Chain Link Bracelet

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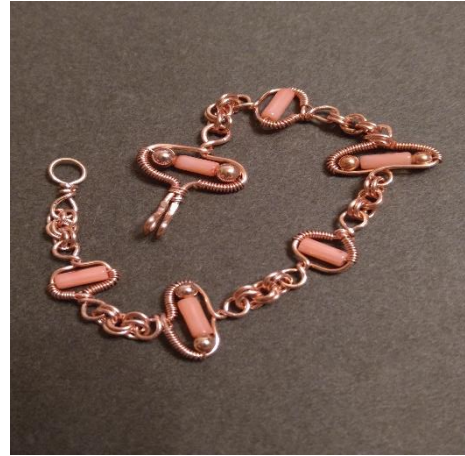
As with all jewelry artists sharing their skills and designs with you, if you learned something from this tutorial, a simple thank you or letting people know where you learned the technique is a great ego booster and good karma.

What you will need

I forgot to take a picture of the tools. I'm using an old photo, so you at least see what I'm talking about in the list below.

- 20- and 26-gauge wire. Dead soft, round *(also, half hard to make jump rings optional)*
- 24-4mm jump rings
- 6-6mm tube beads
- 6-3mm round copper beads
- Round nose and nylon pliers
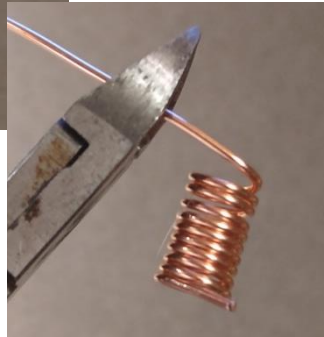- Step/bail pliers *(optional)*

First, I'll show you how to make your own jump rings. You can also find this information at our website. If you have jump rings already, you can skip this part.
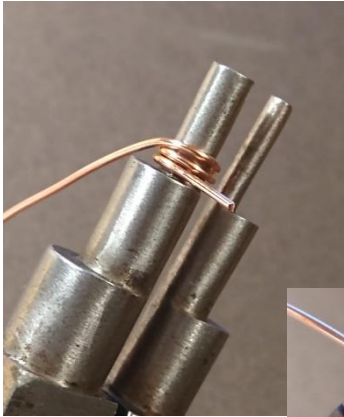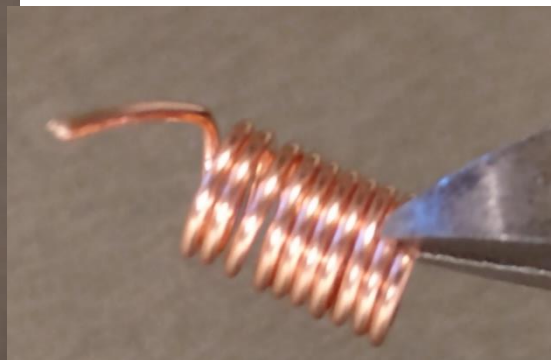
Very easy to do. Take your 20 gauge, half hard wire and grip it between your bail pliers. Wrap around until you reach the top, like you're making a spring.

Cut the end and slip the coil off.

Take your wire cutters and begin to snip each ring off. Make sure to use the flat side of your cutters and snip up against the end.

