

Ruffled Hoop Earrings

with the Wubbers® Bangle Press



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Getting Started

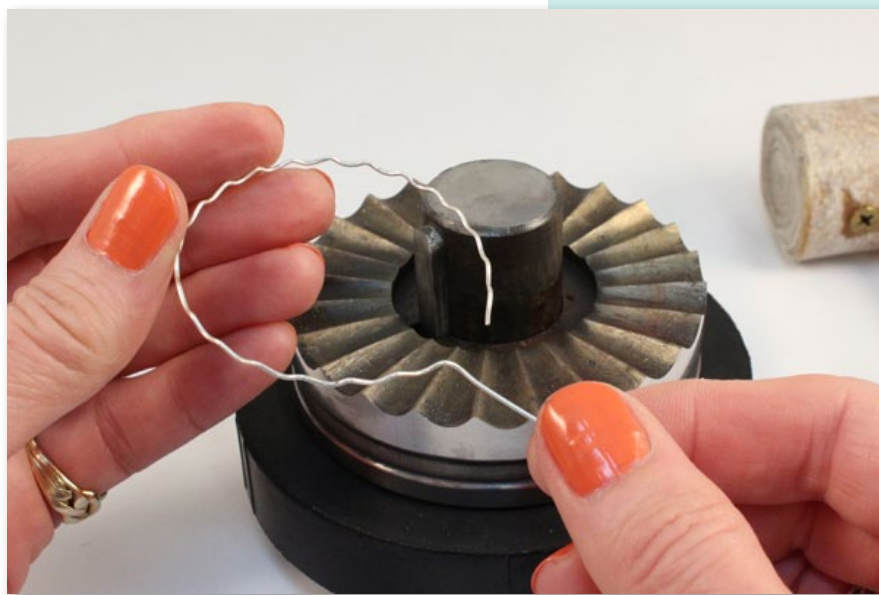
Do you just have 30 minutes, and want to make something special? Use your Wubbers Bangle Press to make these one-piece earrings out of 20 gauge wire. No soldering required, and only a few tools needed, these eye-catching hoops are quick, easy, and sure to make someone special very happy!

Materials

- Round sterling silver wire, dead soft, 20 gauge (15 inches)

Tools

- Wubbers Classic Medium Flat Nose Pliers
- Baby Wubbers Round Nose pliers
- Flush cutters
- Wubbers Bangle Press, Small Wave Design
- Weighted rawhide mallet
- Tumble polisher (optional)

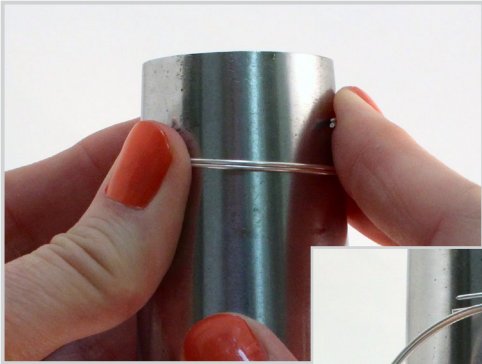
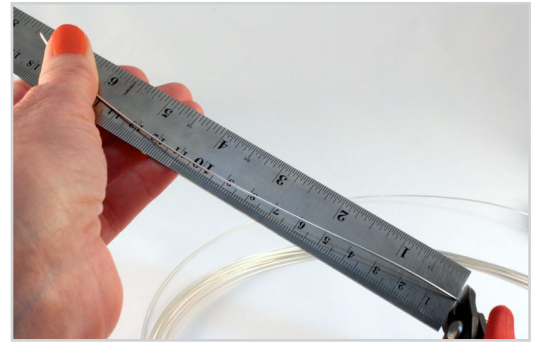


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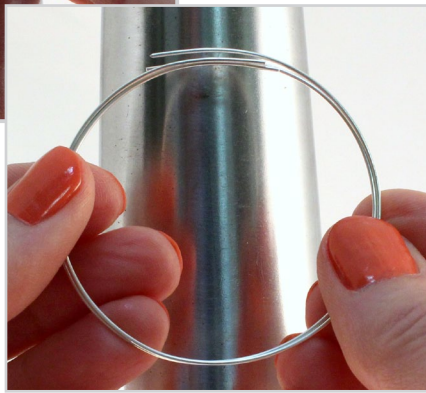
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Making the Earrings

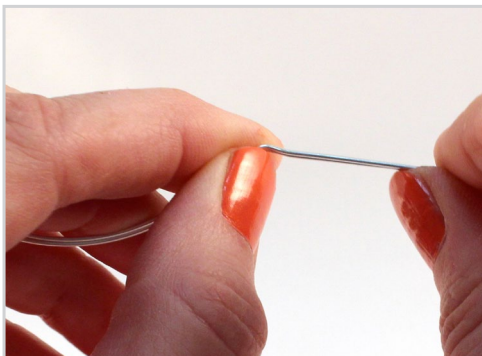
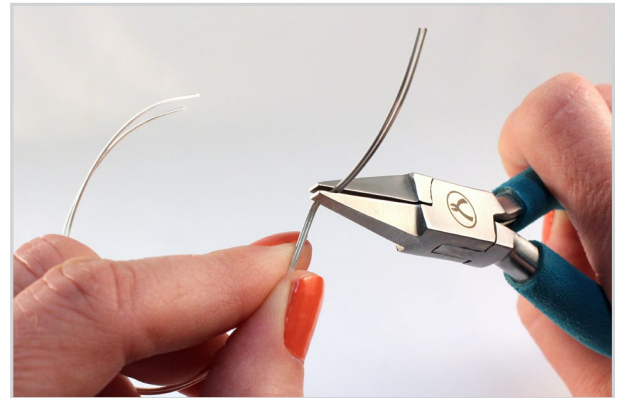
1. Cut two 7-1/2" lengths of 20-gauge dead soft round sterling silver wire. Make sure both ends are flush cut.



