

Basic Coils and Weaving for Practice

Level: Beginner

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Use 3 to 4 inches of 18 gauge wire for the base wire and a few feet of 28 gauge for the wrapping wire. The 18 gauge will hold up to some tension when wrapping and the 28 gauge will lay nice for the wrapping. It takes practice to get used to the feel of the wire.

Sites like [Beadaholique](#) and [Rio Grande](#) (click the tab for “videos”), as well as others offer free tutorials and You Tube videos for many techniques for jewelry design.

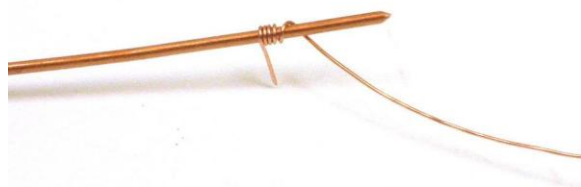
Coils. Base wire used is 18 gauge with 28 gauge wrapping wire. Place the wrapping wire under the base wire and leave a tail. The tail is used to hold the wire while wrapping to keep from spinning the wrapping wire. Bring the wrapping wire up and over the base wire then down the back to the front and repeat to coil.



Keep the wire next to the previous coil so it touches when wrapping. Use some tension when wrapping to keep the coils even and uniform.



Check the wire placement every 2 or three coils. If the wire becomes stretched to the right and away from the other coils back up the wire and move it next to the previous coil with tension and try the coil again. Keep pushing the coils together with the thumb nail as you go.



Add a 2nd wire. Place wire on the top of the coiled base wire. Bring the wrapping wire up and over both wires down the back of both and to the front. Do this again so there are 2 wraps on the 2 wires.



For a pattern look do 2 coils around only the bottom wire then 2 coils around both calling this a 2 and 2 pattern. Practice several and keep the wires close and push together with the thumb nail.