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This is the clasp. We'll make an Infinity style design for one part; the hook will be the same design as the rest of the bracelet. For the eye, start with 20-gauge wire. About 3 to 4 inches. (Up to 10cm) Grip the wire with your pliers, in the photo I'm using my bail pliers to keep uniformed. Wrap around one time as seen in picture
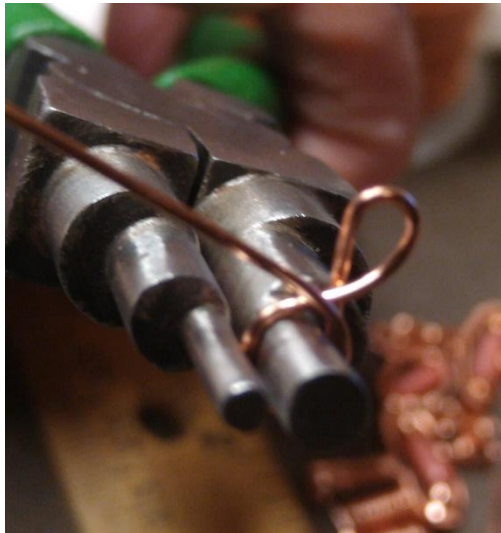
If you are using round nose pliers, and not bail pliers, remove the wire. Using the larger part of the pliers, place the pliers under your first wrap as seen, and wrap your wire around once. Slide it off.
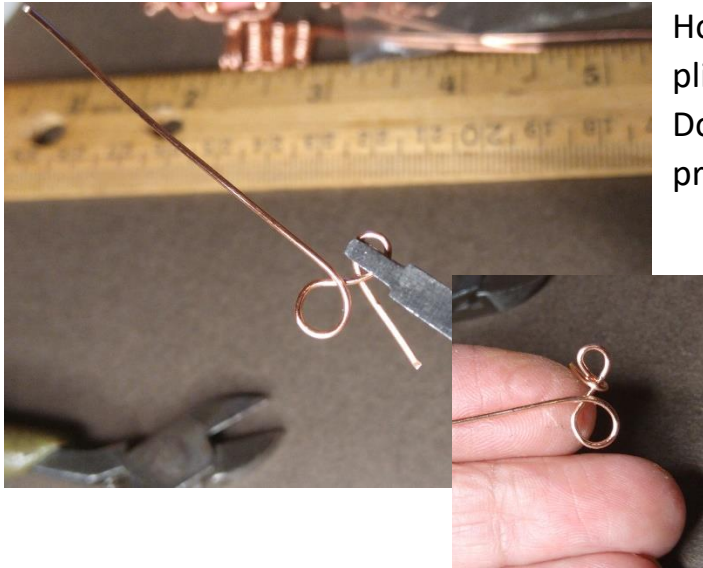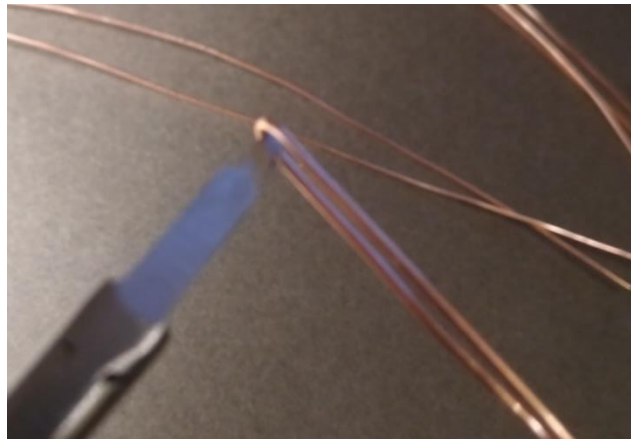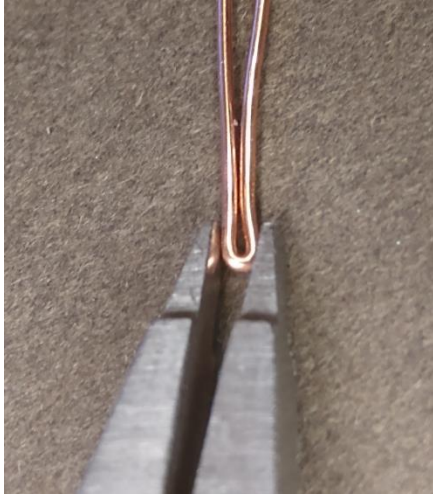
Hold one loop between your flat nose pliers and wrap the tail around once. Do this for both tails. Then snip and press firmly to tuck ends in.

