

TUTORIAL
WIRE WRAPPING OWL PENDANT



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WIRE WRAPPING OWL PENDANT PROJECT

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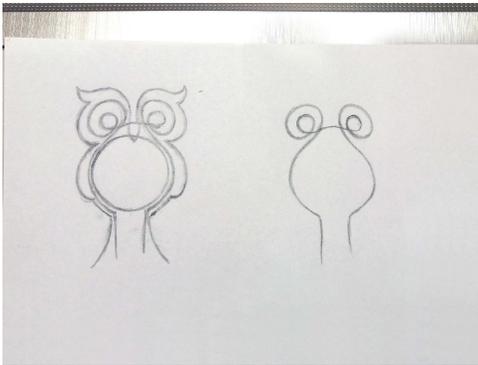
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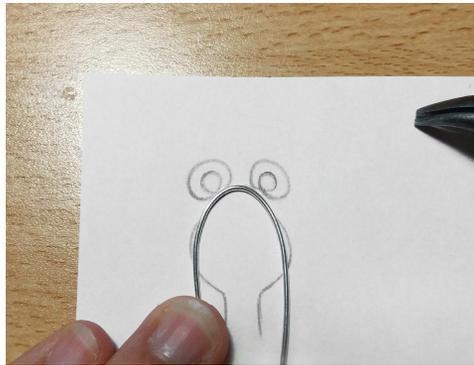
Lucky Owl Pendant. A negative omen for some peoples is instead a symbol of wisdom for others, but also of cunning, protector of homes, it drives away evil spirits. It symbolizes a sharp and intelligent but also sad intellect. His influence leads to act guided by the inner vision, to be able to see more clearly in moments of difficulty.

MATERIALS AND TOOLS:

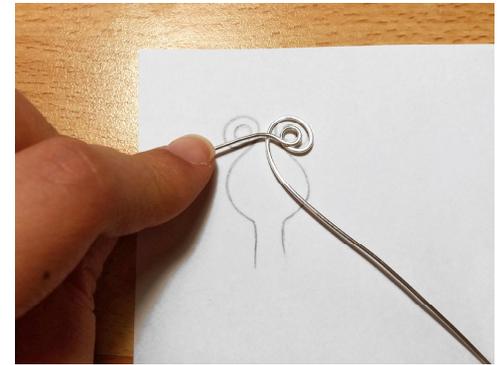
- 18 gauge metal wire (about 30 inch)
- 20 gauge metal wire (about 7,5 inch)
- 24 gauge metal wire (about 4 inch)
- 28 gauge metal wire (enough to decorate and join the parts)
- 1 pcs 16 mm flat Turquoise stone
- 2 pcs of 4 mm resin small diamonds brilliant cut shape
- UV Resin
- UV torch (or UV oven)
- Toothpicks
- Anvil and hammer
- Conical tips pliers
- Curved tips pliers
- Cylindrical tips pliers
- Flat-cut cutter (wire cutter)
- Small file
- Basic drawing



1 Prepare in advance a drawing on which to base the creation of the owl's structure. At the end of the tutorial there is a model to print or trace in full size.



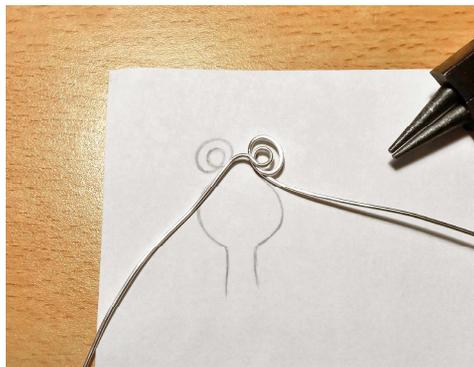
2 Cut about 13,80 inch (35 cm) of 18 gauge thread, bend it in half and trace the design as in the picture trying to be as precise as possible.



