Crystal Ray
Pendant Tutorial

Skill Level: Intermediate

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A few items you will need in order to complete this project

TOOLS

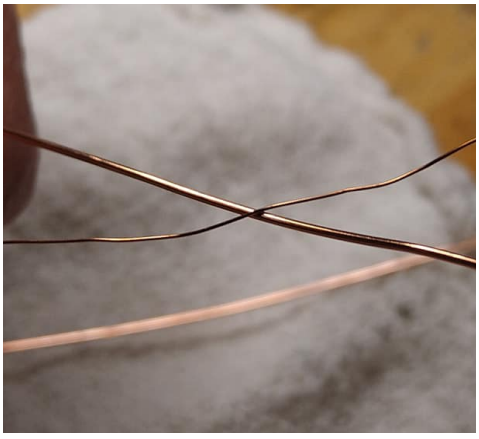
- Wire cutters
- Round, needle nose pliers
- Flat nose pliers, nylon are fine
- Bail Maker *(optional You use needle nose)*
- Rind mandrel *(optional, used to help shape)*
- A double point stone 30mm in length

MATERIAL

- 2 pieces of 20 gauge *(.80mm)* dead soft copper wire. Cut 1 at 10 inches *(approx 25cm)* and cut another at 18 inches *(approx 50cm) (can be any wire you choose, this tutorial I am using copper)*
- Cut one piece of 26 gauge, (.40mm) 3 feet, 90cm in length.

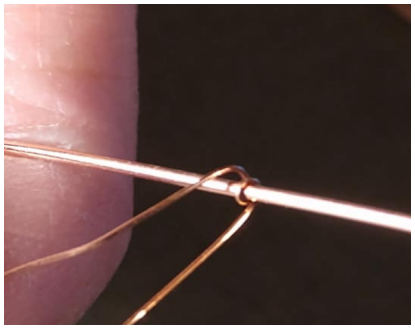
Quick Technique Guide

This tutorial, I'm using a wrap technique we usually call the 2/2 weave. It's a simple, yet very neat looking weave that's commonly used in most wire wrap designs.
The steps are easy and repetitive.

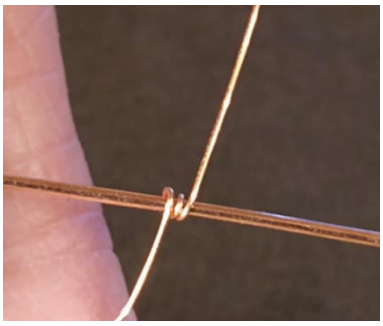


To start a 2/2 weave, place your wrapping wire over the top of the frame wire so the longer end is towards the top. Leave about 3 inches of a tail to hold onto

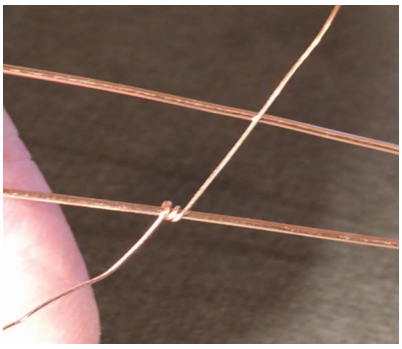
Frame wire is also base wire. It's the larger wire as your wrapping wire is a smaller gauge



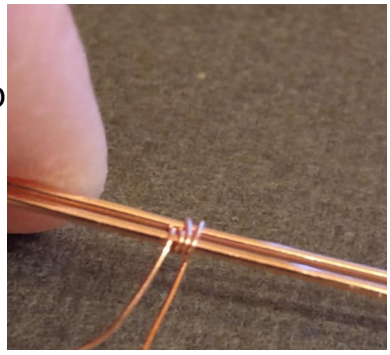
Taking the long end of the weaving wire, wrap 2 times around the frame wire

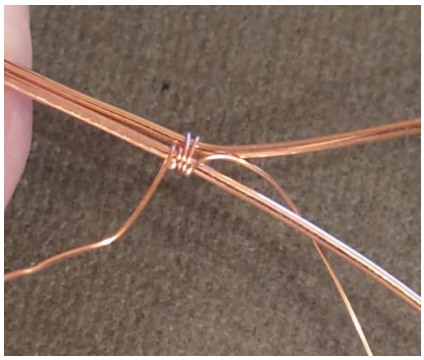


I recommend to squeeze the wire a little so it will have a better form around the frame.

