



Tutorial: Spring Flower Earrings

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This lesson shows how to make 3-D (three-dimensional) spiral and use it for making earrings, pendants, etc.

Materials:

- 15" (38cm)* of 18 ga Round Soft Wire
- Jump rings -2
- Ear wire -2

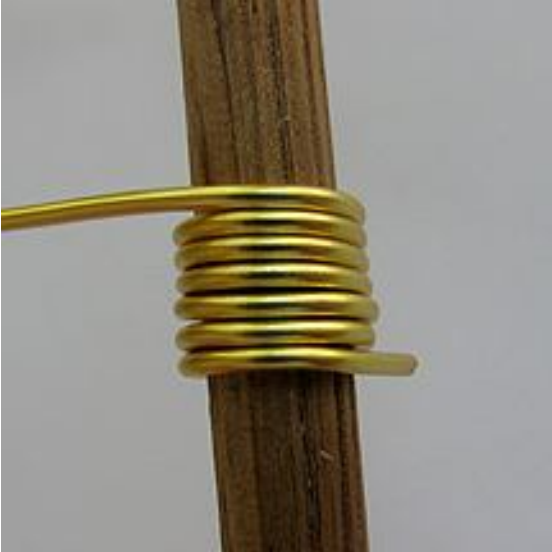
* The length of the wire depends on the mandrel's diameter and the number of coils.

Tools:

- Chain nose pliers
- Wire cutters
- Round mandrel (or pencil)



Step 1: Clean, straighten the 18ga wire (you can work from the spool). Start coiling the wire end around the mandrel.



Step 2: Make 6 full coils around the mandrel. Cut the wire.



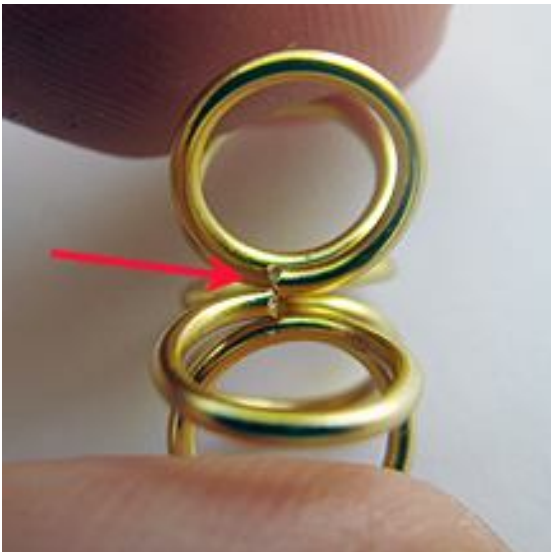
Step 3: Remove the spring from the mandrel and using flash cutters cut one end as shown.



Step 4: Make the second cut on the other side of the coiled wire, directly across from the first cut.



Step 5: With your fingers, start opening the coils from just one side (outside). Both cuts have to be inside the spring (see red arrows)



Step 6: Continue forming the spring circle. The wire cuts have to meet each other and be very close.

Step 7: Make sure that all six "rays" are evenly distributed.



Step 8: Using jump-rings, attach the ear wires.



Variation: you can make 7-coil flower as well ☺

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