3 Draw with the thread the shape shown on paper that represents the eyes and the central body of the owl.



4 Beat the outer edge of the first eye.



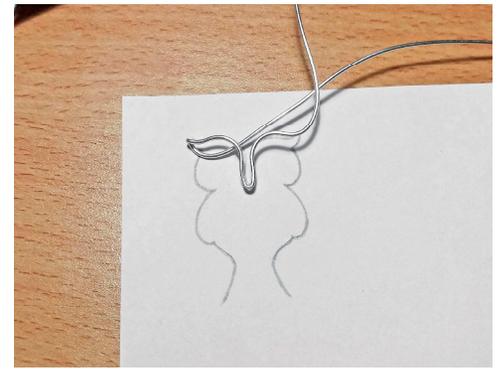
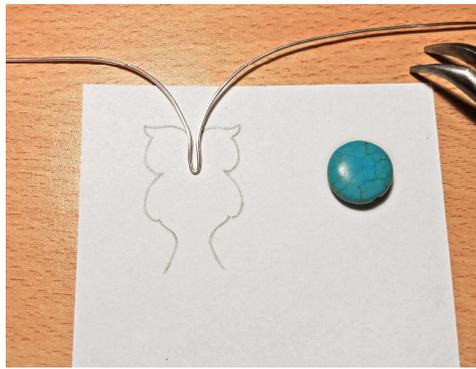
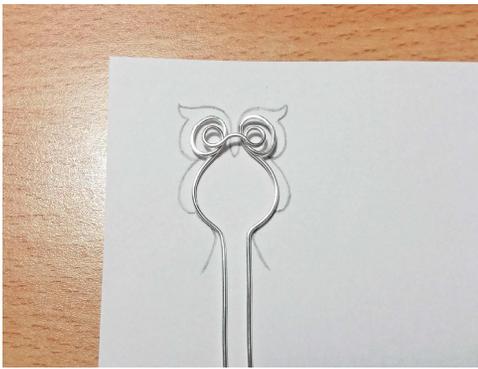
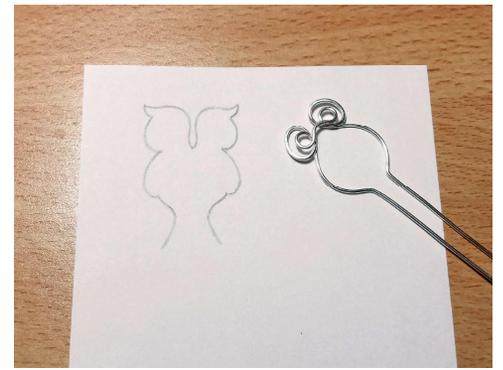
5 Continue to trace the drawing precisely as shown in the picture with the help of hands and pliers.



6 Beat the outer edge of the other eye.



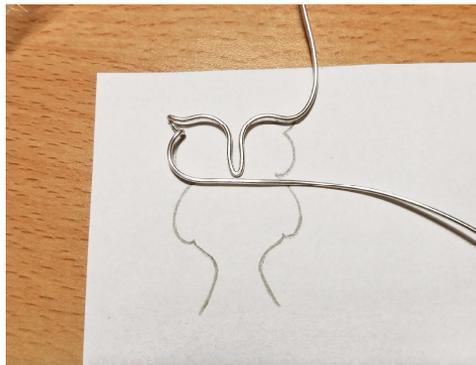
7 Finish drawing the entire internal structure of the Owl.



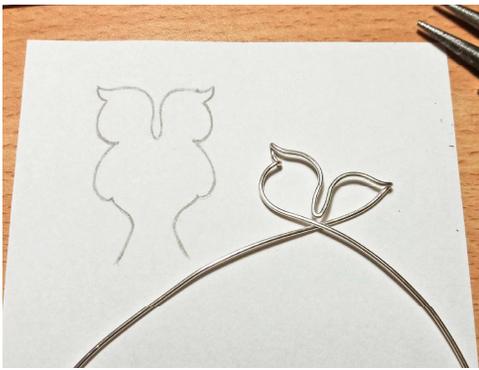
8 With the second drawing start creating the external shape of the owl in which we will insert the internal structure just created. Fold a second piece of 18 gauge wire about 13.80 inch (35 cm) in half, shaping it on the drawing as shown in the picture, starting from the nose.



