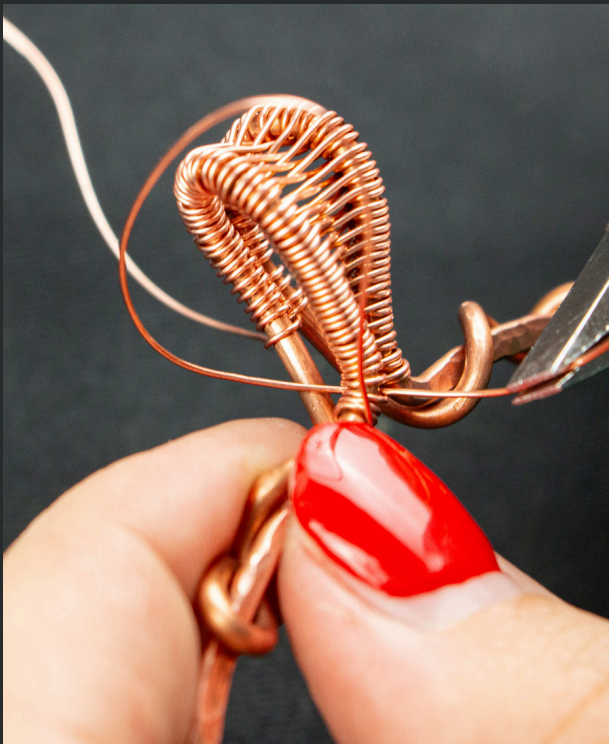
27. Bend it backwards and cut.



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 2: The Zodiac Sign

materials

- Copper wire: [1.2 mm \(16 ga\)](#), and [0.4 mm \(26 ga\)](#) thicker
- 2 cabochons - 25 mm in diameter (9.8 in), small pearls (5mm)
- Pliers - [flat-nose](#), [chain-nose](#), [side-cutters](#)

instructions



1. Prepare the finished frame, all the material to make the fish and tools you need on your desk.



2. Begin with making the shape of the first fish from the thicker wire (1.2 mm). You can use the enclosed stencil, or you can shape it according to the following photographs. - First, start with making a spiral with the pliers at the end of the wire.



3. Use the pliers flat-like to finish the spiral.



4. Put it on the first cabochon, so it fits like that.



5. Bend the wire at a right angle near the spiral with the pliers. Little bit further, bend the wire slightly.



6. Next, fold the wire with the pliers.



7. After that, form the wire alongside the first part to make the first fin.



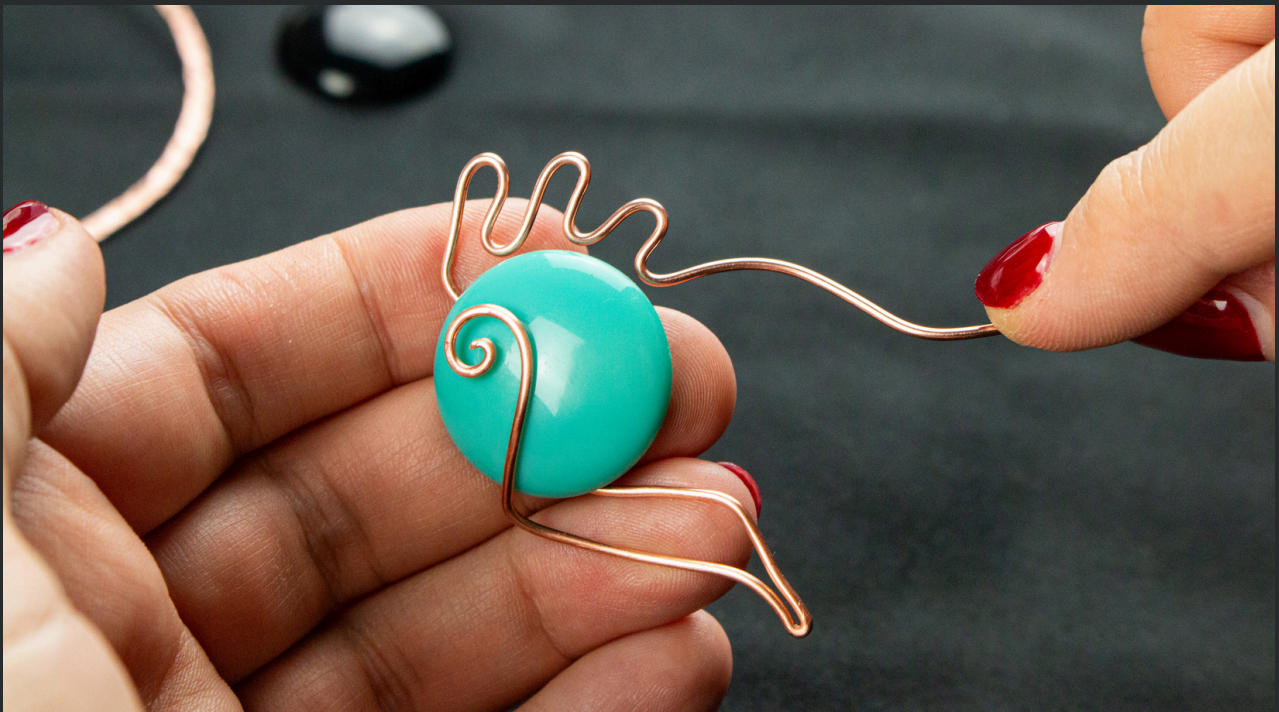
8. Then lead the wire behind the cabochon, next bend needs to overreach it, so measure where to bend it.