2. Holding both wires at once, and using the top portion of a round bracelet mandrel, curve the wires into round circles that are about 2 to 2-1/2 inches in diameter.



3. Holding both wires together, measure 1-1/2 inches from one end of the wired and bend them at about a 90-degree angle as shown.



4. Using your fingers, remove the slight curve from the straight end of the wire.



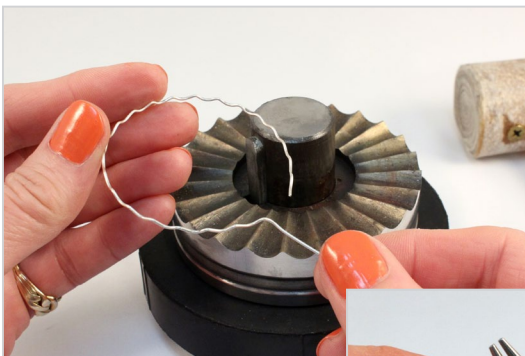


5. Working with one wire at a time, center the round part of a wire circle on the bottom half of the Wubbers Bangle Press as shown. The straight end of the wire should lay down in one of the grooves so that it will remain straight.

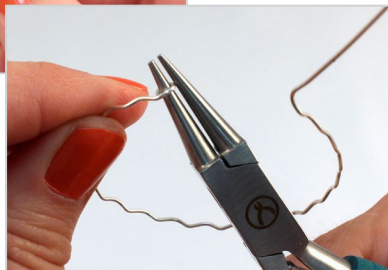
6. Put the top half of the Wubbers Bangle Press in place, and using a weighted rawhide mallet, begin to hammer. For best results, hammer, alternating on opposite sides of the Wubbers Press so as to shape the wire evenly.



Helpful Tip: Check the progress of the wire as you hammer it in the Wubbers Press. It is easy to create the waves in the 20-gauge wire using moderate pressure with the hammer. If excessive force is used, you may inadvertently flatten the straight end of the wire that will form the post of the earring.



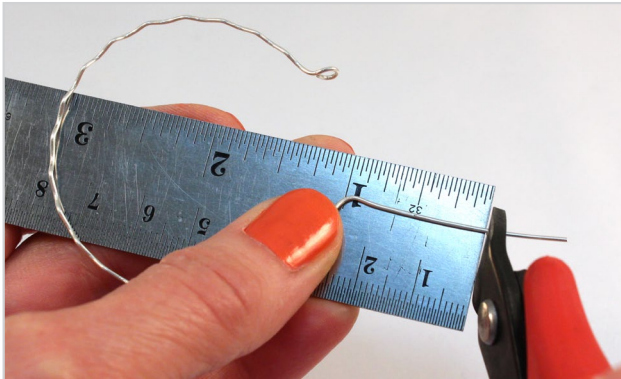
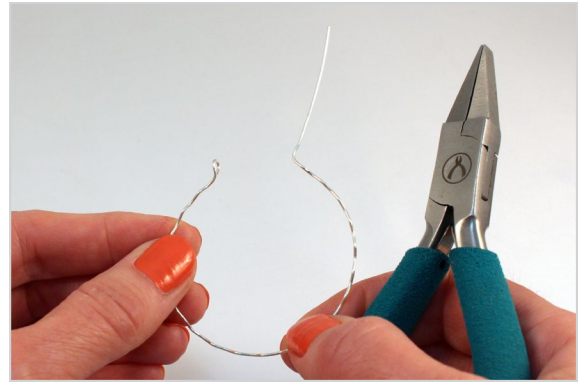
7. Remove the wire from the press. Using the Baby Wubbers Round Nose Pliers, roll a small round loop on one end of the wire.



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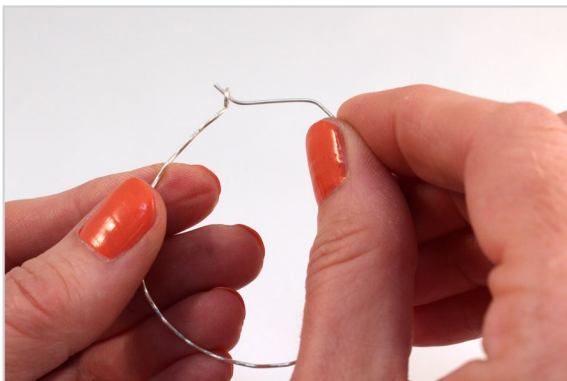
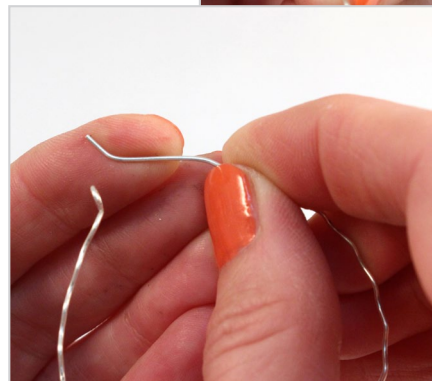
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8. Using a pair of Classic Wubbers Medium Flat Nose Pliers, bend each of the small loops up about 90 degrees.



9. Trim the straight end of the wire so that it measures 1 inch long.

10. Using the Classic Wubbers Medium Flat Nose Pliers, place the end of the wire along the edge of the jaw and make a slight bend on the straight end of the wire as shown.



11. Put the straight end of the wire through the small loop as demonstrated, and make any final adjustments as necessary to make the earrings fit together properly.

12. Tumble polish for the perfect final finish!