9 Follow the drawing and fold the thread at each curve as shown in the picture.



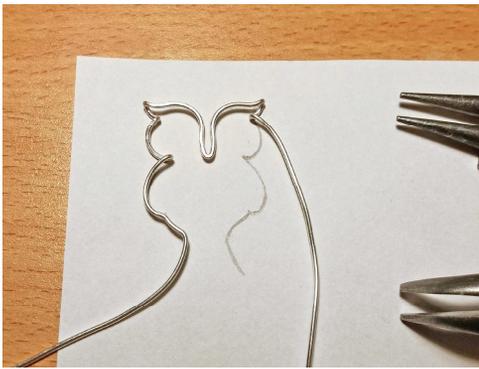
10 Beat the upper part and the nose to flatten them a little.



11 Continue to follow the drawing.



12 Beat the first cheek created flattening it a little.



13 Follow the drawing precisely until the end.



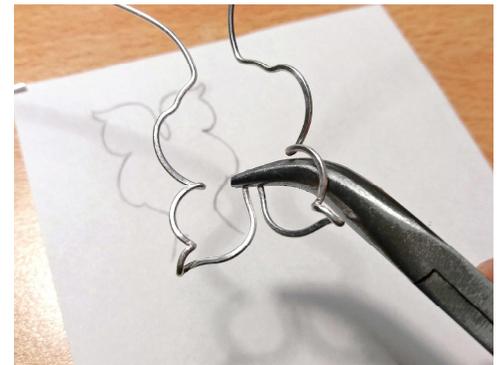
14 Beat the second cheek created flattening it a little.



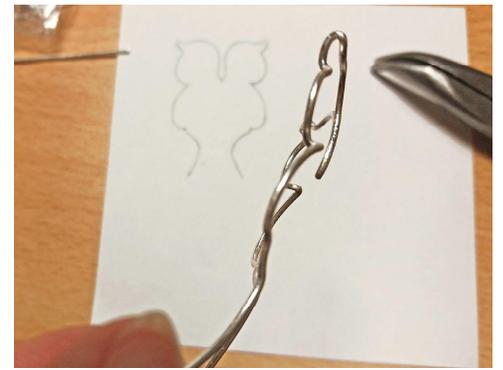
15 Finish drawing the entire outer structure of the owl.



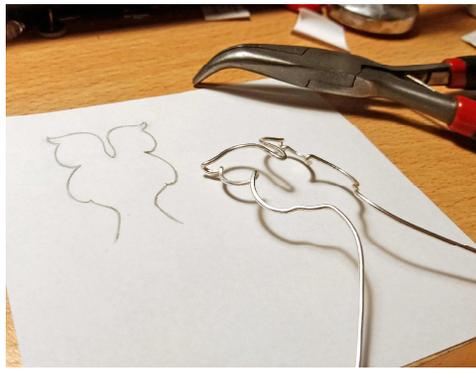
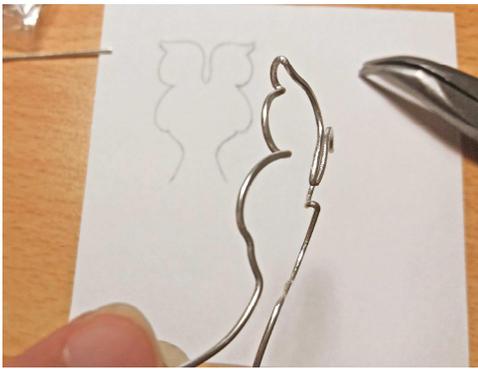
16 Beat the body structure except for the tail threads. Avoid the points where the thread has been folded and made double.