I'm using 6-7mm tube cut pink coral beads
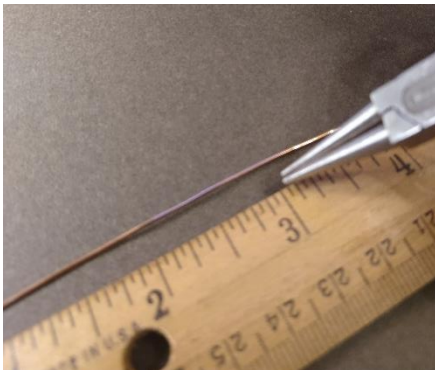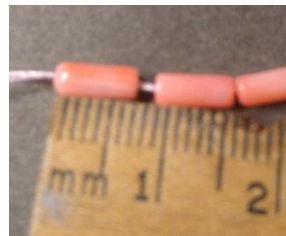
You will need 3 pieces of 20 gauge cut to 4 inches long, (10cm) and 3 pieces cut at 5 inches long. Find the center of one of the 5-inch pieces. Hold it with the tip end of your flat nose pliers and fold the wire over tight
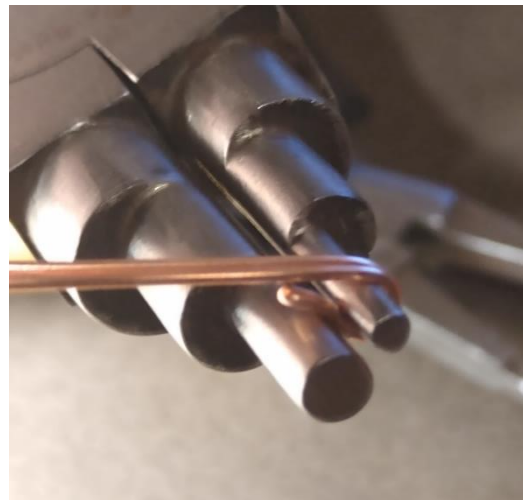
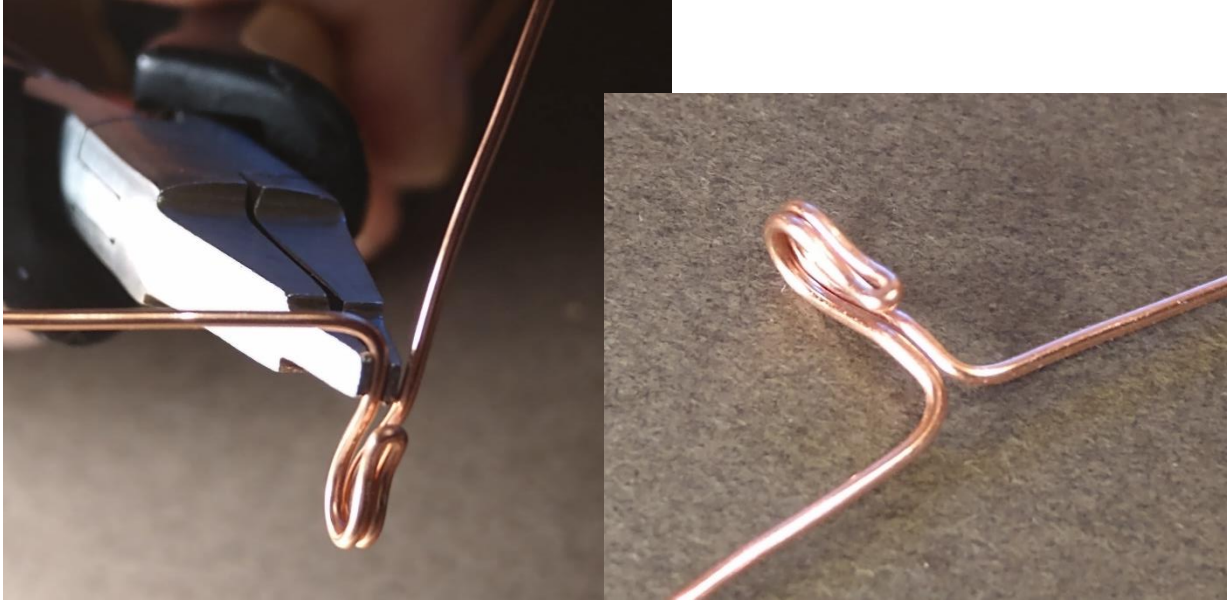Squeeze the wires together as seen in the picture

Still using your flat nose pliers, make a small bend at the tip of the fold
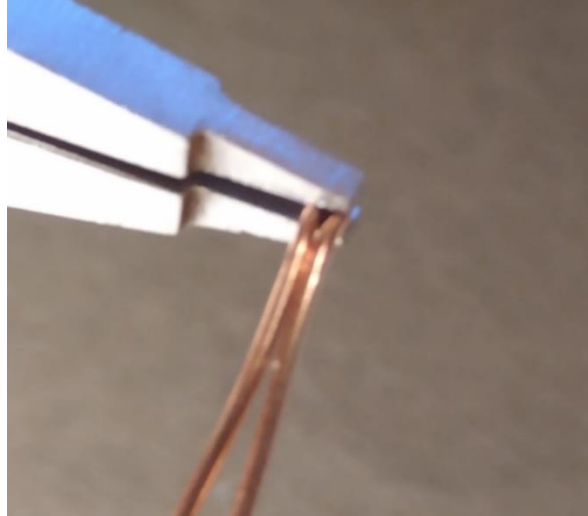
Hold the bent part between your pliers so the bend is pointing up. Roll it around your pliers until the bend is touching the frame
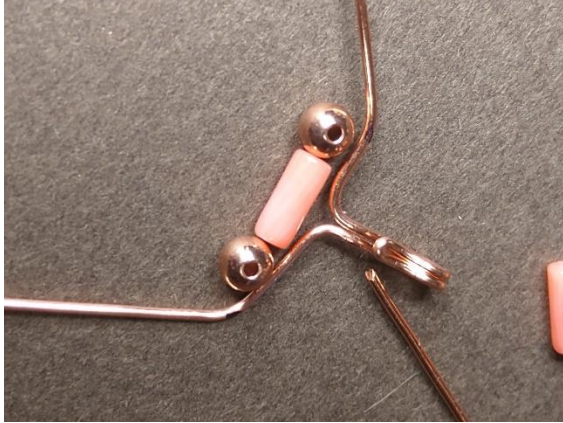
Place your pliers between the wires. Grip about ¼ inch below the hook and bend the wire outwards

