

TUTORIAL
WIRE MERMAID FIN PENDANT





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In addition to beauty, the mermaid is a marine symbol of protection, the sailors tattooed it to help them return home.

This tutorial explains step by step how to create a fin-shaped pendant with the wire wrapping technique and adding two violet angelite pearls.

MATERIALS AND TOOLS:

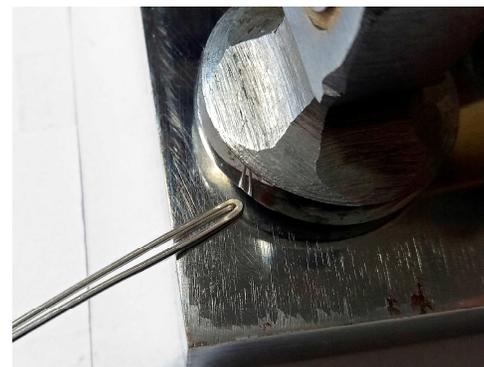
- Basic design
- 18 gauge metal wire (about 20,4 inch)
- 28 gauge metal wire (enough to decorate, join the parts and insert pearls)
- 2 pcs 6,5 or 7 mm pearls
- Conical tips pliers
- Curved tip pliers
- Nylon tip pliers (optional)
- Flat cut cutter (wire cutter)
- Flat hammer
- Mini anvil or steel block
- Small file (optional)



1 Print the drawing at the end of the tutorial.



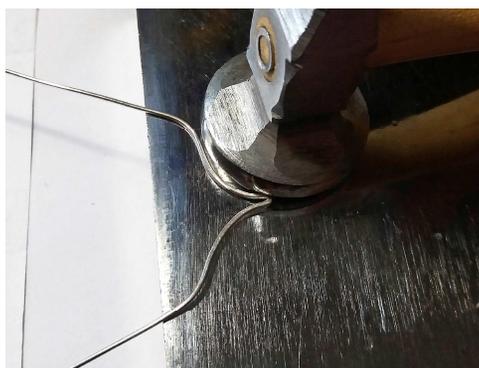
2 With about 18 inches (46 cm) of 18 gauge wire, start creating the structure from the center by folding it in half.



3 Beat the tip of the curve lightly.



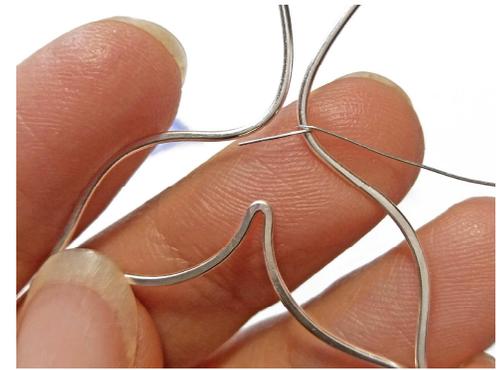
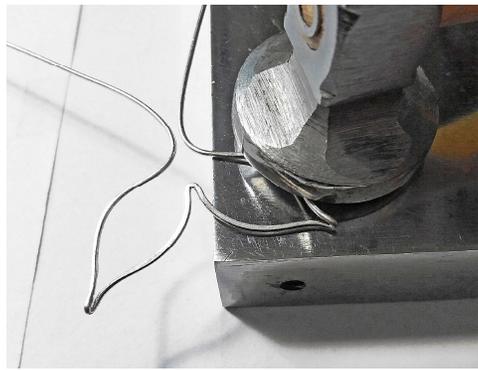
4 Carefully widen the thread and follow the pattern sinuously.



5 Beat the two curves just created to flatten them slightly.

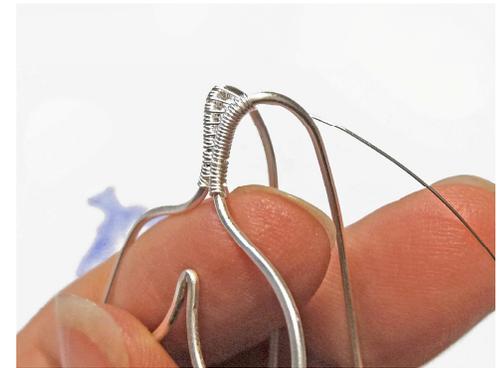
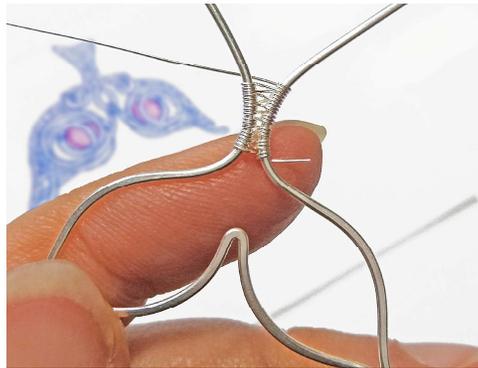


6 Fold the thread creating two points as in the picture.



7 Flatten by beating the two newly created sides.

8 Wrap 28 gauge wire (enough to decorate) on one side of the upper part of the structure, as shown in the picture.



9 Wrap three times and move to the other side. Repeat the operation until the upper part destined for the chain is filled.