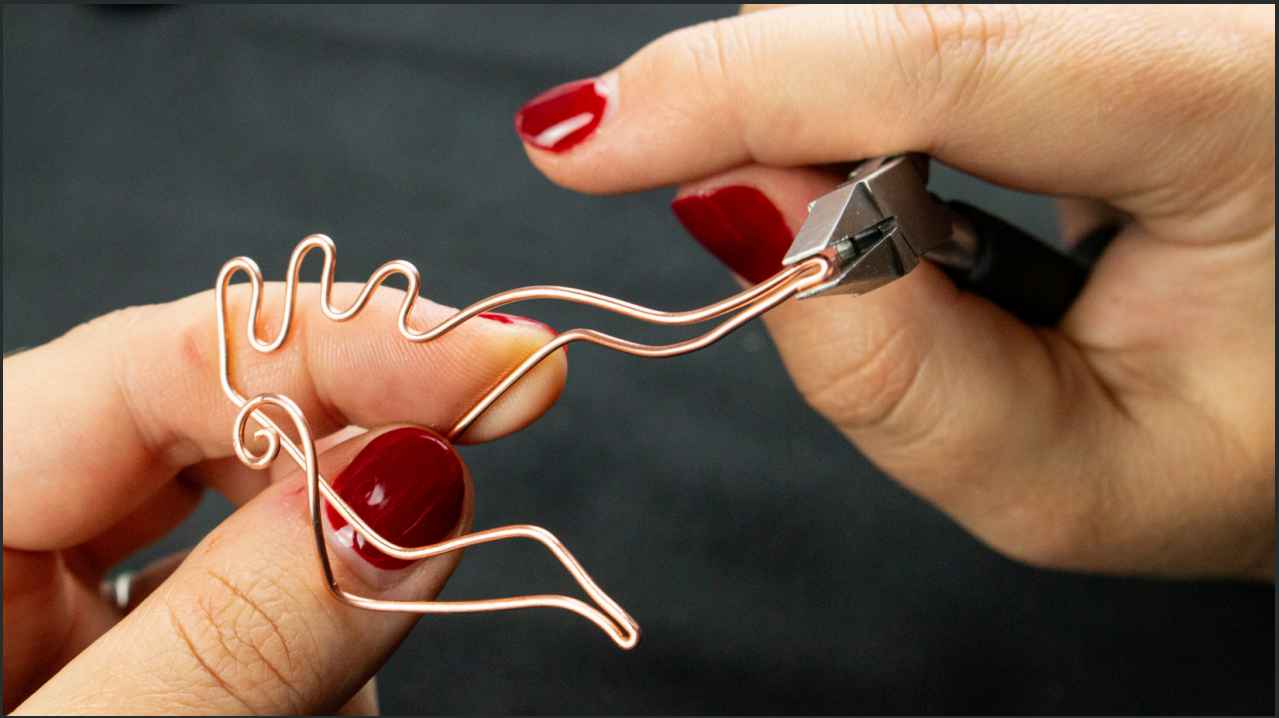
9. Form the first bend of the upper fin like that.



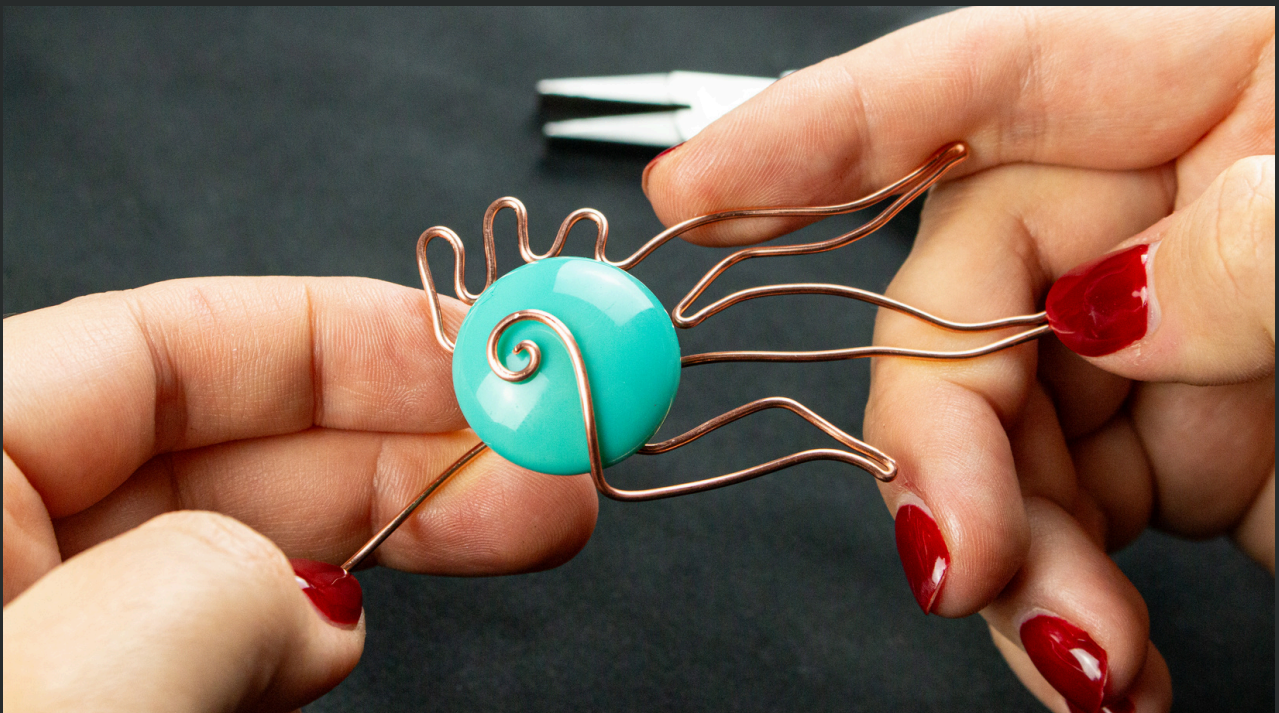
10. Put the cabochon in the wrapping and finish shaping the second bend of the upper fin.



