TUTORIAL

WIRE WRAPPING SEAHORSE PENDANT

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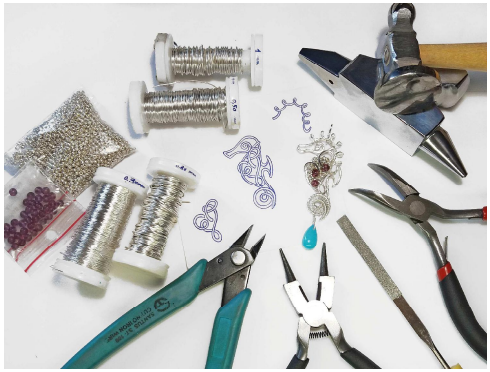
The seahorse was considered by the ancient Greeks the symbol of the god of the sea, Poseidon, and consequently represented strength and power. The ancient European populations believed that seahorses sailed the souls of sailors on their last journey to the afterlife, giving them protection. It is also a symbol of loyalty.

Materials and Tools:

- 18 gauge metal wire (about 15,75 inch)
- 20 gauge metal wire (about 4,75 inch)
- 24 gauge metal wire (about 2,75 inch)
- 28 gauge metal wire (enough to insert beads)
- 1 pcs 1.4 x 0.8 cm drop
- 2 mm silver plated rocailles
- 3 pcs 4 mm Amethyst beads
- Conical tip pliers
- Curved tip pliers
- Flat cut cutter (wire cutter)
- Flat hammer
- Mini anvil or steel block
- Small file(optional)
- Basic drawing

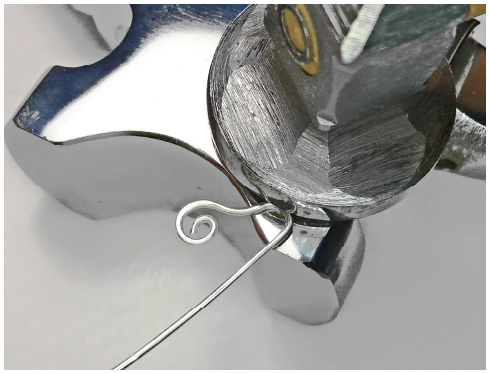


1 Take the necessary items to start work. Print the drawing you find at the end of this tutorial.

2 With about 10,55 inch(26-27cm) of 18 gauge wire start the work from the eye, creating a small eyelet and then following the drawing.

3 Lightly beat the outside of the structure.

4 Continue the work following the drawing.



5 Lightly beat the nose of the horse.

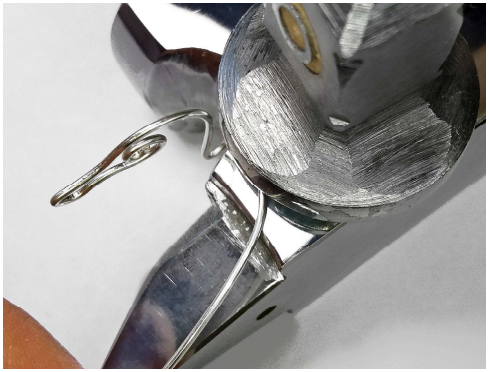
6 Follow the drawing.

7 Lightly beat the top of the head.

8 Continue to follow the drawing.

9 Fold the thread forward at the point shown in the picture.

10 Curve the wire slightly as shown in the picture.



11 Beat the part just curved, just enough to create the small dorsal fin.

12 Fold the thread back as shown in the picture, following the drawing.

13 Follow the drawing and create the tail.

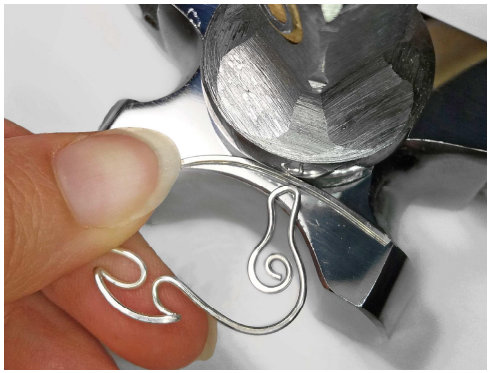
14 Bend the thread forward and come back to finish the tail.

