

## Simplest Earrings

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Introducing Lilian's unique wire making method!

These delightful earrings are elegant and provide a lot of movement. They require minimum of tools and materials. Who knew such beauty could be so easy? Make several pair with different beads, which will change the look, going from elegant to casual.



### Materials List

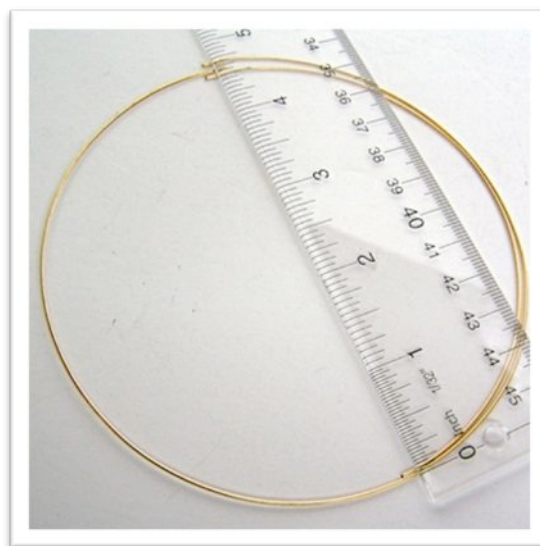
- 20 gauge Whim-Z Nick brass wire
- 2 - 8mm 5601 square Swarovski crystals
- Pair of ear wires

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

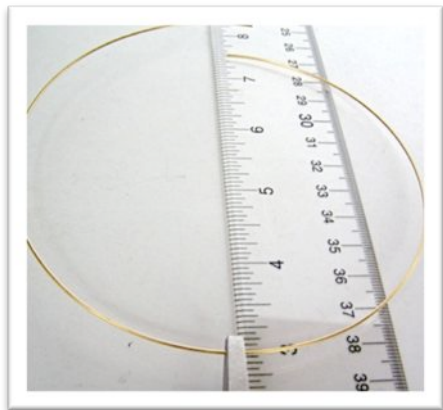
- Wubbers Classic Round Nose Pliers
- Wubbers Classic Flat Nose Pliers
- Flush Cutters

### Forming the Geometric Shape

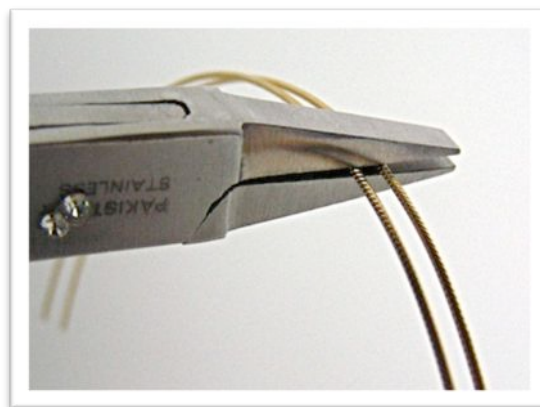
**Step 1.** Flush cut the pieces of wire from the spool, about 4-1/2" diameter.



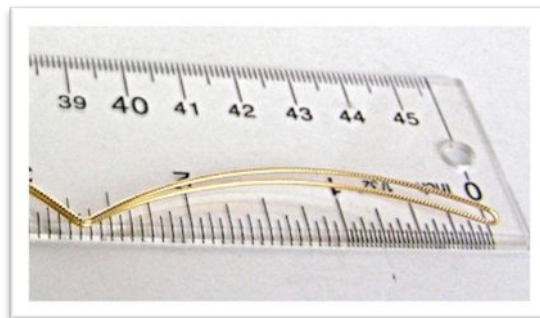
**Step 2.** Make a horizontal bend in the center of the wire, turning the circle of wire into two pieces of “half-circle.”



**Step 3.** Grip the U-shaped piece of wire in the center with the Wubbers Classic Medium Flat Nose Pliers as shown. Grasp the wire to the left of the pliers, and gently bend upwards to form a “V.”