11. Form the third bend in the same way.



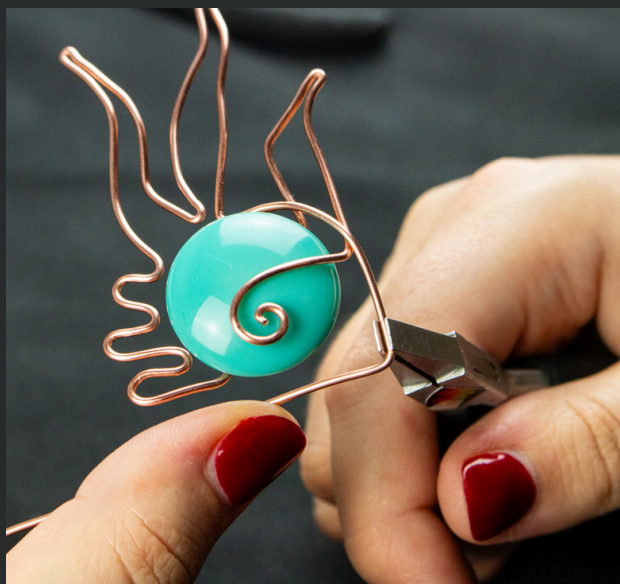
12. Next lead the wire diagonally downwards, to the back to form the first tip of the tail.



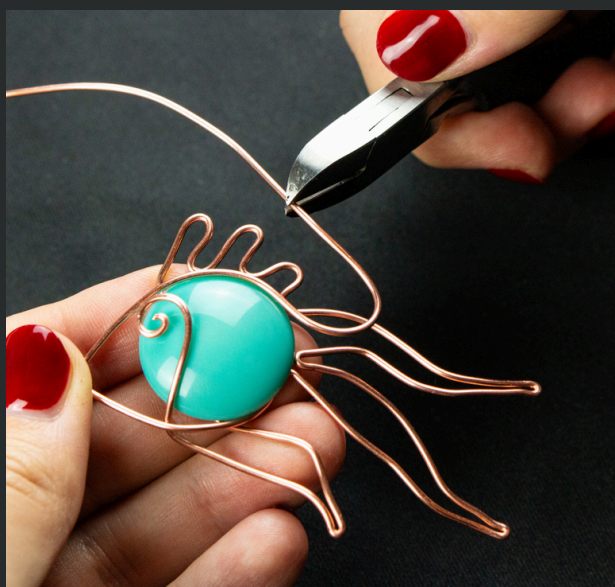
13. Underneath it, form the second tip and lead the wire under the cabochon.



14. Shape the wire according to the cabochon, lead it over the first wire with the spiral to the front of the fish.



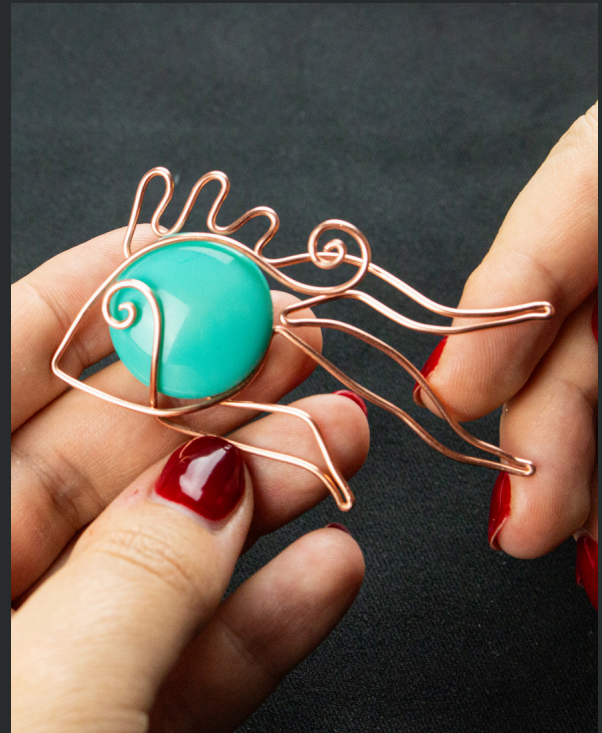
15. Form the tip of the fish muzzle in the front.



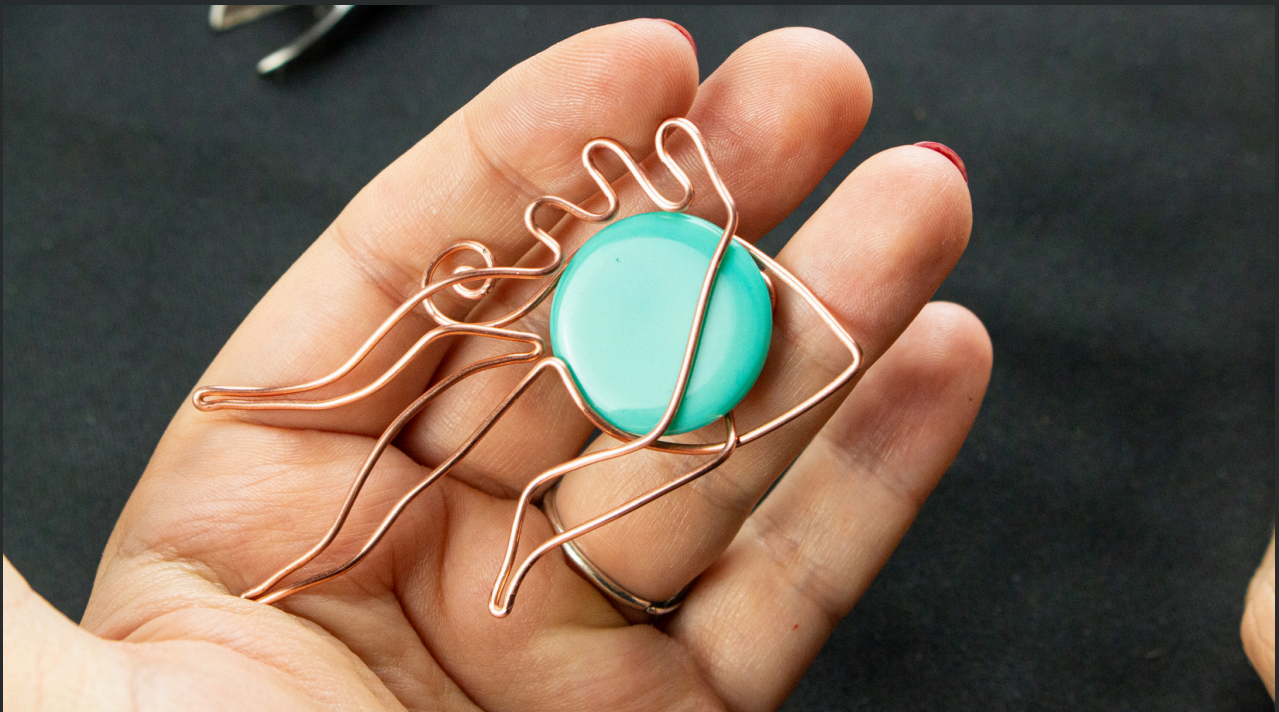
16. Continue, lead the wire along the upper part of the cabochon, onto the tail. There bend the wire, leave a piece long enough to make a spiral and cut.



