



Tutorial: Rose Pendant

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In this tutorial, I will teach you how to make a Wire Wrapped Rose Pendant.

This tutorial can be used by beginners with some knowledge of wire, since everything is very well photographed!

It is NOT important to stick to precise measurements in this tutorial - the more organic you wrap your piece, the more it will look like a real rose.

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Materials:

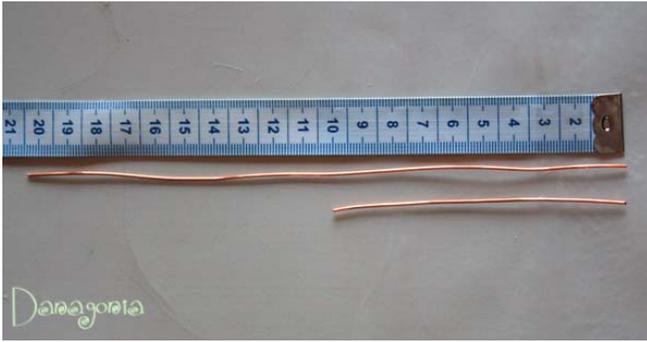
- 20cm of 1mm wire // 7.9inch of 18GA wire
- 10cm of 1mm wire // 3.9inch of 18GA wire
- About 3m of 0,4mm wire // About 9,8Feet of 26GA wire
- Pink and green beads in sizes 3mm-6mm (At least 10 in each color)

Tools:

- Round nose pliers
- Wire cutters
- Bent nose pliers (Or flat nose pliers)
- Hammer
- Anvil (Or other hard flat material)
- Metal file

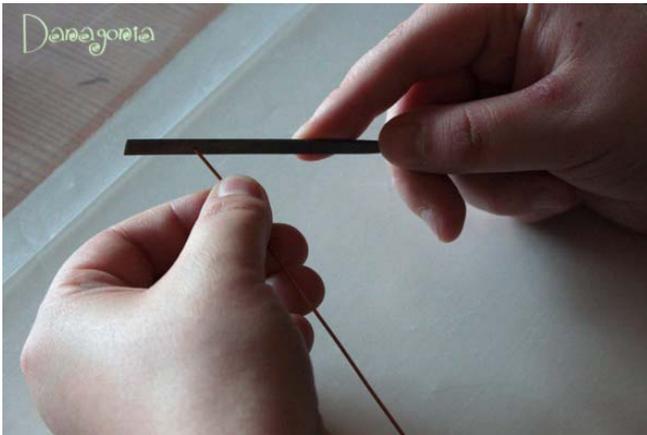


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Step 1: Start by cutting 1 piece of 7.9" of 18GA wire and 1 piece of 3.9" of 18GA wire

(20cmX1mm and 10cmX1mm)

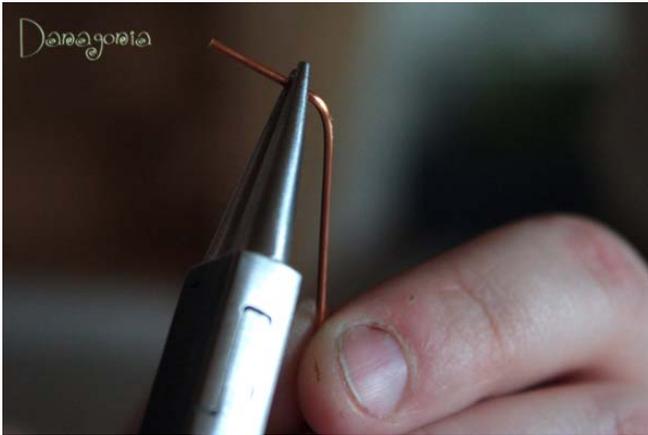


Step 2: Use your metal file; to file down the ends, of all the pieces of wire, you just cut.



The ends should be rounded, so they won't poke you!

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Step 3: We will start by making the bail. Take the longest piece of wire, and bend it in a 90* angle, about 0.8" into the wire.



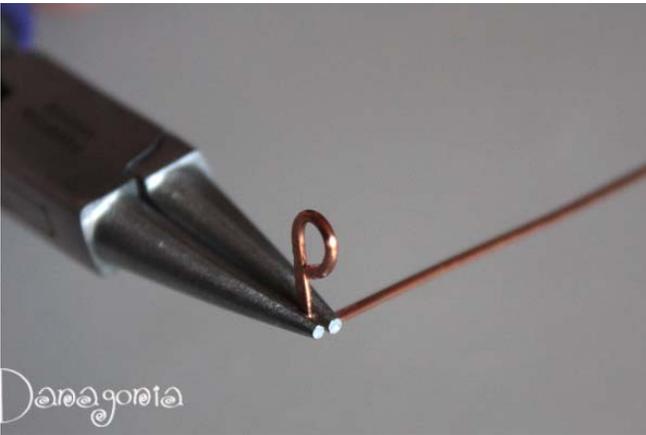
Step 4: Now bend the wire into a loop. Make sure the gap between the loop and the rest of the wire, is as small as possible.



