



How to make

Project # 358

Simple Hoop Earrings

Instructions

With a 16cm length of 20 gauge wire, wrap around the mandrel (round cylinder) 3 times, pulling firmly as you wrap. Cut the wire after the 3rd wrap and remove the wire from the cylinder. Cut in between the loops of wire so you have 2 identical circles (you will have some wire left over). You can reshape by placing back onto the mandrel if needed. With round nose pliers, form a loop by grabbing the end of one side of the wire circle and rolling it until you close the loop. Repeat with the other earring. You should have a wire circular shape with a loop on one end. The other will go through the ear so it needs to be smooth, with an emery board file the end smooth on both earrings. Place the 2 wire circles side by side on one of the cutting boards, put the other board on the top of them, whack the board with the wire circles sandwiched in between a few times, this gives strength to the wire so they stay in shape. Place a bead onto a headpin, trim the wire approx 8mm from the bead and form a loop with the round nose pliers. Repeat on the other earring. Attach the beads to the loop on the earring. Option: Attach more beads or chain to the loop.