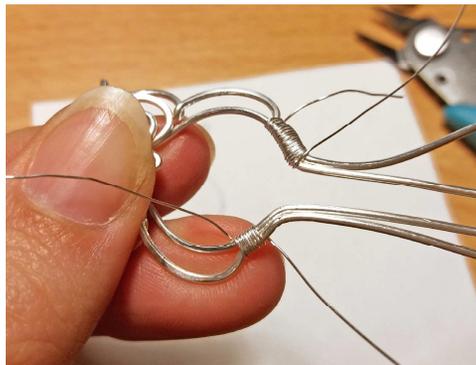
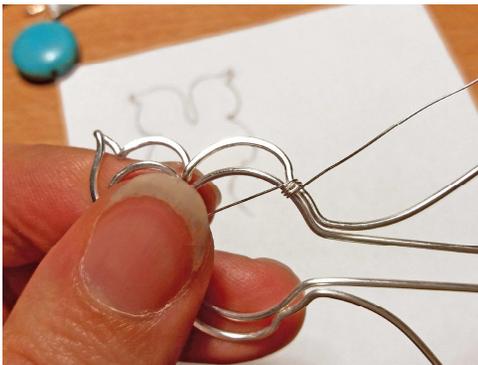
17 With the pliers slightly bend the nose of the owl towards the inside.



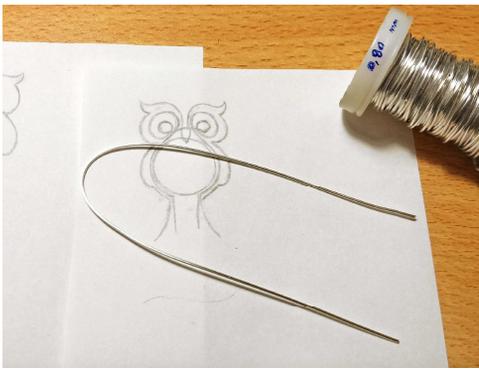
18 During bending, the entire body structure will also bend automatically. If it doesn't happen bend it a little by hand.



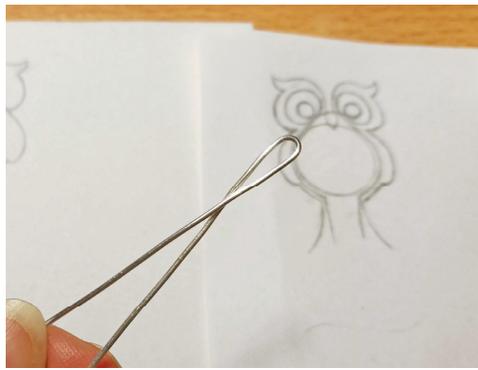
19 Insert the inner structure into the outer structure of owl making the nose stand out in front.



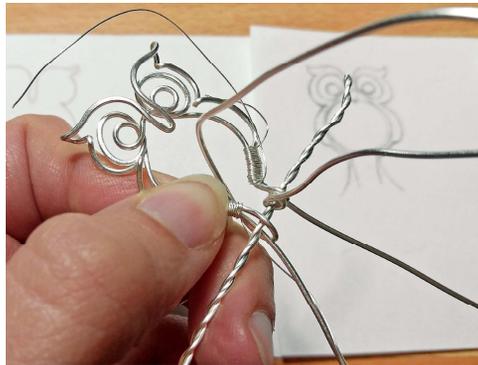
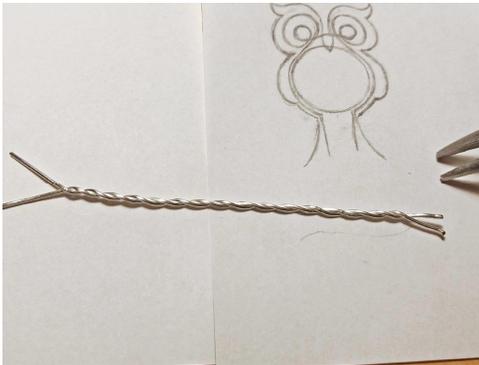
20 With the 28 gauge wire (enough to join the parts), join the two structures in the two lower lateral parts as shown in the picture.



