



“Women's Coalition” Earrings



Supplies Needed

- 2 - matching beads from Pendant (approx 10-12mm)
- Assorted copper beads and crystals
- 6 - 3" pieces - 20 gauge copper wire with balls melted on the ends (optional)
- 2 - 3" pieces - 20 gauge copper wire
- 10' piece - 26 or 28 gauge copper wire
- 6 - headpins, Earring findings

Tools Needed

- Round pliers
- Pair of smooth flat pliers, no teeth
- Finger wrap (optional)
- Fine tipped marker
- Wire cutters
- Creme brûlée Torch
- Liver of Sulphur & 0000 steel wool, metal brush (optional)

Ball both ends of all 6 pieces of 20g wire. Clean off Fire Scale with pickle solution or gently rub with sandpaper.. 3 pieces are for each earring. We'll be doing the 1:2 weave for these earrings. If this weave is too advanced for you, here's the instructions for the 1:2:1:2 weave.

1:2 Weave

Lay 1 Base Wire #1 (BW- 20g) onto the Weaving Wire (WW- 26g) & wrap 10x. Add next wire (wire 2) onto WW wrap it once by going between wires 1 & 2. Bring WW above wire 2 and over wires 1 & 2. Wrap 1x over wire 1, then under wire 1 & 2. Wrap over wire 2 and come over wire 1 & 2. Repeat 5x. Lay last BW on top of WW below wire 2. Go over wire 3 & down between wires 3 & 2. Now come up above wire 3 & go over wires 3 & 2. Come up between wires 3 & 2 & go over wires 2 & 1. Come between wires 2 & 1, wrap over wire 1. Come up between wires 3 & 2, go over wire 2. Come up above wire 3 & go over and around wire 3 & go down between wires 3 & 2. Go up above wire 3. Repeat until you reach the end of wire 1. (pic 1-4)

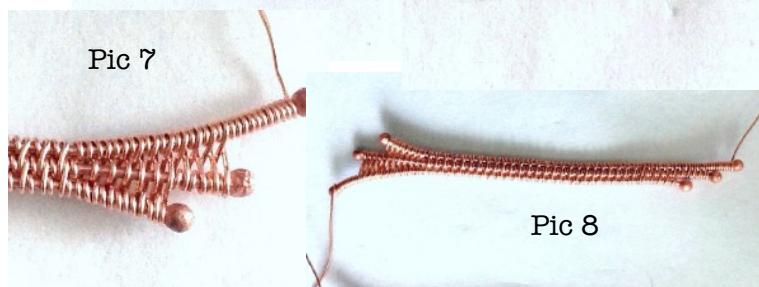
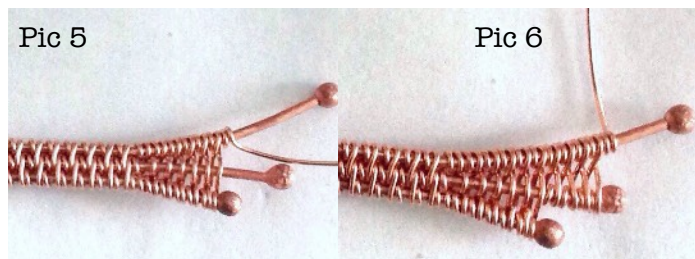
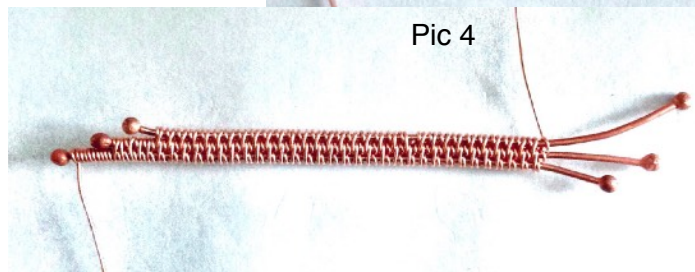
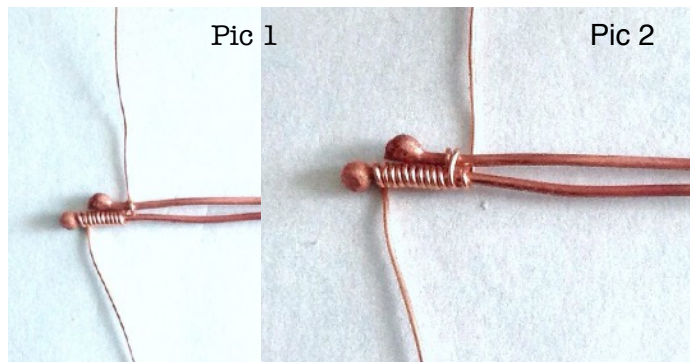
MAKE SURE, AS YOU WORK, CONSTANTLY PUSH YOUR WEAVE BACK AGAINST ITSELF TO KEEP IT NICE & TIGHT.