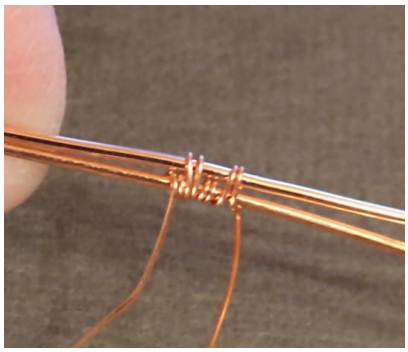


Take a second frame wire and place it on top of the bottom frame wire, Wrap 2 times around both pieces of frame wire

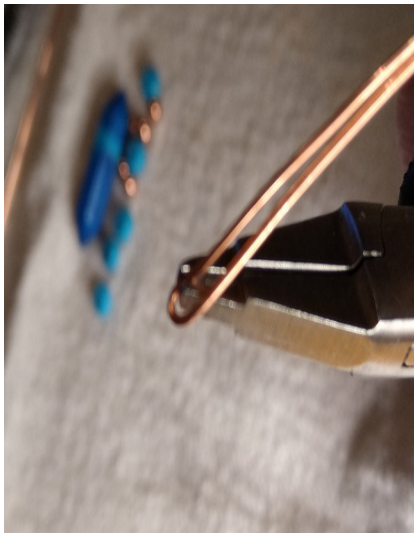




You can spread the frames wires a little then wrap 2 times around the first (bottom) frame wire, like you did in the first step

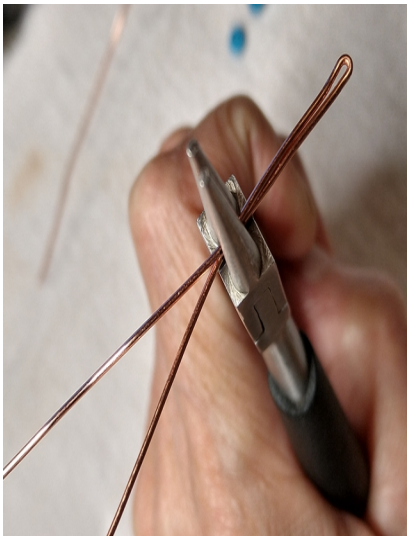
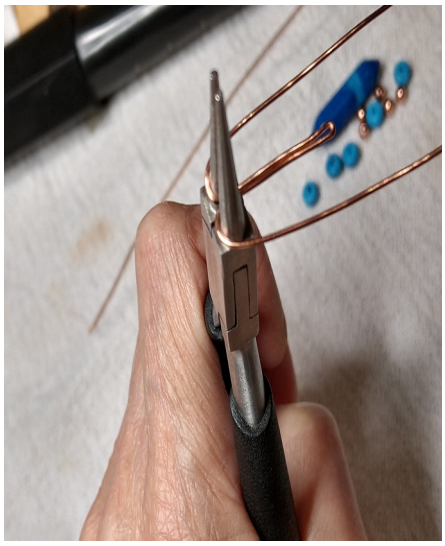


In a nut shell, that's a 2/2 weave. Featured tutorial is next



Take the longest frame wire and locate the center. Using your flat nose pliers, fold the wire over the tip as shown in the picture.

Then measure 1 inch down the fold and mark it with a marker.



Using needle nose pliers, hold the frame at the inch mark. Make sure the wire is placed at the bottom of the pliers as seen. Then bend the wire around the pliers so they are straight with the folded part, as seen