

The Bead Shop™

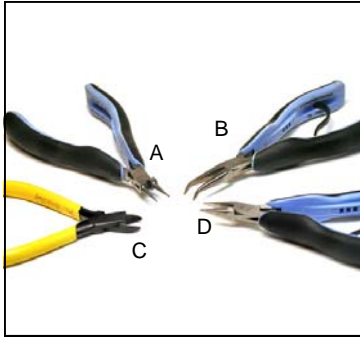
Forged Earrings



Skill Level: Intermediate

Prerequisites: Wire Tutorial and at least 1 beginner wire working class.

Paragraph Description: This year fashion is all about great shapes and glinting metals, and no one knows this better than Vicky, the product buyer for The Bead Shop. She'll show you how to make your own components by hand from wire. With a little love (and some hammering!) you can create your new favorite pair of earrings.



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



2 feet of 16 gauge wire

1 foot of 26-28 gauge wire



4-12 headpins



2 pairs of ear wires or posts



Assortment of beads (small beads to large briolettes, depending on designs)



Ball pen and a highlighter



Chasing Hammer and a metal bench block



Sample 1

- ☺ Great with one briolettes
- ☺ You can add a smaller bead on the second spiral. Either wrap it in the center or hang it.
- ☺ You can wire wrap a smaller bead on the ear wire.



Step 2

Cut wire in half into two equal lengths. (One for each earring)



Step 3

Using your round nose plier, start to curl the end of your wire. Do this by gripping the very tip of the wire and rolling your tool towards the wire. Adjust your grip accordingly.



Step 4

Once you have a complete spiral, use your bent nose plier to continue to roll it on itself.



Step 5

Find the place on the wire you want to create the bend, Place your pen there and create a firm grip.



Step 6

While holding the pen in place, bend the wire around with your other hand.



Step 7

Repeat step 3 and 4 on the other end. Go back into your design with your pen or round nose plier to create the elegant curves.

Tip: Before continuing to step 8, shape the other half first. This will make it easier to make them identical.



Step 8

Begin hammering the larger curve first.

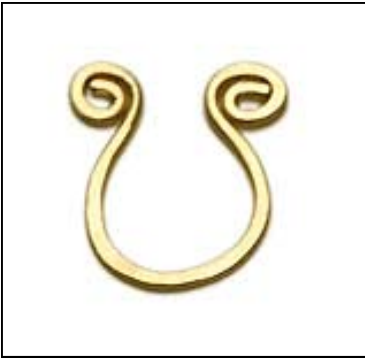
Tip: Do not focus on one area. Be sure to rotate. To make it even and identical, count how many times you hit.



Step 9
Continue to hammer the spirals.



Step 10
Wire wrap beads onto your new component.



Step 1
Bend your wire at the very center with a highlighter.



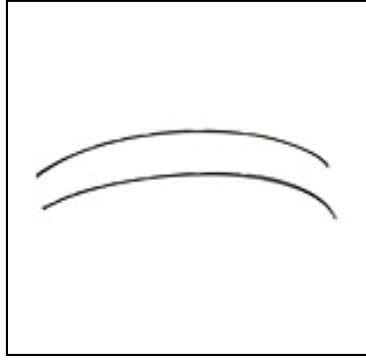
Step 11
Repeat step 3 and 4 to both ends of the wire.



Step 12
Repeat step 7.

Sample 2

- ☺ Great to use with chain, attached to the spirals.
- ☺ Great as earrings or a pendant.
- ☺ Wire wrap beads onto it or to hang.
- ☺ Turn it upside down.
- ☺ Have Fun!



Sample 3

- ☺ Wire wrap beads onto it and to hang with head-pins.
- ☺ Start hammering after step 3.
- ☺ Make multiples and link them together for a necklace.

Step 2

Cut wire in half into two equal lengths. (One for each earring)

Step 3

Using your round nose plier, start to curl the end of your wire. Do this by gripping the very tip of the wire and rolling your tool towards the wire. Adjust your grip accordingly.

Refer to steps 3 and 4 in sample 1.

Step 4

Once you have a complete spiral, use your bent nose plier to continue to roll it on itself.

Be sure to make other earring before hammering.



Step 5

Begin hammering the spirals.

Step 6

Wire wrap beads onto your new component.