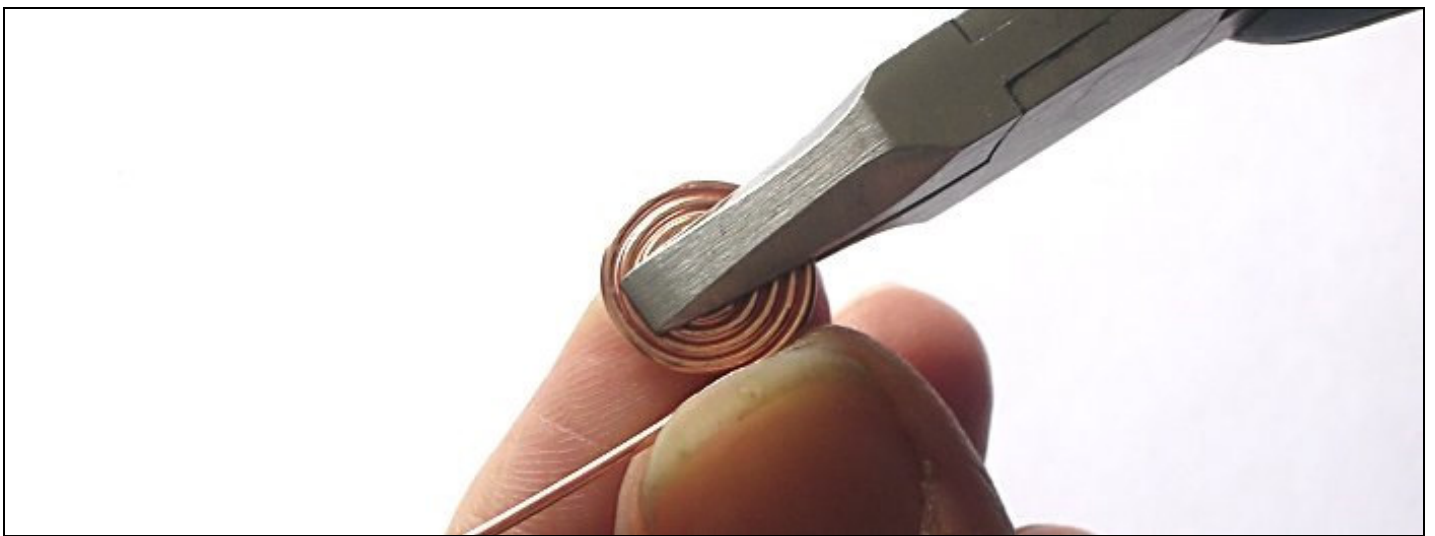


making a flat coil

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How to make a flat, wirework coil.



Materials

- Wire

Tools

- Wire cutters
- Round nose pliers
- Flat or chain nose pliers

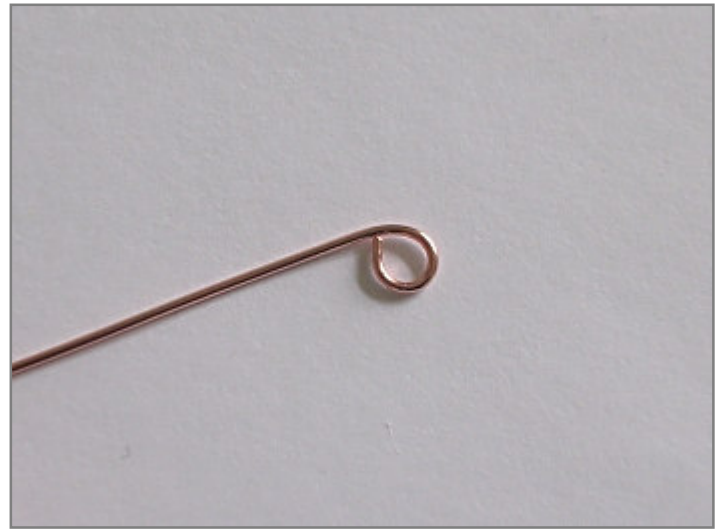
Tips

It can take a bit of practice to get the smooth movement required down to a fine art- do persevere!

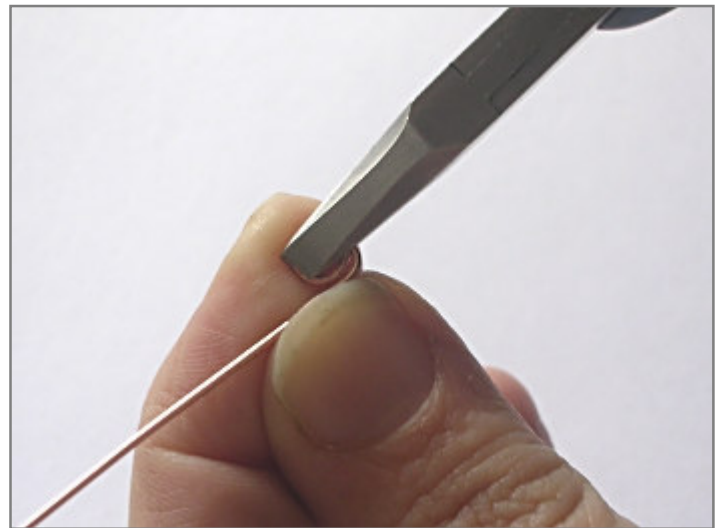
The closer you hold your work, the neater your coils will be.

Steps

1. Cut a length of wire and using your round nose pliers, make a 'P' shaped loop at one end.



2. Place the 'P' flat inside the jaws of your flat or chain nose pliers. You want the long length of wire to be towards you but with the end pointing away from you. Hold these pliers in your dominant hand i.e. your right hand if you're right-handed. Use the thumb on your non-dominant hand to press the long length of wire against the loop you made, whilst at the same time turn your dominant hand away from you. Turning this hand away from you means that the coil you just made moves away and you have the room to make a new section of coil.



3. Continuing using your thumb to form a new section of coil and your other hand to turn the coil you've just made away from you. You want to practice this until it becomes one smooth movement.

