

How To Make A Pair of Earrings

This is a short Byte-Size Learning tutorial on how to make a pair of earrings using simple wire jewelry techniques.



Step 1: Introduction

Hi, I'm Courtney and I'm going to introduce you to the incredible tool called Byte-Size Learning with a simple step-by-step tutorial on how to make a basic pair of earrings with basic wire jewelry techniques.



Step 2: Gather your tools & materials

Here is a list of the tools and materials you will need to create your pair of earrings:

Wire Cutters

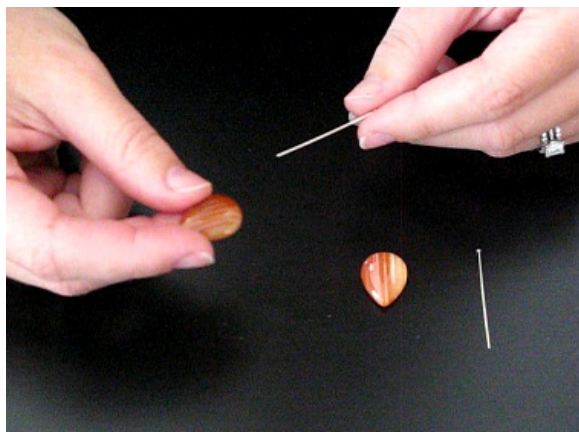
Needle Nose Pliers

Round Nose Pliers

2 Beads (Make sure the beads you select are top drilled, meaning that the hole is drilled from top to bottom rather than from side to side)

Ear wires (I used French hooks)

2 Headpins (Make sure the headpins are thick enough to hold your beads, I used 1.5" sterling silver 22 gauge headpins)



Step 3: Place your bead on the headpin

String your headpin through the hole in the bead.



Step 4: Fold the headpin

Fold the headpin at a 90 degree angle directly above the bead.



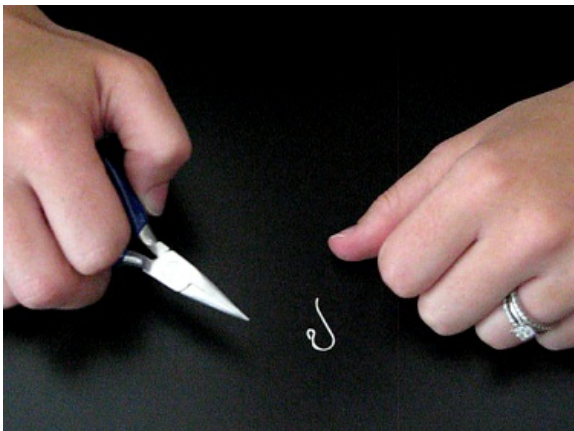
Step 5: Clip your headpin (if necessary)

Cut excess wire from the headpin, leaving a little room to create a loop with the remaining wire.



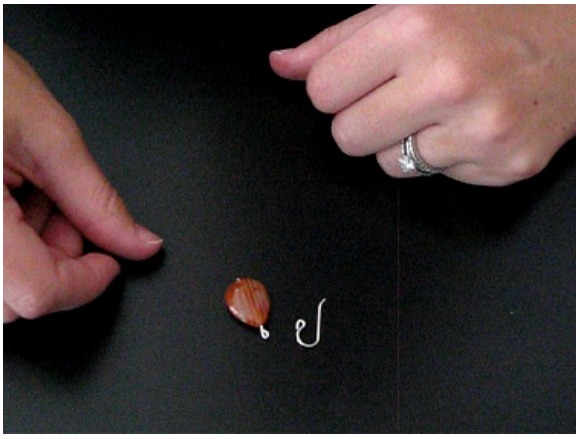
Step 6: Bend into a circle

Clamp the headpin with your round nose pliers (toward the end of the headpin) and twist the headpin in a circular motion until you've created a circle.



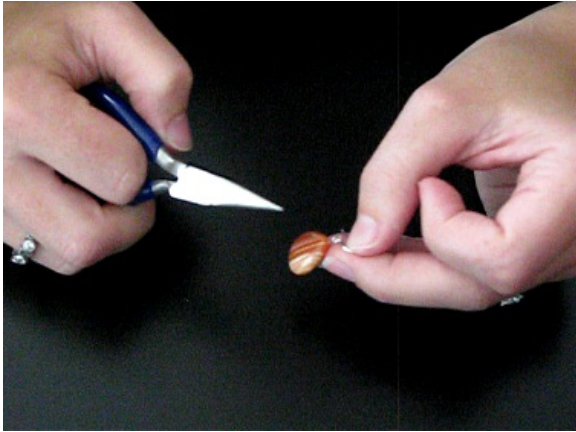
Step 7: Bend the French hook

Slightly open the loop on the French hook ear wire.



Step 8: Connect your bead to your French hook

Slide the bead onto the opened loop of the French hook ear wire.



Step 9: Close the loop

Close the loop of your French hook ear wire. Then, you're all finished...now you just need to repeat steps 3 through 9 to complete your pair!



Step 10: Final pair of earrings

Tah-Dah...you're finished!