

Wire Wrapped Heart Bracelet

Create a simple bracelet you're sure to love in an hour.

Materials:

- 16ga Sterling Silver Wire – two 12" lengths of #63228
- Mini Wire Wrapping Tool Set #69770
- #69771 Nylon Jaw Pliers
- Ribbon and ruler (or flexible measuring tape)

Instructions:

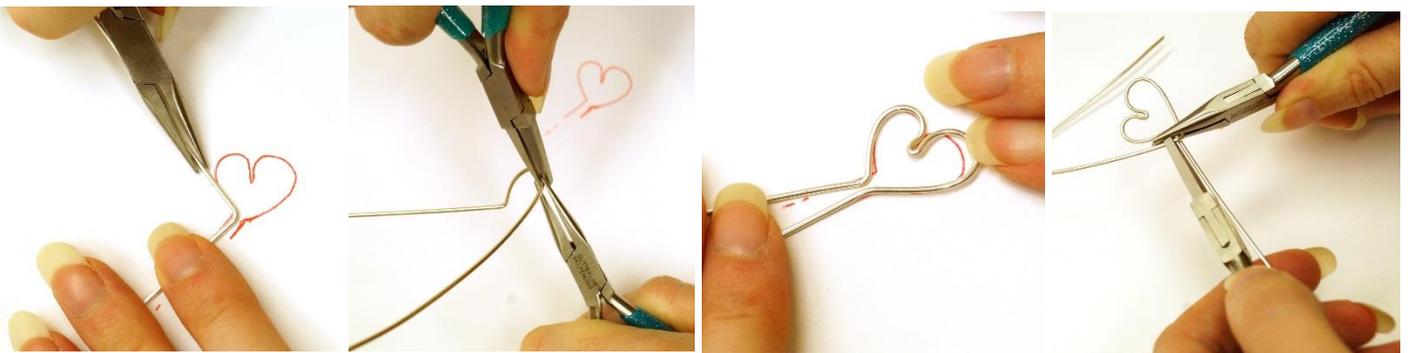
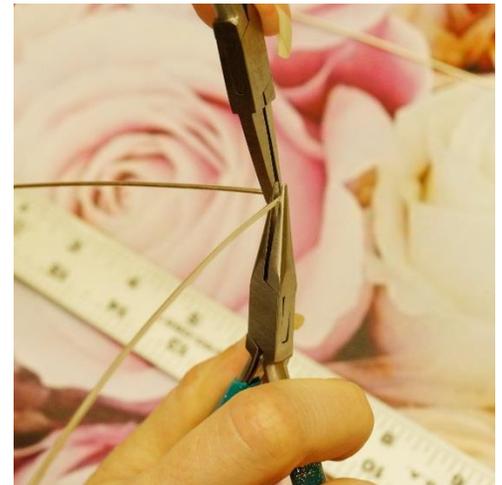
1. Use a piece of ribbon or a sewing measuring tape to measure your wrist. Average sizes range from approximately 6-1/2" to 7-1/2".
2. Select wire for your project. Thicker wire such as 14 or 16 gauge holds its shape well, but can be more challenging to smooth and work with. Thinner wire is easier to create wire wrapped designs with, but will be more delicate and prone to bending out of shape. In the project shown we use 16 gauge wire which is offered in 12" lengths.

Note: You may wish to create this project with



inexpensive practice wire first to become comfortable with techniques and check your measurements.

3. Use nylon jaw pliers to smooth and straighten wire.
4. From the cut end of the wire, measure a length equal to your wrist measurement plus 1". Use flat nose pliers to create a sharp bend to begin your heart loop.
5. Hold wire over the paper pattern and gently bend wire to follow the first half of the heart. Use chain nose pliers to form a tight bend and crimp it smoothly closed before bending wire to follow the arc of the other half of the heart.



6. Position the second piece of wire alongside the straight band of the first, providing approximately 1" of over-hang at the heart shape. Twist the tail of the heart with this new length of wire to secure, then use both ends to wrap around both strands of the bracelet band.

7. Smooth the straight lengths of wire together using the nylon jaw pliers.
8. Measure the length of your wrist measurement from the finished heart loop. With the longer straight tail of wire, measure an additional 1/2" to 1" before bending to double back. Twist the tails of wire from both strands together to secure, then wrap around the bracelet band to finish.
9. Measure approximately half way along the doubled over loop of wire and use flat nose pliers to bend, creating a hook to close your bracelet.



10. Shape the bracelet gently to fit the curve of your wrist (forming an oval shape with the heart and hook on the long edge). Place bracelet around wrist and use hook to connect to the heart loop to secure.



