

## Bub'licious Earrings

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Fun wow! These earrings, while looking substantial are actually very lightweight because of the wire used. So if you like big earrings but do not like heavy weights on your ears, then these are for you!

What's so great about them is that this wire is available in so many different colors that you can make a pair for every outfit you own.

Make sure you are not fooled by the wrong wire. If you buy the copper wire that is color coated, not only will the earrings be heavier they will also not be as easy to make.

### Materials List

- 24" anodized aluminum 12 gauge wire available at [Chrizart.com](http://Chrizart.com)
- Ear wires

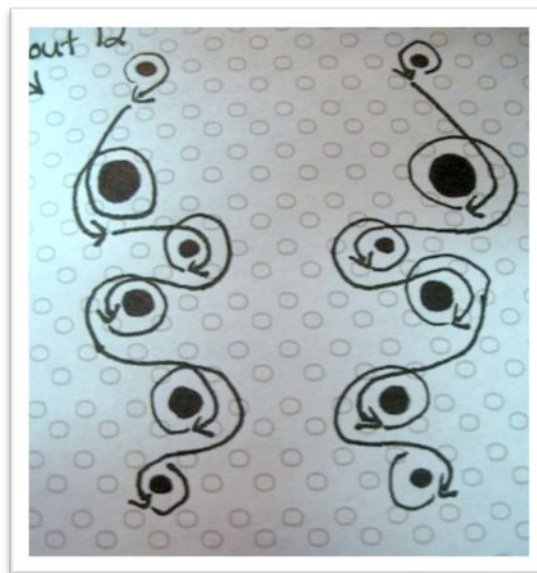
### Tool List – Don't forget Safety Glasses!

- WUBBERS Classic Chain nose Pliers
- WUBBERS Classic Round Nose Pliers
- Wire Cutters
- Wire jig with large and small pegs
- Ruler
- Safety glasses

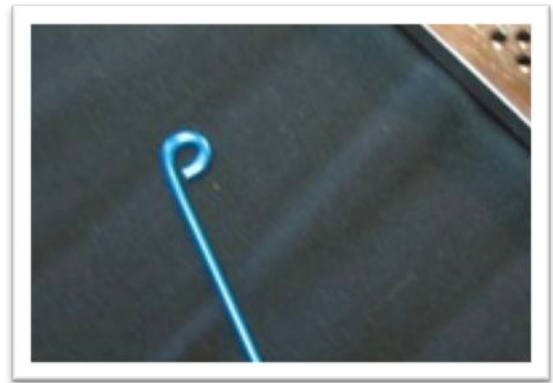


### Project Steps

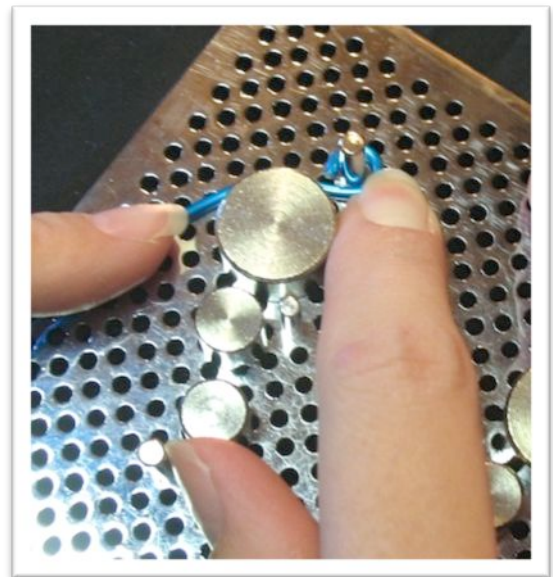
**Step 1.** Cut two 12" pieces of the color of your choice of 12 gauge anodized aluminum wire and straighten out wire. Set up the wire jig according to the diagram pictured. The top peg is a small one, the second peg is the largest one, the third peg is the small one, the fourth and fifth peg are the medium size ones and the last peg is a small one.