1:2:1:2 Weave

Lay the BW #1 on top of the WW. Wrap BW 10x with WW. Add BW # 2 wrap both together 2x. Come up between wires 1 & 2 wrap wire 2 - 1x. (That's 1 set) Repeat for a total of 3 sets. Add wire 3 on top of WW beside wire 2. Wrap wires 2 & 3 - 2x. Come up between wires 3 & 2, wrap wire 2 - 1x. Come up between wires 3 & 2, wrap 2 & 1 - 2x. Come up between 3 & 2 and wrap wire 2 - 1x. Repeat I'm until you reach the end of wire 1. Go back to weaving over 2 wires, then just 1 wire. (Look at how you started, that's how you'll end)

You can add this decorative figure 8 weave to the end. Stop whichever weave you choose to do at 2cm from the longest wire. One 1 of the outside wires, wrap (lets call it wire 1) - 2x then go under wire 2 and over wire 3. Wrap wire 3 - 2x. Go under wire 2 & over wire 3, wrap - 2x. Continue until you can't wrap anymore on the shortest wire. Continue doing the figure 8 weave over last 2 wires. After that, single wrap the last wire to the end. Repeat so you have a left and right earring. (Pic 5-8)

Continue here regardless of which weave you did. Repeat for other earring.(pic 8)



Wrap earring strip around a 10mm mandrel (or pen). You want the longest wire on the bottom. This is just to make the basic shape (Pic 9)

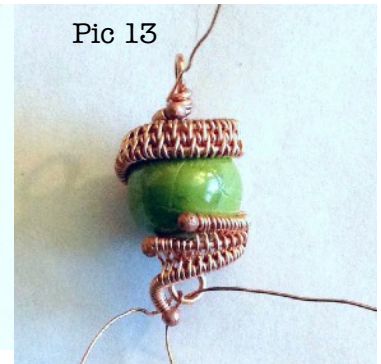


Cut 2 - 3" pieces of 20g wire. Measure down 1" and bend at a 90 degree angle with your pliers. Make a loop on the end and wrap around the wire 2x. Repeat for other wire. (Pic 10) Add a 3mm copper bead to looped headpin, then add your 10-12mm bead with your weave wrapped around it. Make another closed loop after the bead you just added.



Start to tighten your weave around the bead by evenly pushing on it. Get the top wire to sit as close to the top loop as possible. Wrap the attached WW around the loop to secure it. (Pic 11)

Now do the same for the bottom weave. Feed the bottom WW through the loop 3x to secure it. Repeat all for both Earrings. (Pic 13)



Now you can de orate your earrings by sewing in crystals and copper beads with the attached WW. Feel free to add 3 dangles from the bottom loop. Odd numbers always look best. Cut off any excess WW. (Pic 14)





All you have left to do is antique it. Use Liver of Sulphur and kettle hot water. Dip piece in until it's black. Scrub off excess antiquing with 0000 steel wool. Using a small metal brush, brush your weaves to remove any steel wool fibres that may have gotten trapped during cleaning. The brush will also start the polishing step.

With your piece still wet, rub hard with a polishing cloth to dry and polish it at the same time. Have fun, you can make this piece a million different ways.

Always remember you're never wrong when you weave, so have fun.



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