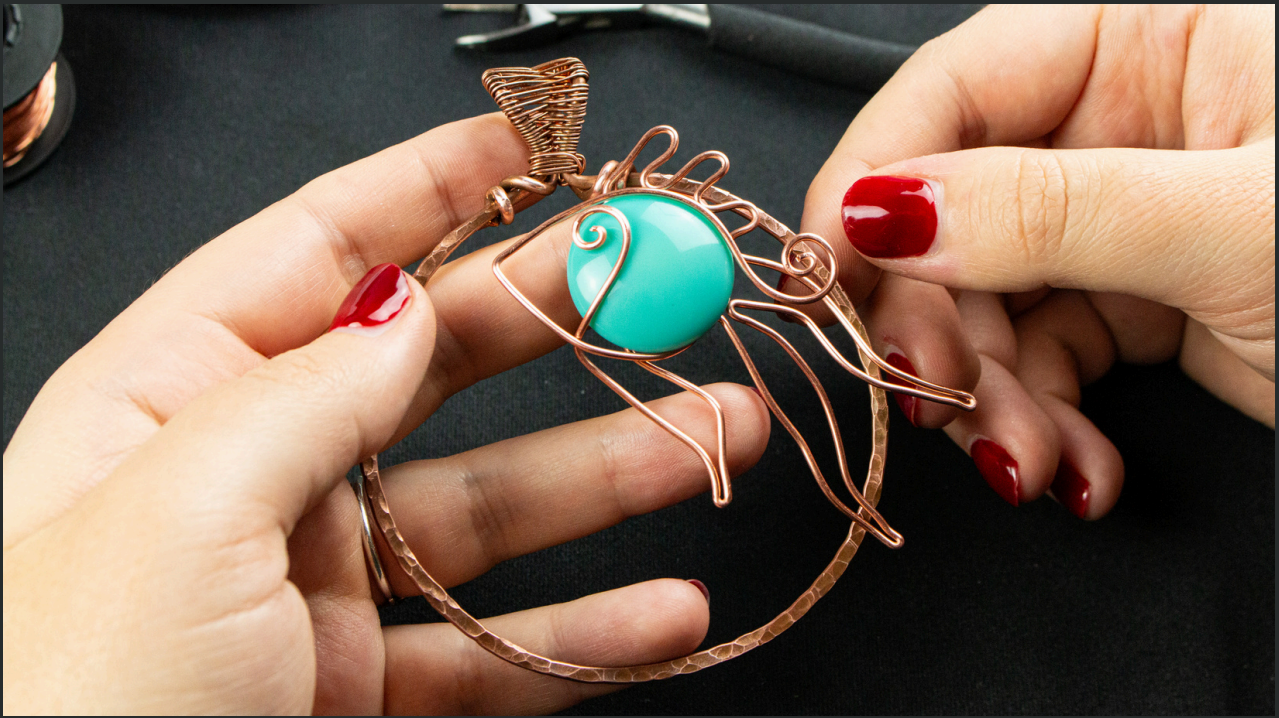
17. Start twisting a spiral at the end of it.