**Step 2.** Start by forming a hook on the wire end with the WUBBERS Classic Round Nose Pliers. Do not close the hook as this is where the ear wire will eventually attach. Looking at diagram, start to hook it at the correct position for the earring you are working on. As these are set up to be mirror images of each other, it is important that the beginning hook is facing in the right direction.

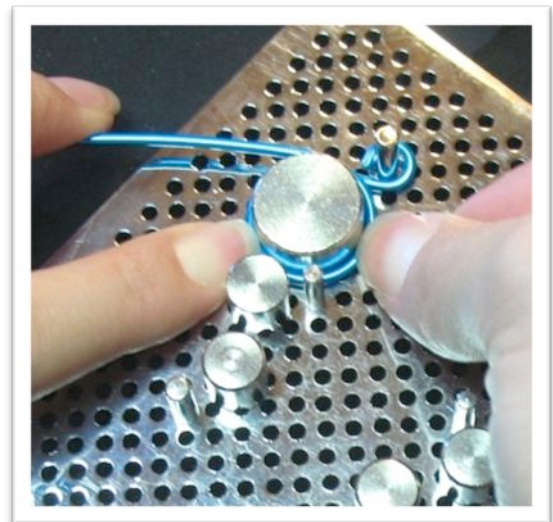


**Step 3.** For the left earring, start with the hook facing left. Holding your finger on the beginning hook, which is placed over the small starting peg. Start wrapping the wire around the first and largest peg.



**Step 4.** Make a full loop around the large peg, and then start wrapping around the second peg.

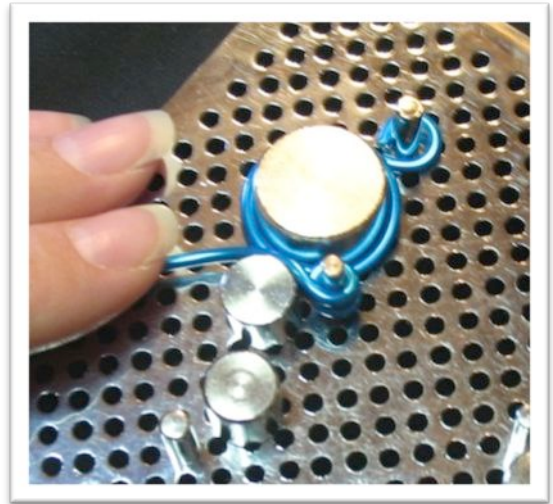
If you are having difficulty with the direction, refer to the beginning diagram.



**Step 5.** Hold your finger on the big peg for leverage as you make the wrap around the next small peg.



**Step 6.** Continue to the medium peg and keep wrapping, going completely around the peg.



**Step 7.** Continue on to the second medium peg, making a full loop around the peg.



**Step 8.** Bring the wire down around the last and small bottom peg. Leave on jig for the moment, while you wrap the second earring.

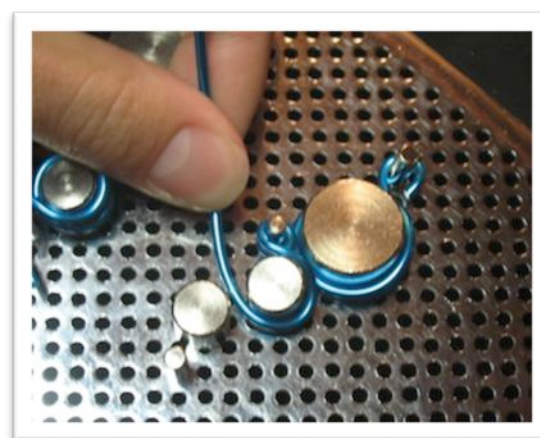


### The Second Earring

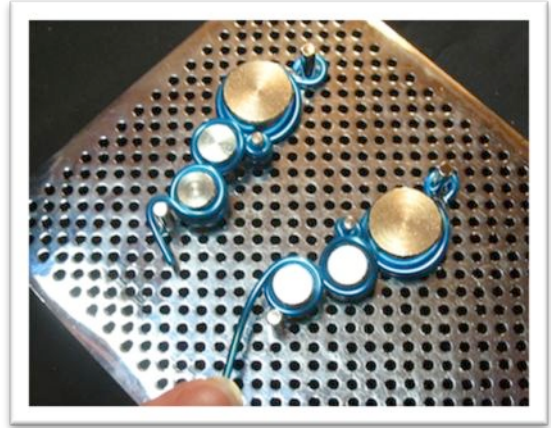
**Step 9.** Make sure the beginning hook is facing in the opposite direction as the first earring.