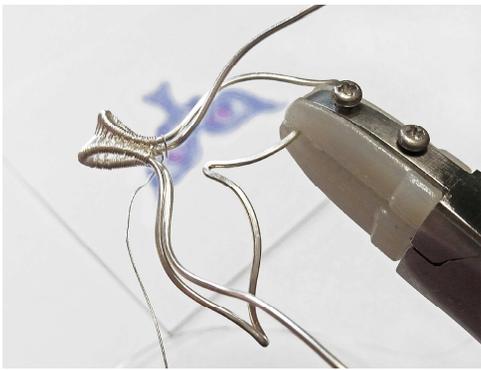
10 During the wrapping of the wire in the upper part bend the two sides of the structure backwards.



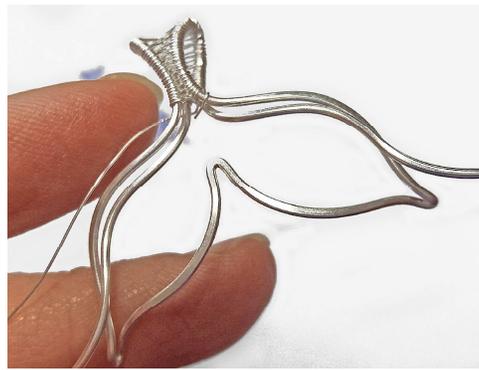
11 Continue to wrap the thread until the end. As soon as you're done, don't cut the thread. Shape the two rear ends of the structure like the front ones, as shown in the picture.

12 Lightly beat the newly shaped structure on the back.

13 Carefully insert the two free ends into the main structure and pass them to the front side.



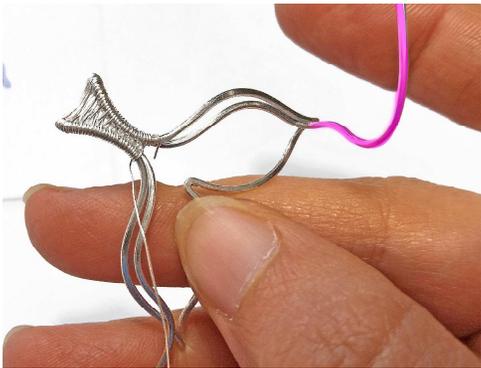
14 Bend the entire structure with great caution. If you have the possibility you can use nylon pliers (optional).



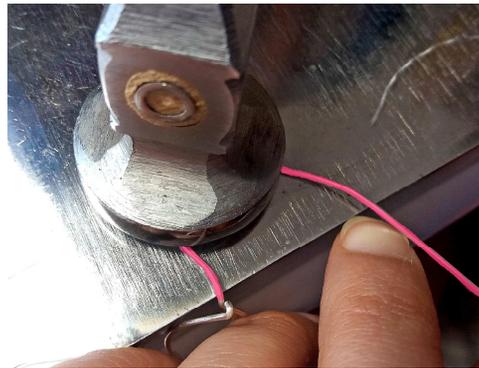
15 The structure will appear slightly rounded, as shown in the picture.



16 Begin to bend the thread, creating new points a little shorter than the first on both sides.



17 Create a small curve shaping it like a fin. See steps 18 and 19.



18 Slightly flatten the curve by beating it.

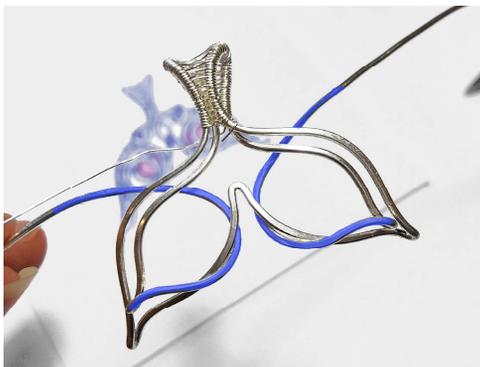


19 Here's how it looks.



20 Repeat the operation also on the opposite side and beat the curve created here too.





21 Pass the two ends of the wires outside under the structure.



22 Insert the end of the wire into the structure from the back to the front side.



23 Create an eyelet large enough to insert the 6.5 - 7mm bead into it.



24 Repeat the entire operation also on the other side. As shown in the picture.



25 With the 28 gauge wire we left uncutted, start filling the outer perimeter of the structure.



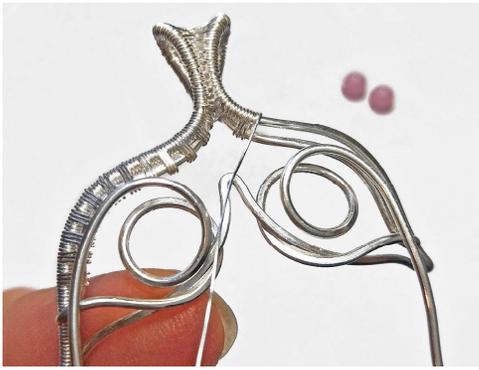
26 With the 28 gauge wire, wrap the outer thread of the structure three times then both threads three times, alternating the working.