18. Finish the spiral and the whole shape of the first fish is done.



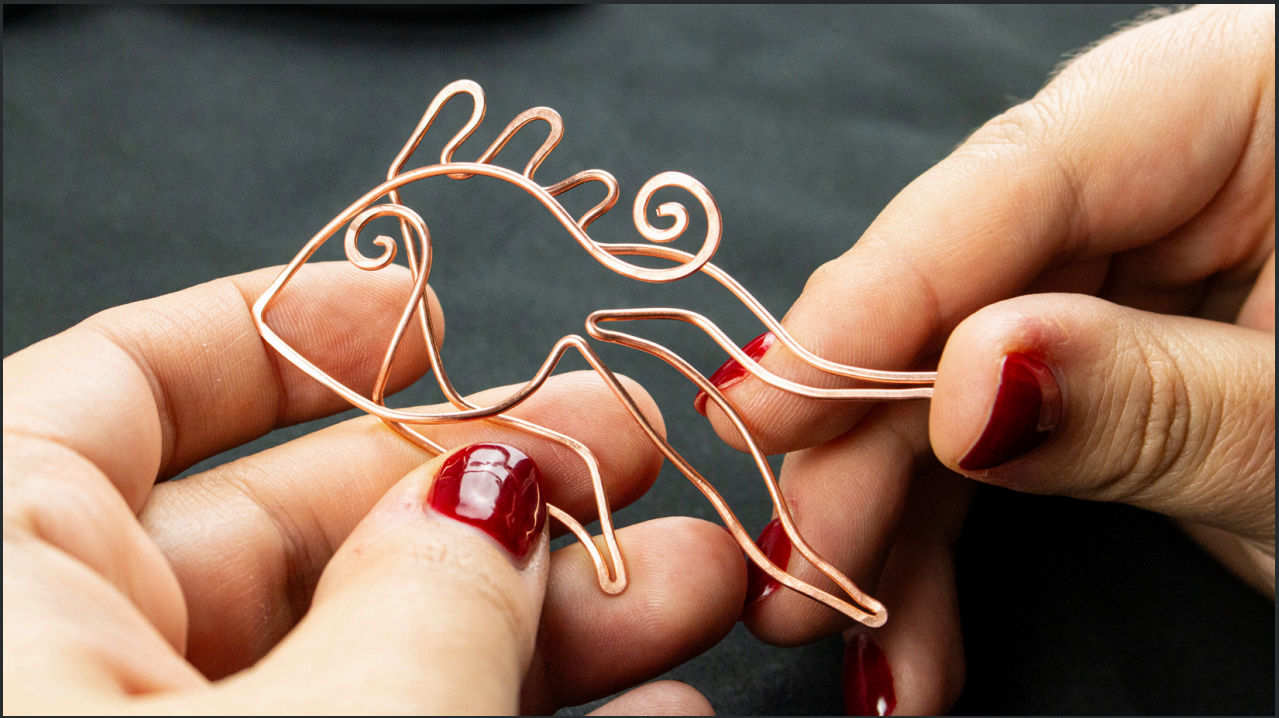
19. This is what the other side of the fish looks like.



20. Place the fish onto the frame to see where to sew it at the end.



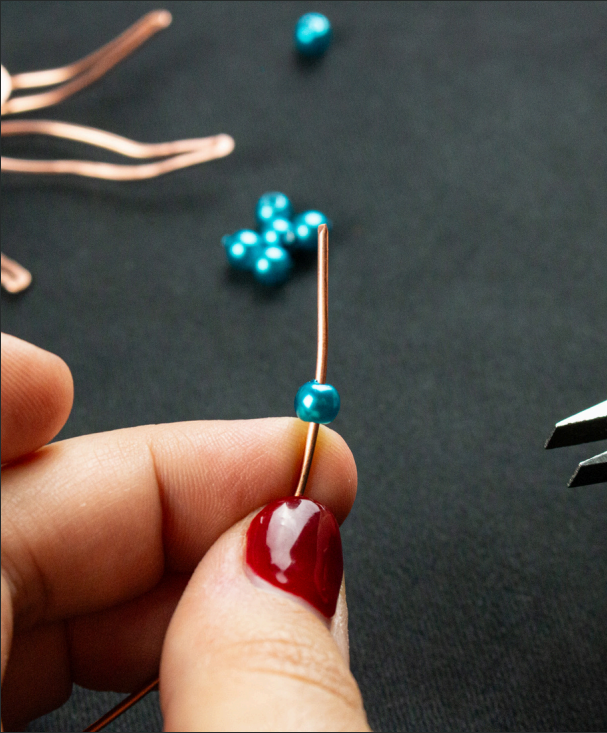
21. Then hammer the fish on an anvil. Hammer the tips of the fins, the tail, the spirals and the muzzle.



22. All done, the fish is decorated with the hammering.



23. Insert the cabochon back inside the fish and put the fish aside for a while.



24. Now start making small ornaments out of the same wire (1.2 mm). They will be sewn into the fins later. First string a pearl on the wire.



25. And twist a small spiral at the end of the wire.



26. Then start wrapping the pearl with the wire from the other side.



27. Wrap it all the way and place it into the fin to see if it fits.



28. Leave a piece of wire on the other side of the pearl, cut and twist a spiral. This is what the finished ornament looks like.



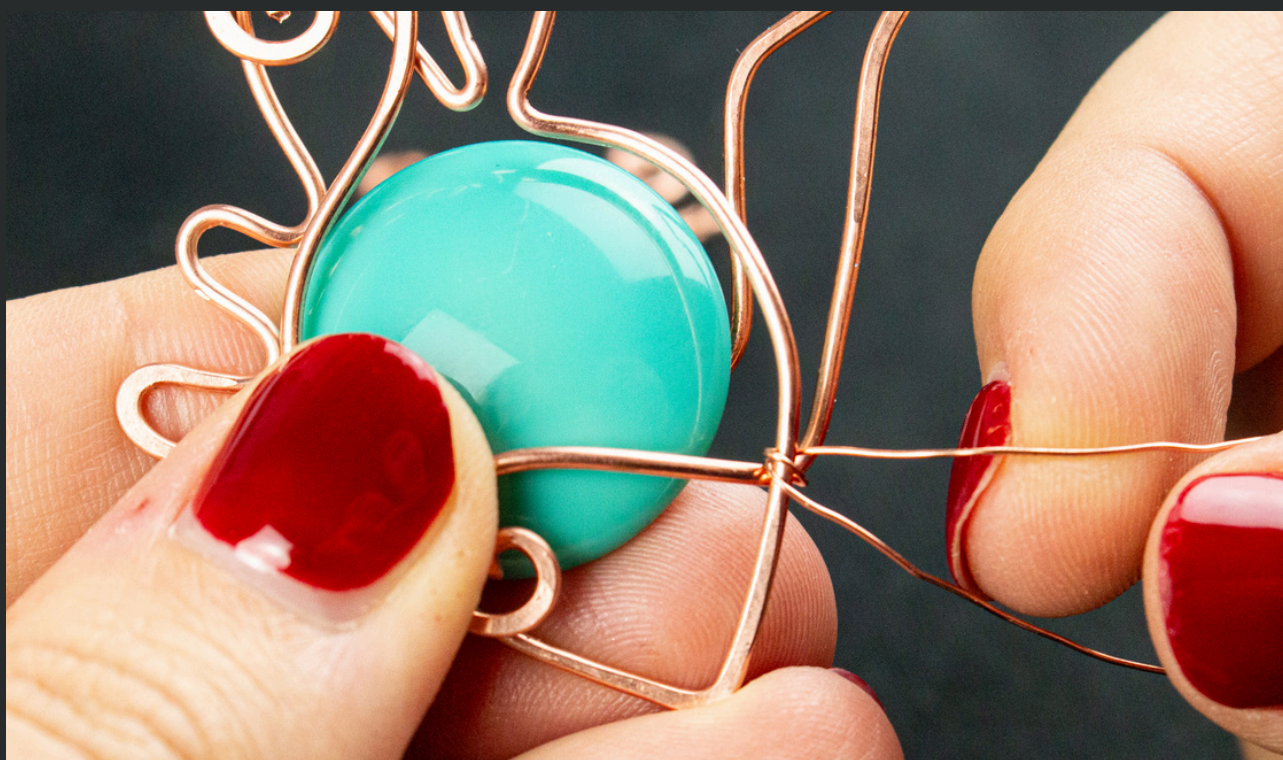
29. Hammer the ornament on the anvil too. And make another one. The size and the number of the ornaments is up to you.



