

Heart Link Earrings

Project E7028

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Copper wire is coiled into delicate heart-shaped links in these two-tone earrings that celebrate love.

What You'll Need

Beadsmith Tarnish Resistant Bright Copper Wire 20 Gauge 15 Yards (13.5 Meters)

SKU: WNT-2034

Project uses 4 inches



Genuine Copper French Wire Earring Hooks With Loop 18MM (25 Pairs)

SKU: FEA-3073

Project uses 2 pieces



Genuine Copper Open Jump Rings 4mm 21 Gauge (50)

SKU: FJR-3080

Project uses 6 pieces



Silver Plated 2mm x 2.4mm Cable Chain - By The Foot

SKU: CHA-2400

Project uses 2 inches



Recommended Tools:

[XTL-5511] Beadsmith Jeweller's Micro Pliers Chain Nose Flat Nose, [XTL-5514] Beadsmith Jewelry Fine Round Nose Micro Pliers, [XTL-5600] Xuron Sharp Flush Cutter Pliers - Wire/Soft Flex, [XTL-5670] Wubbers Classic Series Narrow Flat Nose Duckbill Pliers - 3mm Wide Jaws, [XTL-0074] Eurotool Nylon Jaw Pliers Chain Nose- For Scratch-Free Wire Work, [XTL-2152] Beadsmith Jeweler's Chasing Hammer - 1 Inch Head - Metal Smithing, [XTL-0250] Eurotool Bench Block Helper - Rubber Base With Interchangeable Steel And Nylon Blocks

Instructions

By following the instructions below you will make one earring. Repeat all instructions to make the second earring.

1. Cut a 2 inch length of 20 gauge copper wire. Straighten the wire with nylon jaw pliers if necessary.
2. Grip one end of the wire in the tips of your round nose pliers and twist your wrist forward to create a loop.
3. Grip the loop in the jaws of your duckbill flat nose pliers and bend the wire around the loop with your fingers. Turn the piece in the jaws of the pliers and keep bending the wire around to create a flat spiral.
4. Repeat steps 2-3 on the other side of the wire. Spiral both ends of the wire until the piece measures 3/4 inches long.
5. Find the midpoint of the wire and grip it with the duckbill flat nose pliers so the edge of the pliers is adjacent to the midpoint. Bend the wire 90 degrees at the midpoint. Shape the piece with your fingers so the spirals are next to each other and the wire piece is in the shape of a heart.
6. Place the heart component on your steel bench block and hammer it evenly with a chasing hammer to flatten and work-harden the wire.

7. Cut two 1/2 inch lengths of silver chain.
8. Open a jump ring and slide on the last link of one piece of chain, and also the inner loop of one of the spirals at the top of the heart link. Close the jump ring.
9. Repeat step 8 for the other side of the heart, so a length of chain is attached to each spiral at the top.
10. Open another jump ring and slide on the first links of both pieces of chain. Close the jump ring.
11. Open the loop of an earring hook and slide on the jump ring from the previous step. Close the loop.
12. Enjoy your earrings!