Step 5: Hammer the loop flat on your anvil.



Make certain only to hammer the loop, and NOT the rest of the wire.



Step 6: Use your bent/flat nose pliers, to bend the wire beneath the loop in a 90* angle. The bend should start about 1.2" beneath the loop!! (This room is left, for attaching the leaf later on)



Step 7: Now take the straight end of the wire, and bend it into a spiral.



Step 8: Keep holding on to the end of the wire, with your round nose pliers. Use your hands to form the spiral around the middle.



This is how the finished spiral should look like.



Step 9: Now start to make the spiral uneven. Just use your round nose pliers, to make small bumps all the way through the spiral.



Step 10: This is how the finished end point should look like.





Step 11: The important thing is to keep the loop in the middle straight. Otherwise your rose will completely lose the spiral shape, and this you don't want!





Step 12: Now your framing should look something like this. Now use your hands to squeeze the design in place. There are no rules here, just make it look as much like a rose as you are able to.



Step 13: This is my finished rose! Now hammer it flat on your anvil – REMEMBER only to hammer the rose part, and NOT the bail. The bail is turning the opposite way, so if you hammer it from the wrong side, your bail will break off.



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Step 14: Now take your small piece of wire (3.9") and bend it into a U – shape. This will be the framing of the leaf.



Step 15: Now bend it into a V-shape.



Step 16: Use your bent/flat nose pliers to squeeze in the end of the V. The two sides should be touching.





Step 17: Now bend out the middle, so that it is now shaped like an eye instead of a V.



Step 18: Make a loop in both ends of the wire.



Step 19: Now the piece should look like the opposite picture.



Step 20: Bend the two spirals towards each other, making them touch. This should form the frame into the desired leaf shape.

Step 21: Hammer the leaf flat on your anvil.



Step 22: Now we are going to add beads to the rose frame. Start by cutting about a really long piece of 26 or 28ga copper wire. (About 1 meter) Just where the petal part of the rose starts, wrap your wrapping wire around the rose frame 3 times to secure it to the frame.





Step 23: Now bring the wrapping wire from the front of your piece, to the other side of the petal spiral and wrap it once.



Step 24: Bring the wrapping wire from the back of the inner side of the petal spiral, to the front of the outer spiral, and wrap this once.

This is the weaving technique.

Let's summon it up:

1. Wrap outer spiral frame once
2. Bring wire from the **front** of the outer spiral frame, to the **back** of the inner spiral frame
3. Wrap inner spiral frame once
4. Bring wire from the **back** of the inner spiral frame, to the **front** of the outer spiral frame
5. REPEAT





Step 25: When you've repeated this weave 4 times, it's time to add your first bead. We are continuing the weaving technique from before. Now we just add a bead in step 1.

1. Wrap outer spiral frame once and add a bead to the wire.
2. Bring wire from the **front** of the outer spiral frame, to the **back** of the inner spiral frame
3. Wrap inner spiral frame **2-3 times**, depending on the bead size. (*Bigger the bead the more added weave*)
4. Bring wire from the **back** of the inner spiral frame, to the **front** of the outer spiral frame
5. REPEAT



Step 26: Keep weaving this way and adding beads a long the way, until you reach the end of the spiral.

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Step 27: Stop the weave in step 3, when your wrapping wire is attached to the inner spiral. Now just continued wrapping the inner frame, coiling it.



Step 28: Add beads to the wire as you coil a long the spiral.



Step 29: When you reach the end of the spiral, just cut off any excess wire and trim in the edges.

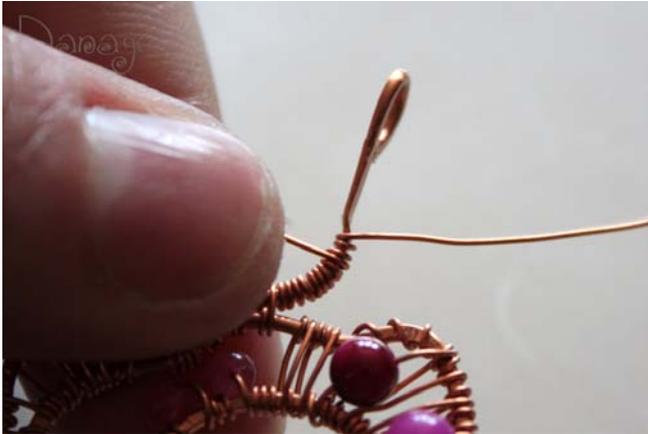
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Step 30: Now we will add beads to the leaf. Start by attaching the wire by one of the spirals. Now use the same weaving technique as in step 25.



Step 31: Now we just need to attach the leaf to the rose.



Step 32: Start by attaching wrapping wire where you started the weave on the rose frame.

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Step 33: Now place the leaf where you want it to sit. Just use the same weaving technique as in step 24 to attach the leaf.



Step 34: Now your rose pendant is nearly done.



Step 35: Just add a leather cord or chain and you are done! YAY!!

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