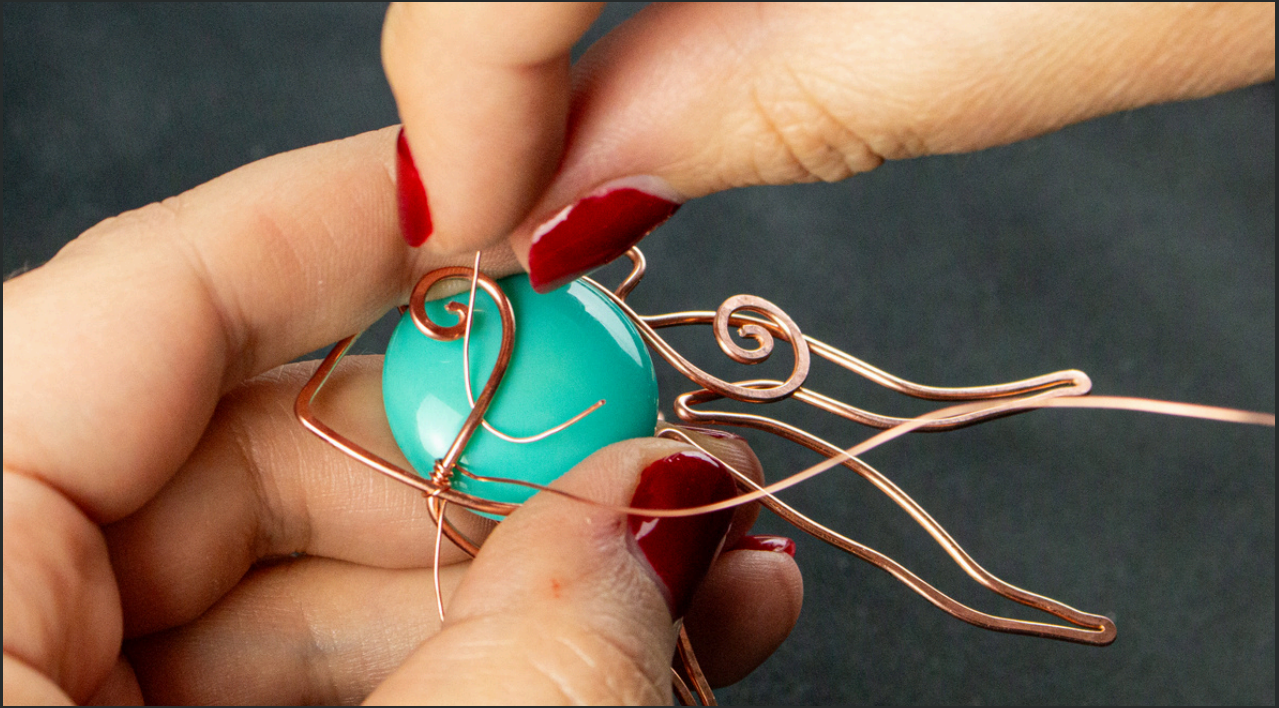
30. I made two ornaments with pearls for my first fish.



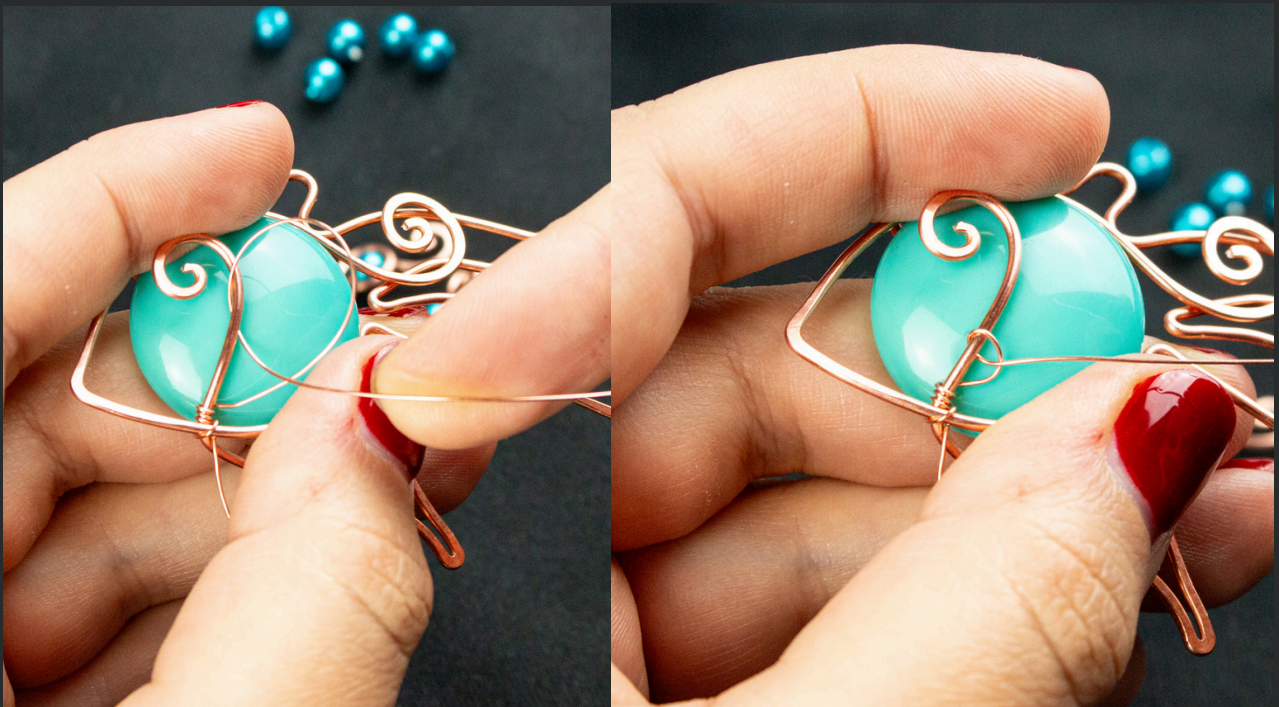
31. Then take the thin wire, measure and cut an arm length of it, to be able to sew the fish together and fasten the ornaments into the fins.



