

FREE
PROJECT
SHEET

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WIRED HEART EARRINGS



SUPPLIES

20 gauge wire
24 gauge wire
Fish hook ear wires
Shells, beads, or beach glass

TOOLS

Wrap & Tap pliers 30110654
6 step bail making pliers 30154405
Chain nose pliers
Wire cutter
Nylon jaw pliers 30061236
Ruler 30110654

1. Take 14 inches of 20 gauge wire and straighten it with the nylon jaw pliers.
2. At the midpoint of the wire, take the chain nose pliers to bend the wire into two even lengths until they run parallel to each other. Do not cut them apart but do trim the tails to make them even if needed.
3. Using either the smallest step of the 6 step bail making pliers or the tips of the round nose pliers, create a double coil at the ends of each tail. The coils should build out from the center. From this point we will be working the two tails at the same time.
4. Starting from about 1 inch above the coils, press the wires against the smallest step of the wrap & tap pliers to create a tear drop shape. Position the connected end so that it's between the two coiled ends.
5. We're now going to use either the round nose pliers or the second to the smallest step of the 6 step pliers to create a small loop where the heart dips between the two mounds. With your pliers, grasp the area that you want the dip to be at the lowest point. While keeping the connected end between the other two coiled ends, bring the connected line up and over to create the dip.
6. This heart is asymmetrical so we are going to use the middle step of the wrap & tap to create the second mound of the heart. After the second mound is to

your satisfaction, bring the connected between the two coiled ends again so that they are slightly above the coils.

7. Use your fingers and the nylon jaw pliers to do any last adjustments to your heart shape and to make sure the two hearts look similar. Once you are satisfied, use the wire cutter to cut the connected end to separate the two hearts.

8. Wrap the cut end right above the coil for each heart, one complete or two wraps should be enough to secure it closed.

9. Use the 24 gauge wire to create dangles out of beads or beach glass and attach to the coils.

10. Open up the ear wires and attach hearts to complete your earrings.

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