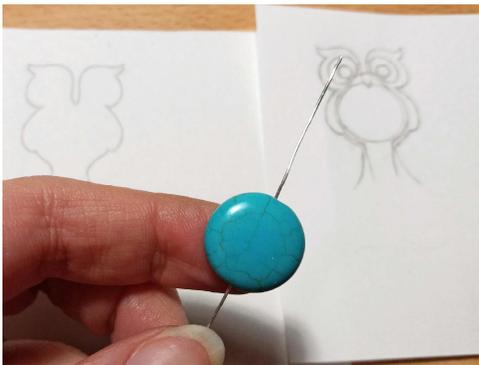
21 Cut about 4 inches (10 cm) of 20 gauge wire.



22 Fold it in half and start rolling it up.



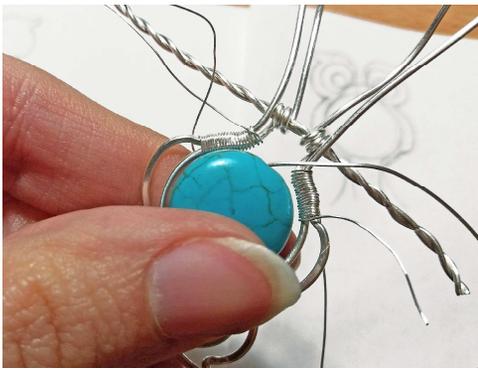
23 Wrap each of the two innermost ends of the tails three times around the thread rolled up in the previous step.



24 Insert about 3.15 inches (8 cm) of 24 gauge wire into the flat stone and place it in the center of the structure of Owl.



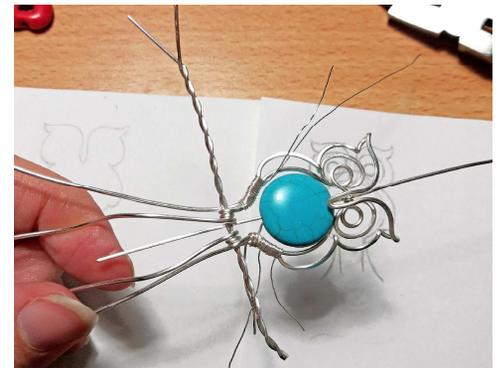
25 Remove the stone momentarily and wrap the thread behind the nose.



26 Reinsert the stone and bend the protruding wire towards the right of the owl (The picture shows the back the owl).



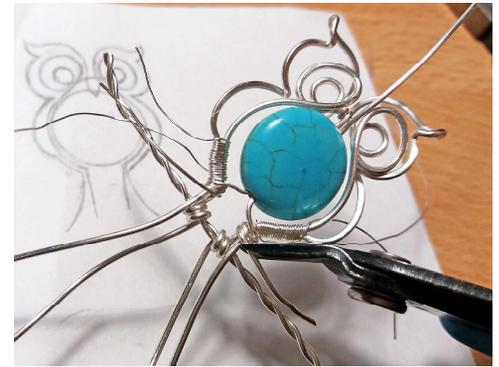
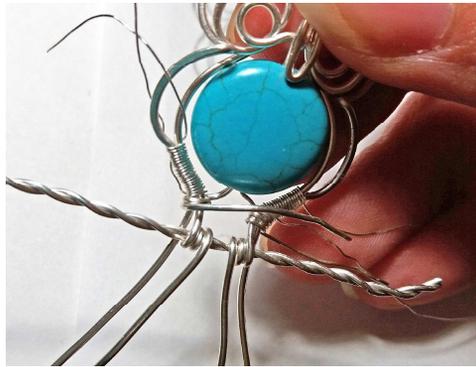
27 Wrap the thread three times (The picture shows the front the owl). The thread rolled up, as you can see, is on the right.