32. Start sewing under the head, at the spot where the wires cross. Take the small wire in the middle and wrap it around the crossing of the wire.



33. Continue wrapping it around the beginning of the wire with the spiral. Next, start decorating the gills with the viking knots. This is how to make the first stitch.



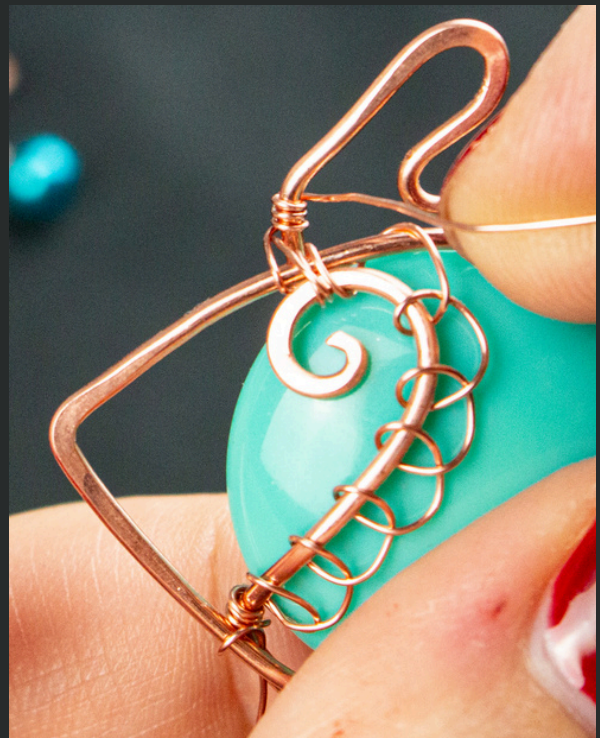
34 + 35 Tighten the first stitch.



36. + 37. Stitch the gills all the way to the top of the spiral.



38. Stitch the spiral to the frame of the fish body and to the wire of the upper fin, coming from underneath the cabochon.



39. Wrap it around the wire to finish, but do not cut.



40. Thread a pearl onto the wire and place it inside of the fin.



41. Fasten the wire with the pearl.



42. Continue with the second and the third pearl in the same way. Fasten the thin wire on the frame every time, and in the end, use the thin wire to sew the wire with the second spiral together with the wire of the tail.



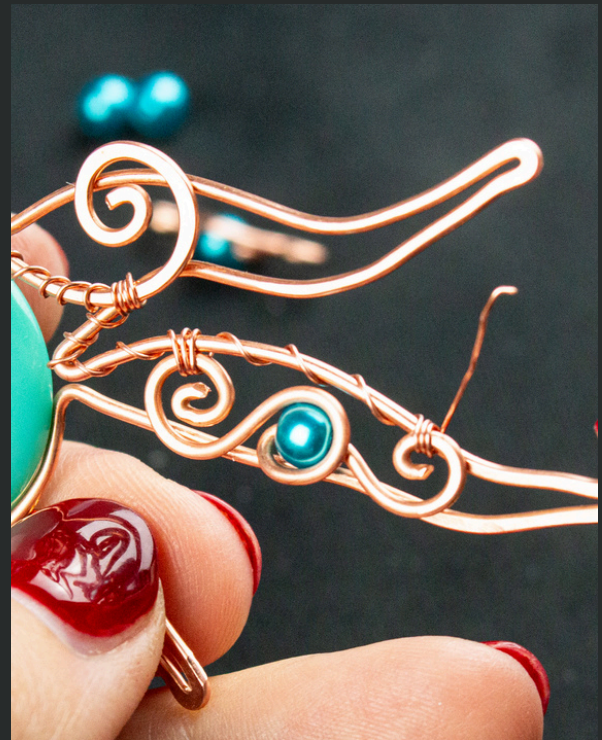
43. Next, wrap only the wire of the spiral.



44. + 45. And sew it onto the wire forming the fish tail.



46. Continue wrapping the wire of the tail till the spot where you insert the first ornament.



47. Now, sew the ornament into the fin like this.



48. Then finish the thin wire there like this: wrap it around the thick wire several times, thread it under the wrapping, pull out, and tighten.



