

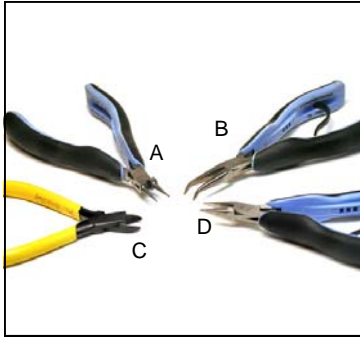
Branched Wire Earrings



Skill Level: Intermediate

Prerequisites: At least 1-2 beginner wire working classes.

The ever popular branched wire class is back...but with a new twist! Learn this sweet technique for adorning earrings and components and start branching out beyond the simple wire wrap.



Ingredients for

TOOLS NEEDED

- A. Round-nose pliers
- B. Bent-nose pliers
- C. Wire cutters
- D. Needle-nose pliers

STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

Getting Started

Designing

Don't Forget!

Tying up Loose Ends



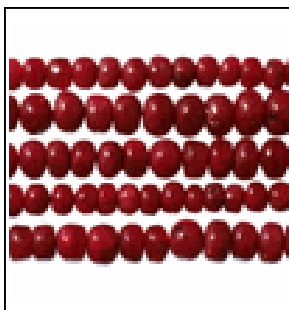
1.5 feet of 22 gauge [wire](#) (or 1 pair of 35mm beading hoops)



1 pair of [earwires or posts](#)



4 feet of 28 gauge [wire](#)

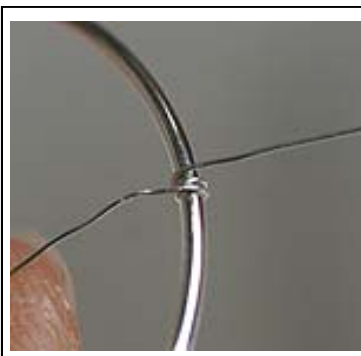


Assortment of 2-4mm [beads](#)

Part 1: Getting Started



Step 1
Fold your piece of wire (18") in half round your hoop.



Step 2
Coil one end of wire around the hoop about 3 times for security of a starting point.



Step 3
Start twisting your wire about 1/4".



Step 4
Split one end of the wire up and thread on a bead. Leave about 1/4" gap from the center wire.



Step 5
Fold the wire back and pinch both of the wire at the base of the bead.



Step 6
Start twisting the wire until the wires meet again.



Step 7
Repeat step 4 through 6.



Step 8
Continue on branch off.



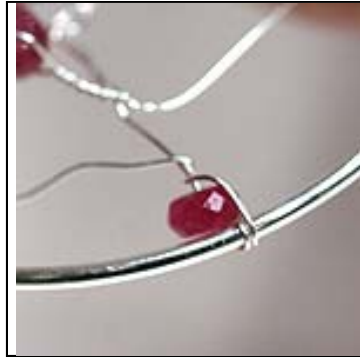
Step 9

Start branching out to the edge of the hoop to anchor and secure your design.



Step 10

Thread on a bead and wrap one wire to the component to anchor the branch.



Step 11

Continue to wrap the wires together. Try to keep the twisted look.



Step 12

Now you have both your wires together again to twist.



Step 13

Continue to twist toward the side of the component you want end your design.



Step 14

Thread on the last bead.



Step 15

Bring the wires around on each side of the bead.



Step 16

Coil the wires 2-3 times around the component. Cut the excess wire and tuck in to secure.



Sample 1



Sample 2



Sample 3