28 Insert 3,5 inch (9 cm) of a second wire into the stone but this time it must be 20 gauge.



29 At the bottom of the stone, bend the thread to the left and wrap it as shown in the picture.



30 On the back, tighten the newly wrap threads and cut.



31 In the upper part, wrap the thread behind the nose only once, passing between the eyes, where previously the 24 gauge was wrapped. Do not cut the thread because we will need it later.



32 Turn the owl and shorten the two ends of the paws.





33 Shorten the rolled-up thread between the legs of the owl that serves as a branch with the cutter.



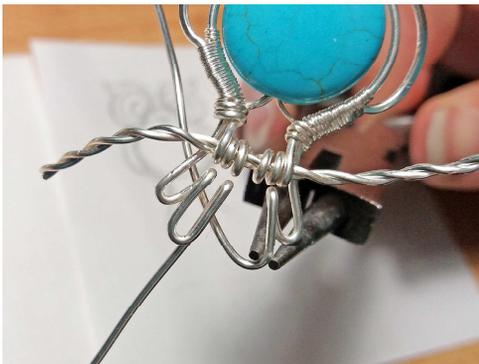
34 Turn the owl again, tighten the threads of the paws well so that the rolled twig remains firmly in place and cut the excess wire with the cutter.



35 Cut away all the free threads in the back of the owl.



36 Create the tail by folding the thread as in the following pictures. If you want you can make a drawing on paper as for the body.



37 Join the wires by creating the central tail so that they are as specular as possible.



38 On the back of the owl, fold the two wires that make up the central tail as shown in the picture, passing them over the central stone and bending them at the sides in order to block its movements.



39 Wrap the threads on the sides of the stone directly on the body structure.



40 Shorten the threads on both sides, leaving a minimum to wrap them. Wrap them around twice and then cut off the excess.



41 Create an eyelet with the thread remaining on top of the head.



42 Pass the end of the thread between the eyes and wrap it around the nose for only one turn.



43 Cut excess thread.



44 Shorten a little the twig on the sides of the paws.

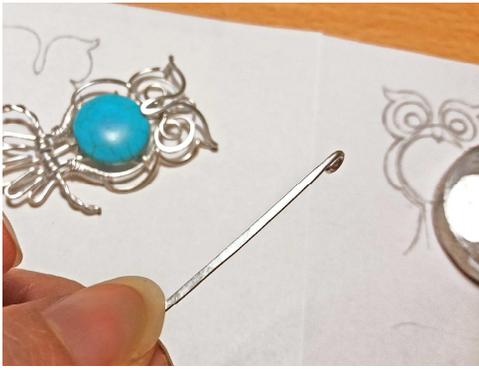


45 Take about 2 inches (5 cm) of 18 gauge wire and create a small loop at one end.



46 Flatten the wire except the eyelet.





47 Flatten the eyelet in the opposite direction.

48 Straighten it and fold it on the opposite side as shown in the picture with the help of the conical tip pliers.



49 Fold the wire with the curved tip pliers to create the hook for the chain.

50 Cut to approx 2 mm from the curve and fold the end completely.



51 Turn the owl and insert approximately 0,79 inch (2 cm) of 24 gauge wire behind the two wires passing over the turquoise stone.

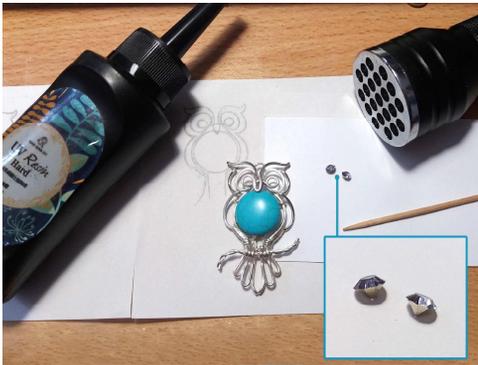
52 Wrap the end of the 24 gauge wire twice on the wire opposite to the entrance side.