27 Continue to the end where for the final part you will only have to cover the outer thread, as in the picture.



28 Repeat the entire operation on the other side with a new 28-gauge wire.



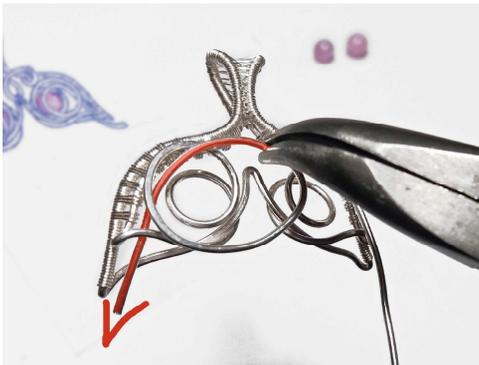
29 Continue until the end.



30 With one of the wire ends left pending create a new eyelet, bigger than the first.



31 Move it away from the structure as in the picture and flatten it by beating it.



32 Insert the end inside this new eyelet making it pass also inside the smaller fin and in front of the larger one. Look carefully at the red part of the photo.



33 Handle the wire to make it very well rounded and finish the loop.



34 Move the large eyelet away from the structure.



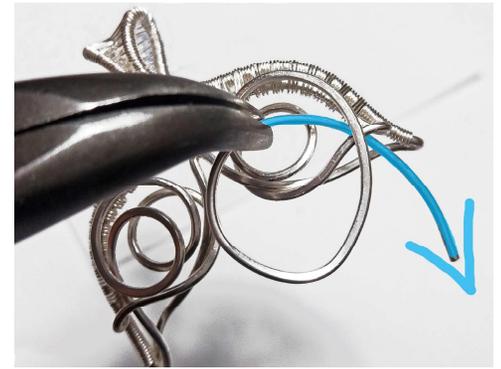
35 Beat it lightly.

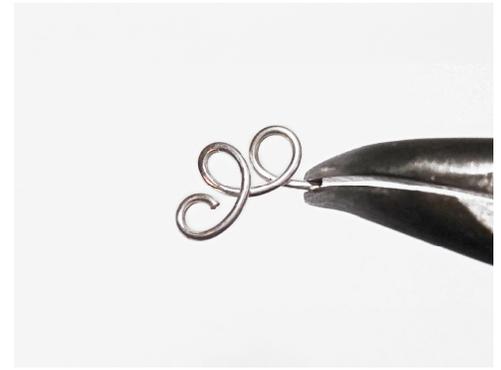


36 Reposition it in its place and bend the end of the wire slightly backwards and outwards.



37 Repeat the operation from point 23 to point 36 on the other side of the fin.





38 With about 2.4 inches (6 cm) of 18 gauge wire, make the curl to be inserted on the fin following the drawing. Use round and curved tip pliers.



39 Cut the excess.



40 Slightly flatten the small structure by beating it.



41 Wrap some 28 gauge wire (enough to join the parts) in the center of the fin.



42 Insert the small structure just created and wrap it twice, fixing it to the top of the fin.



43 Also fix it on the other side always with the same wire.



44 Insert another 28 gauge wire (enough to join the parts on one side at the top of the fin).



45 Fix the small structure to the fin on both sides.



46 Cut both ends as in the picture.



47 Flatten the cut ends by hammering them. If necessary file the tips with a small file (optional).



48 Insert 28 gauge wire (just enough) into a 6.5 - 7 mm pearl.



49 Insert the pearl on the back of the fin into one of the eyelets and fix it by wrapping the thread on both sides to the structure.



50 Repeat with the other bead on the other side of the fin.

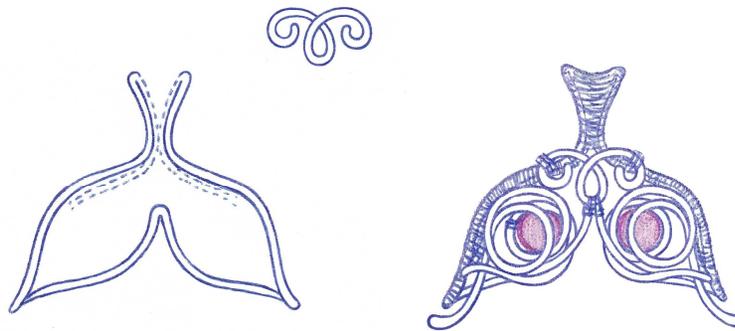


51 End.



Full-size drawing, ready to print.

Total size of the Fin approximately
1,42 inch (3,6 cm) height x 1,57 inch (4 cm) width.



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With love
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