I measure out the size of the beads as seen in picture, Mark with sharpie and bend the wires, using my nylon pliers, at the mark.

I bend the wires at the mark, to form around the focal. Then I begin to coil wrap from the end, inward towards the top 20 coil wraps. Make sure your wire is wrapping from front to back.
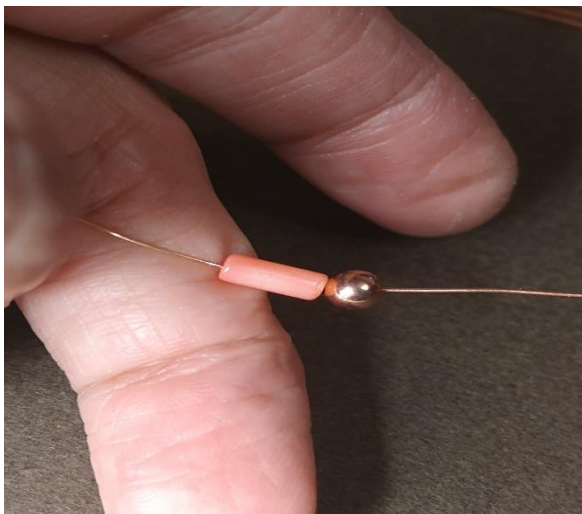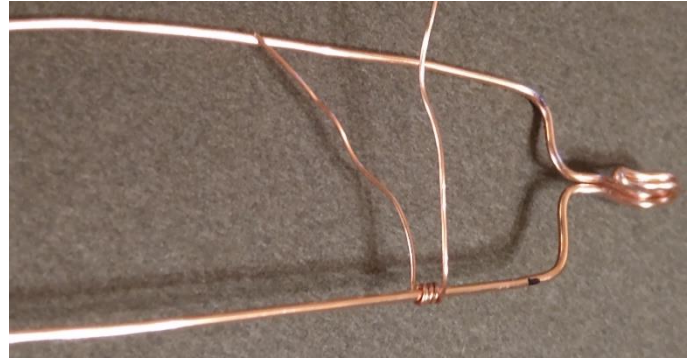
Slide your beads on. Copper ball. Then bead, the copper ball. Fit them into your frame so the wires are touching Wrap the frame with 20 coils.
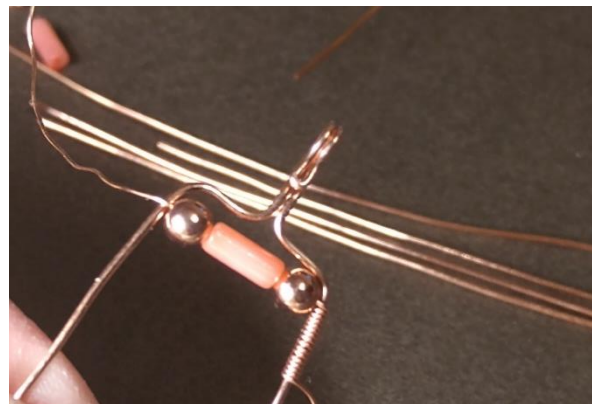
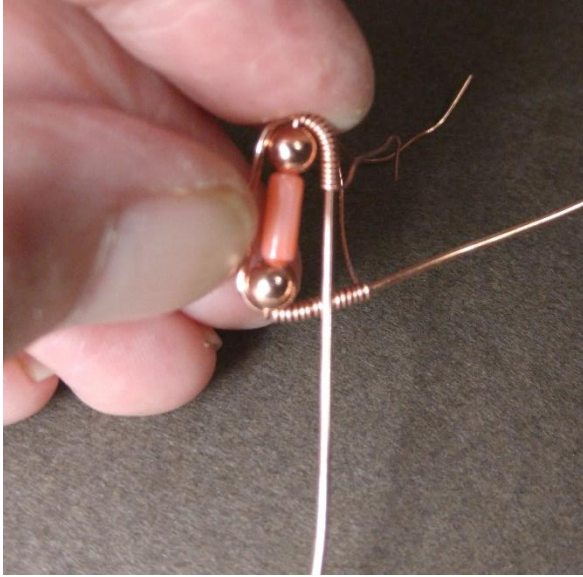Holding tight, begin to form the wire around the beads. Use your finger to guide the wire. Do this to both sides so they lineup, even under the beads.