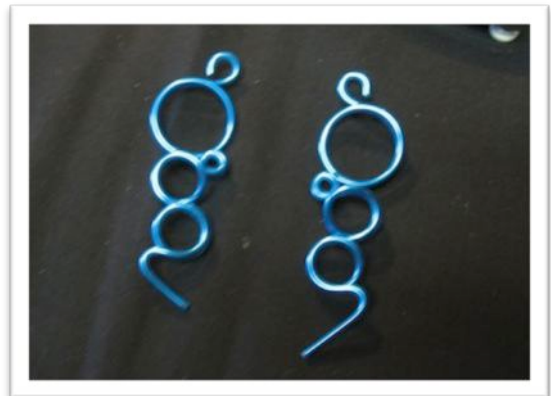
**Step 10.** Wrap the second earring as you did the first. Working your way down the pegs.



**Step 11.** When you reach the end, carefully remove both earrings by lifting them off the jig. They might be a little tight but they will come off. After removing you might have to bend the wire a little with your fingers to readjust.



**Step 12.** After they are removed, trim bottom wire. The picture shows one wire trimmed and the other one not.

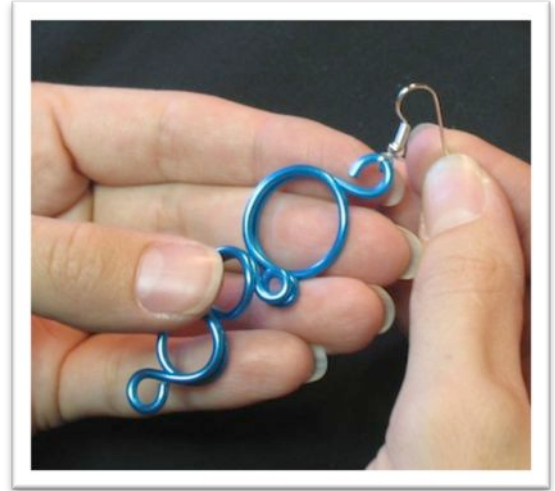


**Step 13.** With the WUBBERS Round Nose Pliers. Make a loop with the bottom wire, closing loop to complete the design.



## Finishing the Earrings

**Step 14.** Attach the ear wires, making sure that as you hold the earrings, the beginning hook (top loop) will be facing to the outside. This way the earring will hang as mirror images of each other. Close the loop with WUBBERS Classic Chain Nose Pliers.



This project is a fun way to spend the day! I hope you have enjoyed it. Please feel free to email me with your comments and questions.



## Review Questions

- 1) These earrings are made from anodized aluminum because...
  - a) color coated copper may be too heavy
  - b) you can make them in a variety of different colors
  - c) silver wire will not bend into circles
  - d) both A) and B)
- 2) Step 1 shows drawing out a pattern. You do this because...
  - a) it will help you understand where the wire is supposed to bend
  - b) it keeps the color on the aluminum
  - c) then you can use thinner, lighter weight wire
  - d) it allows you to use very heavy wire
- 3) Earrings made in this class should...
  - a) be very difficult to make
  - b) be made of 6 gauge wire
  - c) be mirror images of each other

- 4) To remove the earring from the wire jig...
  - a) unwrap them slowly
  - b) lift them carefully, and bend with your fingers to readjust, if necessary
  - c) pry them off with an emery board
  
- 5) When attaching the ear wires, make sure the beginning hook (top loop) on each piece is...
  - a) facing the outside, so they will hang as mirror images
  - b) wrapped around the ear wire
  - c) finished off by flattening it with pliers