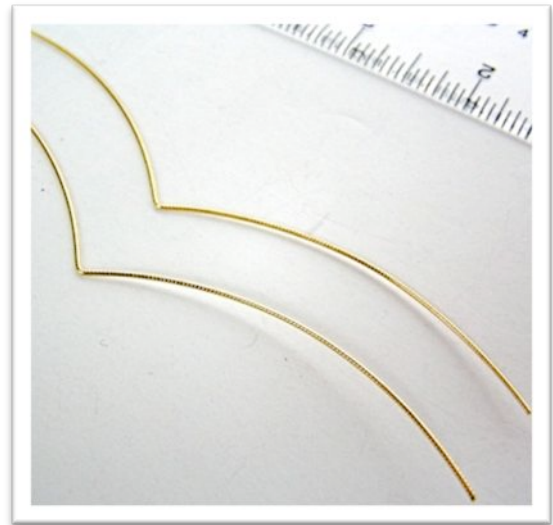


**Step 4.** Check the location of the bend, which should be at approximately 2.5 inches.



**TIP:** Creating both earrings at once will ensure that they match perfectly.

**Step 5.** Cut the original bend in the wire to separate the wire into two pieces.

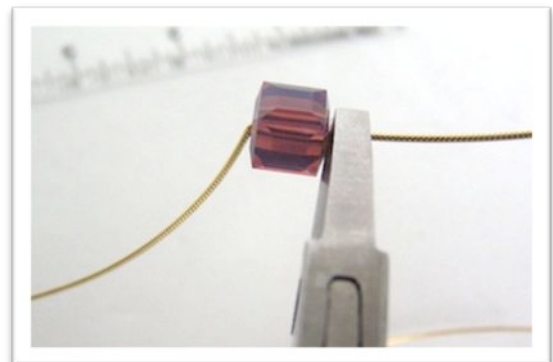


**Step 6.** String the beads onto the wires, pushing them all the way to the bend in the center.



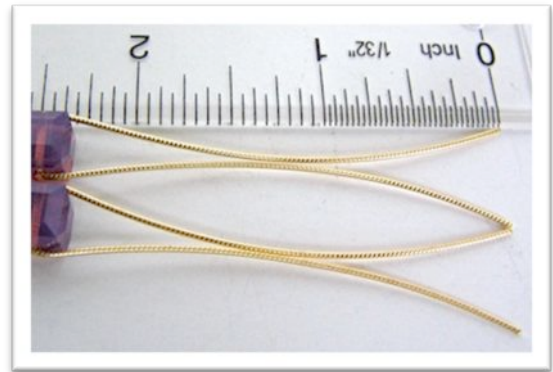
**Step 7.** Grip the wire as shown, and make another downward bend next to the bead using the Wubbers Classic Medium Flat Nose Pliers.

The graceful bend in the wire on the left should be the same as on the right side of the bead.



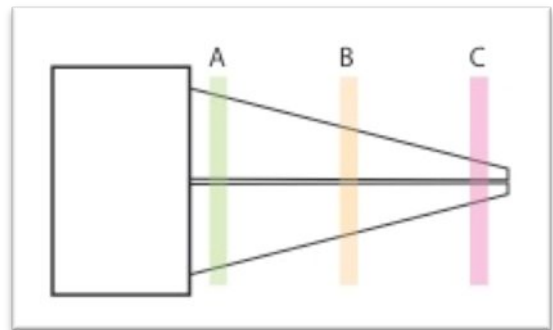
**Step 8.** Push the wires together, straightening the curve to meet in the middle as shown. To help the wires meet, grasp the bead of one earring in one hand, then gently pull on the ends of the wires until the middles meet.

Cut the ends of the wires with the flush cutter so that they are the same length.



### Forming a Group of Decorative Coils

**Step 9.** In this next section, we'll be using the Wubbers Classic Round Nose Pliers at different locations on the barrels. The largest part of the barrel will be "A," the smallest part will be "C," and the middle is part "B."



**Step 10.** Grip the end of one of the wires using the "A" part of the Wubbers Classic Round Nose Pliers.



**Step 11.** Turn the pliers towards the inside to make a coil as shown.



**Step 12.** Place the wire in the Round Nose Pliers, in position "A," with the loop resting against the barrel.



**Step 13.** Turn the Round Nose Pliers outwards, creating a bend as shown.



**Step 14.** Continue bending the wire until a figure 8 is formed. The center of the figure 8 will rest over the middle, where the wires meet.



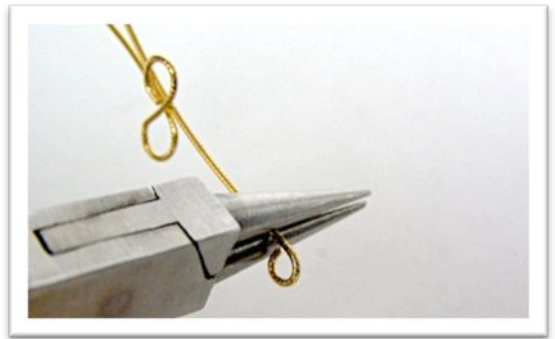
**Step 15.** Grip the other end of the wire in the tip of the Round Nose Pliers, at position "C."



**Step 16.** Turn the pliers towards the middle, creating a small loop.



**Step 17.** Grasp the wire as shown at position “B” on the Round Nose Pliers, with the loop resting against the barrel of the pliers.



**Step 18.** Turn the Round Nose Pliers away from the center, creating a “hook” as shown.



**Step 19.** Continue turning the Round Nose Pliers until a second figure 8 is formed. Compare your earring with the photo.



Attach ear wires to complete the earrings!



### Review Questions

- 1) To successfully make this project, use the WUBBERS Classic Round Nose Pliers...
  - a) in three different positions on the jaws of the pliers
  - b) to straighten the wire
  - c) to bend the wire around the stone
  - d) to make the ear wires
- 2) The bend in the wire for each earring should be at about...
  - a) 2.5 inches
  - b) anywhere in the wire
  - c) 6.5 inches
- 3) True/False. Almost any type bead or crystal can be used for this project.
  - a) True
  - b) False