53 Also wrap the other end twice on the other thread passing over the stone.



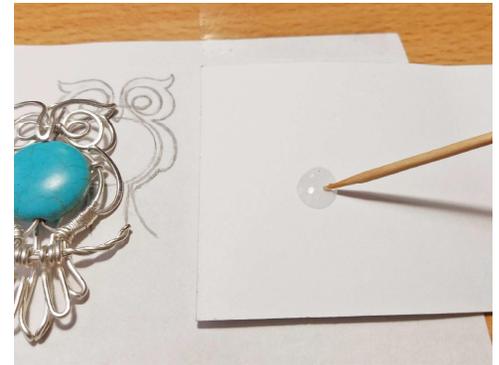
54 Cut off excess threads.



55 Take the material for the eyes. Two 4 mm resin diamonds, UV Resin, UV Torch (or UV oven), toothpick, little cardboard to mix the resin.



56 Place a drop of UV resin on the little cardboard.



57 Take some UV resin with a toothpick.



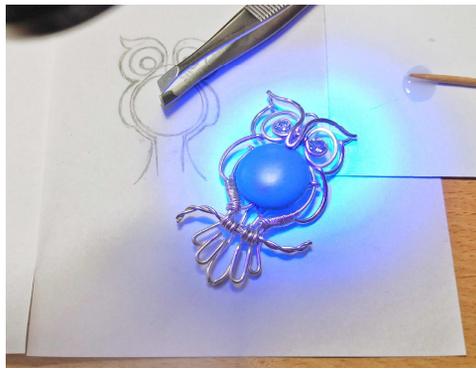
58 Put a small amount of resin on the eyes, slather the inner perimeter of the circle and making it create a patina.



59 Insert in each eye a small 4 mm resin diamond of any color, in this case it is light lavender.



60 Help yourself if you can with tweezers in placing the diamonds.



61 Place the eyes under the UV torch for about 2-3 minutes on front side and 2-3 minutes on back side for the catalyst process. The UV resin in this case will act as a glue. If you are not sure that the resin is completely dry you can still keep the pendant under the torch for a minute or two more.



62 Cut a little more the two sides of the twig with the cutter between the owl's paws.



63 After shaping them as shown in the picture, file the ends so that they cannot scratch.



64 Open the hook ring by moving it to one side.



65 Insert it into the ring on the top of the owl's head.



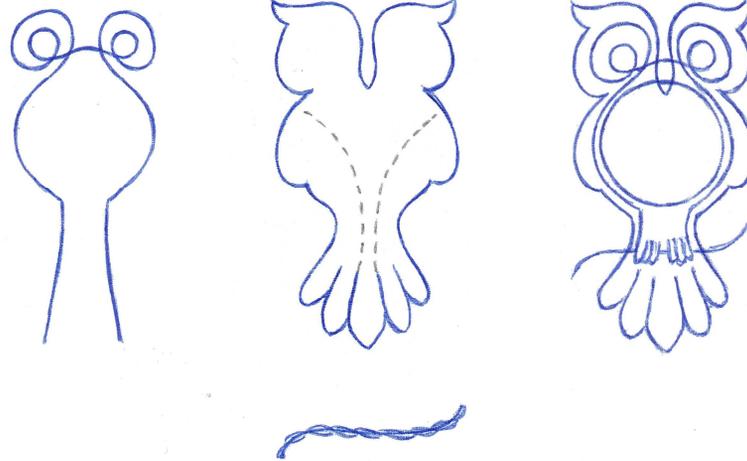
66 End.



67 And here is the pendant finished with a chain.

Full-size drawing, ready to print.

Total dimensions of the Owl approximately
1,93 inch (4.9 cm) height x 1,02 inch (2.6 cm) width.



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With love
Giorgia

