

How to Make Crescent Wire Wrapped Earrings

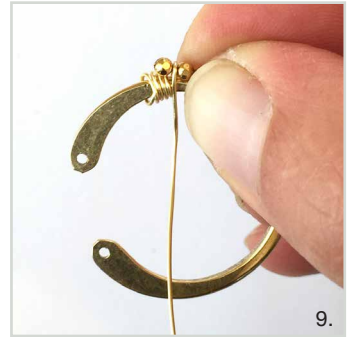
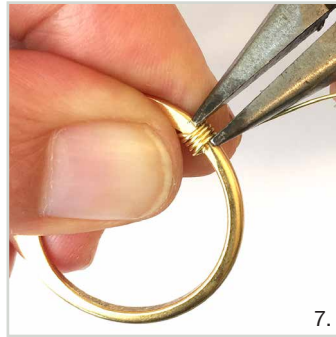
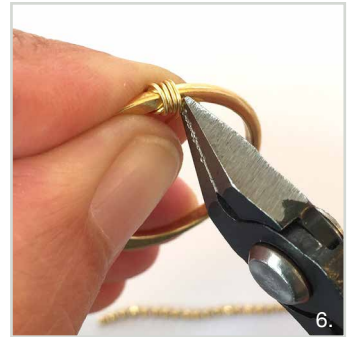
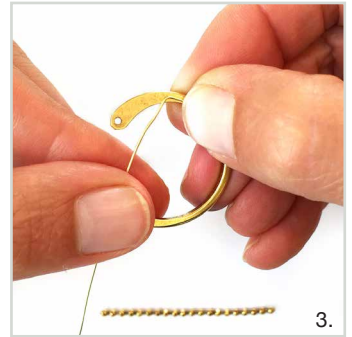
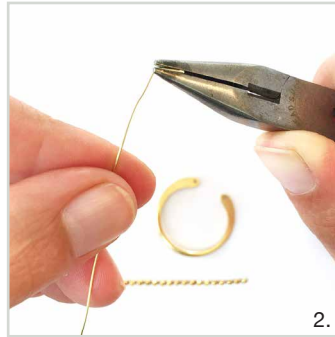
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SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- 2 Ear Wires-Antique Gold (**Ewg-b**)
- 2 Wire Frame Open Circle Large Double Hole-Antique Gold (**Wfocl-gb**)
- 3.5" Small Hammered Flat Cable Chain-Antique Gold (**Shfc-gb**)
- 4.25" Faceted Ball Chain-Antique Gold (**Fbc-gb**)
- 30" 24 gauge wire

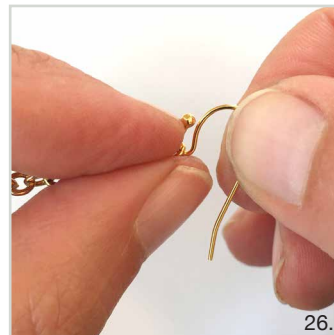
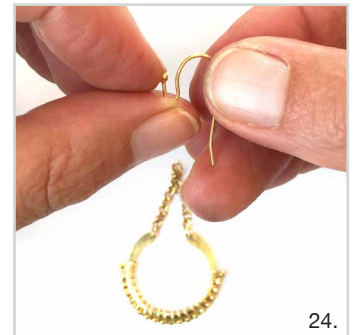
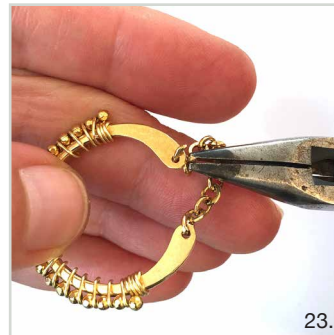
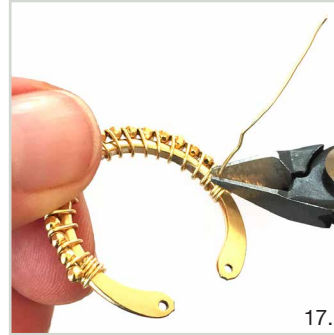
TOOLS NEEDED:

- Flush Cutters
- Needle Nose Pliers



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STEP 1:

Use a pair of flush cutters to cut two equal lengths of the Faceted Ball Chain. Each earring will use 20 balls worth of the chain.

STEP 2: (images 1-7)

Cut the 30" length of 24 gauge wire in half, which gives you 2 pieces of 15" wire per earring. To secure the wire to the Wire Frame Open Circle, start to wire wrap $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the opening of the circle shape. Bend the end of the 24 gauge wire 90 degrees and start to wire wrap 4 times around the Wire Frame over the bent wire starting point. This will allow you to secure the wire into position and not have it snag and potentially

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unravel. After 4 wraps, pull the wire tight and trim the excess, (from the starting point - seen in image 6), with a pair of flush cutters. Use a pair of needle nose pliers to press the wire together, so there is a nice clean start of your wire wrapping. Now you are ready to start wire wrapping the Faceted Ball Chain.

STEP 3: (images 8-12)

The Faceted Ball Chain has a retractable link. Before you start to wire wrap, use flush cutters to trim away any excess bits of the metal from the retractable area.

Once trimmed, lay the Faceted Ball Chain along the outside edge of the Wire Frame Open Circle and start to wrap with one wrap in between each ball of the Faceted Ball Chain for the full 20 ball length.

TIP: (image 13)

If the ball chain isn't laying flush to the outside edge of the Wire Frame, use needle nose pliers to bend it back into position.

STEP 4: (images 14-18)

To complete the wire wrapping and to not have the end snag, wrap the last three wraps of the 24 gauge wire less tight. Thread the wire end under the last three wraps and pull tight. Cut the end with a pair of flush cutters. Use your needle nose pliers to squish the wire wrapping together.

STEP 5:

Repeat steps 1-4 to create the other matching earring.

STEP 6:

To assemble the earrings, count 16 links of the Small Hammered Cable Chain. On the 16th link, use two pairs of needle nose pliers to open the last link and thread it through one hole of the Wire Frame Open Circle. Close the link to fully attach.

STEP 7: (images 19-23)

Count 9 links of the 16 link length of Small Hammered Cable Chain. At the 10th link of the chain, use two pairs of needle nose pliers to open the link and detach the remaining 7 links. Count two links down from the 9th link and reattach the Small Hammered Cable Chain. You should have two lengths of 7 links on both sides. Open the last link of the unattached Small Hammered Cable Chain and attach it to the Wire Frame Open Circle.

STEP 8: (images 24-26)

Bend back the ball of the Earwire using a pair of needle nose pliers or your finger. Thread the earwire's unballied end through the top link of the Small Hammered Cable Chain. Bend the ball of the earwire back up and into position.

STEP 9:

Repeat steps 6-8 to complete the earrings.