Just like with the clasp, now bend one wire outward and wrap the other wire around once.

Snip the wrapping wires and excess frame wire and stuck them inside so they don't get caught on clothing or scratch someone.

Continue to make one more link with copper beads and 3 without. The links without are created the same way, simply do not add copper beads. When you're done, you'll have a clasp with a mate, 2 large links, 3 small links.

Using 24 jump rings, begin to open one and slide a link on. Close the jump ring and add another jump ring so you have 2 jump rings on one loop.

Add 2 jump rings to the first 2 so the are through both jump rings. Then add 2 more making 3 sets of jump rings. Before you close the 3rd set, add the next link. Add the link so the face is towards the opposite direction. Make sure it will display the way you want.
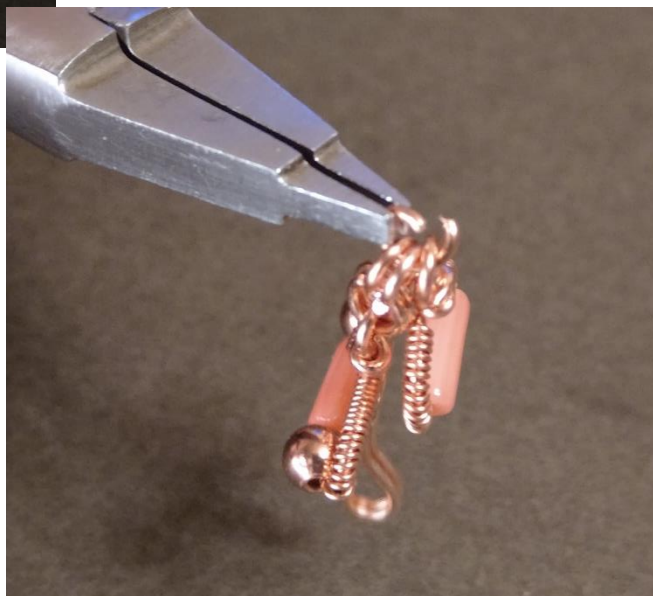
Thhis is what you should see at this point. Add more jump rings and attach the next bead, one with copper beads. 2 sets of jump rings, and a link. Once they are all on, you add the last piece. The clasp mate. You add that the same way, using the small loop end to attach to your bracelet.
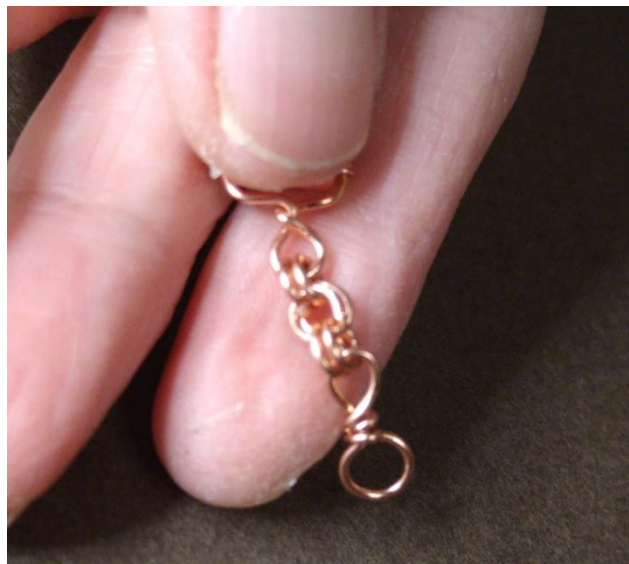
This bracelet should be approximately 7 inches long. Add more jump rings to the clasps ends to lengthen it or remove jump rings to make it smaller. You can use beads too; you'll simply need to adjust measurements.

I hope you enjoyed this tutorial. Even more, I hope you are in love with your bracelet!

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