49. Leave a short end of the wire and cut.



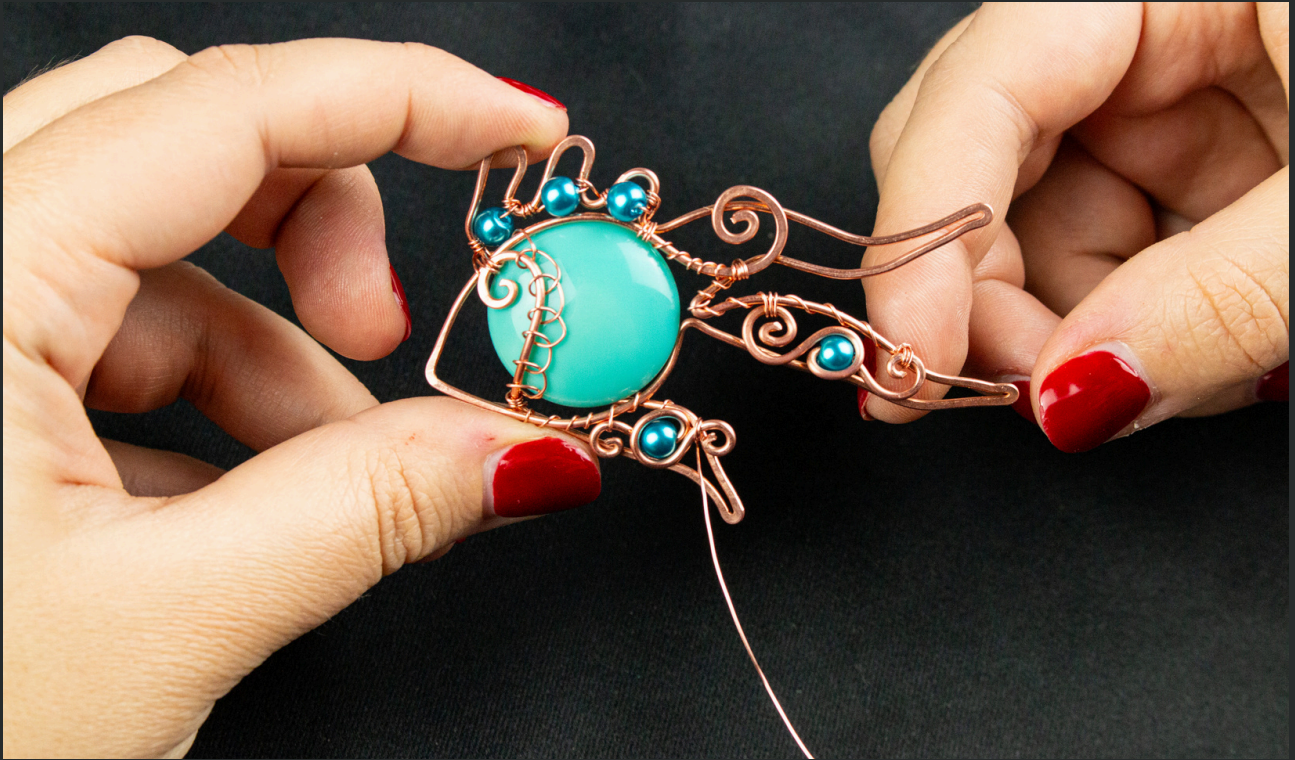
50. Next, bend the end of the wire over the wrapping and underneath it.



51. And finally, use the pliers to press it all the way under the wrapping. This is how to finish all the ends of the thin wire you'll have there.



52. Then continue using the other part of the thin wire. Start wrapping it around the lower part of the fish body.



53. Sew the other ornament into the lower fin.



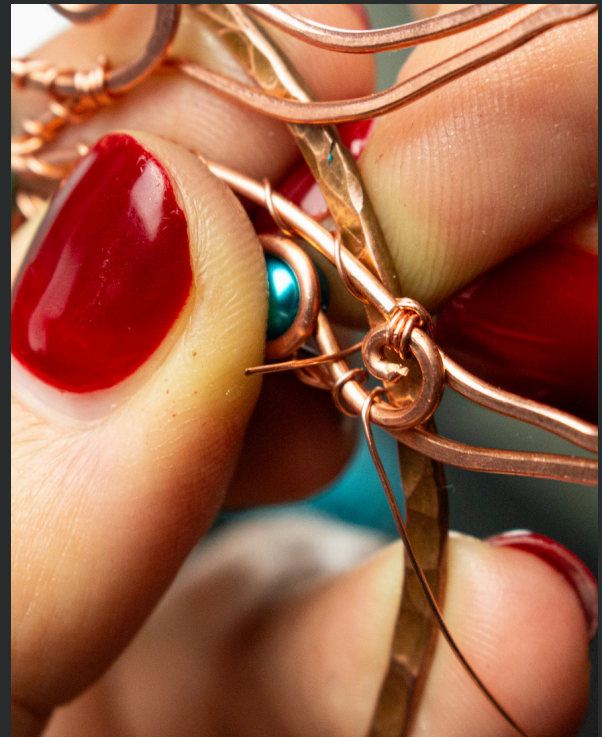
54. After that, make the second fish in a similar way. It should be looking to the other side and its tail should be bent upwards. You can use the other enclosed stencil. The cabochon can be of a different colour and the fish can be without pearls.



55. Now, place both fish onto the frame and prepare a piece of the thin wire to sew them on.



56. Start sewing the tail of the upper fish. First, wrap the wire around the wire of the tail.



57. Lead it under the frame.



58. Make a stitch.



59. And then the next one around the wires on the other side of that fin.



60. Continue wrapping the thin wire around the frame and sewing the fish onto it. During sewing, check if the cabochon holds in place well from the back. If not, secure it in its position with the thin wire.



61. This is what the first fish sewn on the frame looks like. All the ends of the thin wire are finished in the same way as described before.



62. Sew the other fish onto the frame in the same way.



63. This is what a detail of it looks like.



64. And this is what the whole finished sign work looks like.



conclusion

Have you created your Pisces? 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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