



Free Form Hammered Pendant

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Please read through the tutorial in its entirety at least once before you cut any wire. This is very helpful for you to understand this tutorial better.

In this tutorial you will learn to take a piece of wire and free form to your desire, hammer it out a bit, give it a little texture, and wow you have a little piece of art.

Hang a bead on it and you are done.



Tools Needed:

Chasing hammer

Round nose pliers

Flat nose pliers

Chain nose pliers

Flush cutters

Bail pliers or wooden dowel

Pounding block

Materials Needed:

Round 18, 16, or 14 gauge wire works good with this free form.

Any type of these wire choices,

Copper, brass, copper tin, bronze, sterling silver, gold fill.

Polish cloth

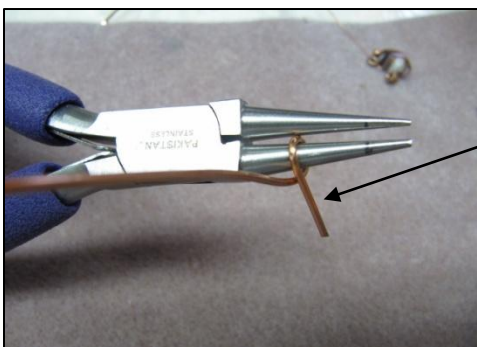
Beads of choice

Head pin





Photo shows you the tools I use in this tutorial, about 8 inches of 16 gauge round wire of your color choice.



#1

Using your round nose pliers, start making your design. Leaving a small bit of wire at the end, this you will use for the bail.



#2

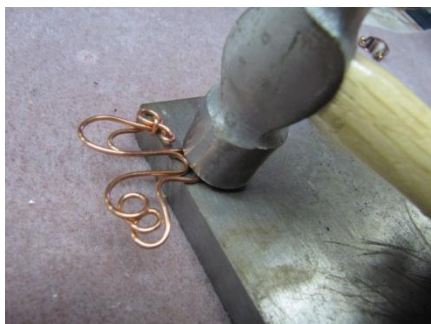
I just make anything that feels right; this is a free form design. You can see in the next photo how I ended up with my design.



#3

Try to keep a flow to your design. In photo, I ended up with the end and hooked the wire at top. In your design, try to hook somewhere to close up wires.

Having a top and bottom of some sort.



#4

Using your chasing hammer with the flat end, start to hammer lightly until you get the feel for it and continue on.

DO NOT HAMMER WIRES THAT ARE CROSSED OVER. If you do, hammer lightly.

They will break if you hammer too much and too hard.

See photo, the parts that I hammered.

#5

Now use the other end of your chasing hammer, the balled end.

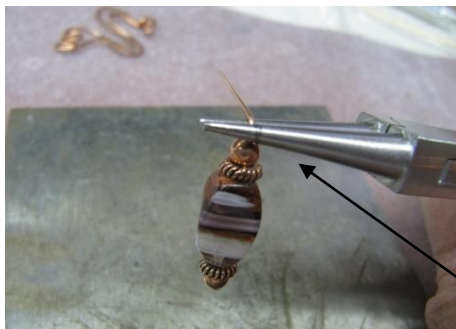
This end will make a diamond cut pattern.

Start to hammer lightly until you start to see the pattern show up, continue on until you have decided your pattern is to your liking.

Set side.

#6

Now using your beads you selected, put them on a head pin.

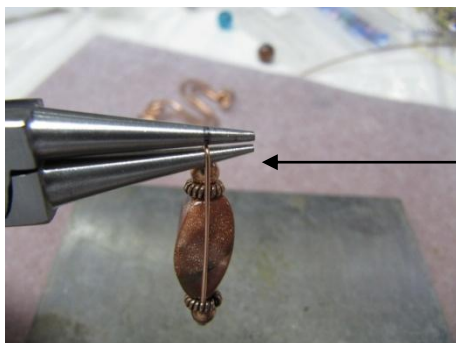
**#7**

Using your round nose pliers, take a hold of head pin at base of bead and bend head pin wire over all the way to the back.

(See next photo)

Make sure the pliers are facing you.

Now turn pliers w/ round nose facing up and down.

**#8**

Now bring wire up and over the top of round nose, all the way around to the front, making a loop.

#9

Remove pliers and insert the bottom of round nose into the loop you just made, bend wire under the round nose to complete loop.

See next photo.



**#10**

Using your flat nose pliers, take a hold of the loop you just made.

Now use your chain nose pliers and wrap end around of head pin until it becomes tight and to the base of bead. Trim wire and pinch in a bit.

This head pin loop is used to make many projects, such projects like earrings or charms.



#11

Using your bail pliers, take about 3 inches of 16 gauge round wire and wind around the larger part of bail pliers.

NOTE: you can use a wooden dowel.

Wind around at least 3- 4 times.

Take off bail pliers and trim wire.

Now with your flush cutter, cut wires in half, start with the first wire end and follow cutting in half until you reach the end. You should have little O rings.

Lay 2 of them on the pounding block and do the same as you did on the free form pendant.

Now put one O ring on the top where you want to hang your chain from.

Insert your bead charm to the other O ring and hook to the bottom part of your free form pendant.

Polish up and you are ready to make another one.



I make a bunch of these up for Christmas bazaars, I sell them from \$ 5.00 to \$ 8.00, they sell very well.

When I need a quick gift, I can make one of these in about 15 minutes. Most people love them.

I use scrap wire and odd beads that are left over from other projects.

I lost an angel earring one winter and had one angel earring, so I made a free form pendant attached the earring angel and it was one of the most complimented pendants I got.

You can do so many styles with this free form pendant.

Very inexpensive to make.

I hope you enjoyed this simple but yet creative tutorial.

If you have any questions please feel free to e-mail me.

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