15 Pass the thread under the tip of the tail and create the inner circle, as in the picture.

16 Continue to follow the drawing.

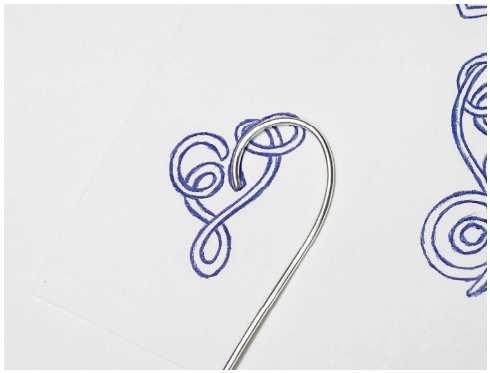
17 Cut the thread at the point shown in the picture.

18 Beat the wire that form the chest of the horse up to the end, as shown in the pictures.

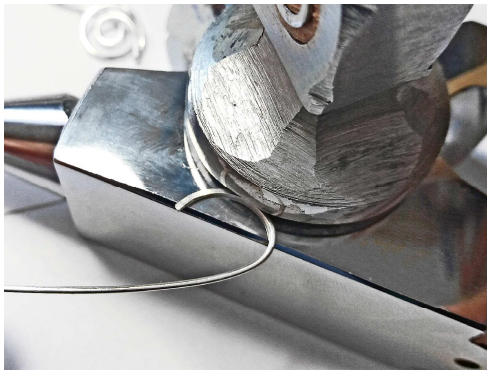


19 With the curved tip pliers, bend the end of the wire behind the head to lock it and close the structure.

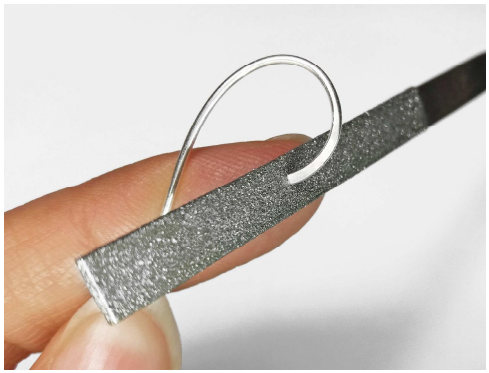
20 Cut before tightening the last section.



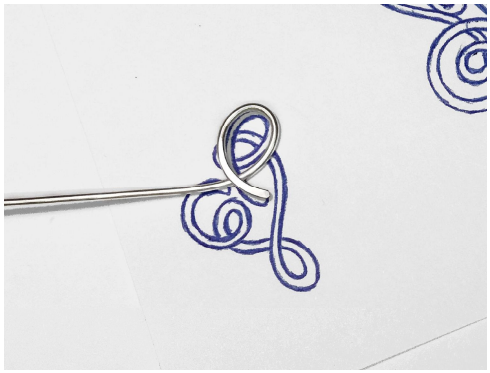
21 With about 5,2 inch of another 18 gauge wire (11-12 cm), start creating the small internal structure of the sea horse.



22 Beat the curve just created.



23 File the tip.

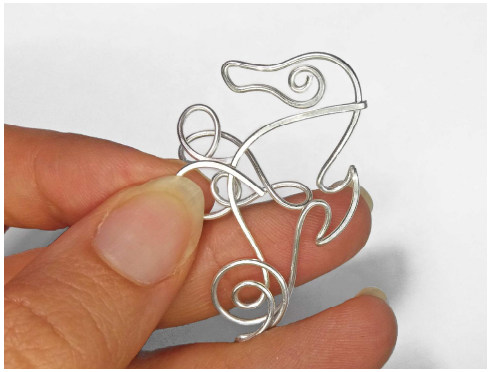


24 Continue to follow the design up to the end, as shown in the pictures.

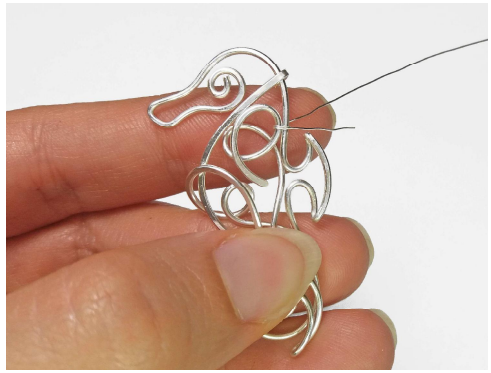
25 Cut the thread leaving it a little long.

26 Move the wire away from the structure and beat it.

27 Tighten the wire back to the structure.



28 Insert the small structure just created inside the body of the seahorse by passing its left end just above the structure.



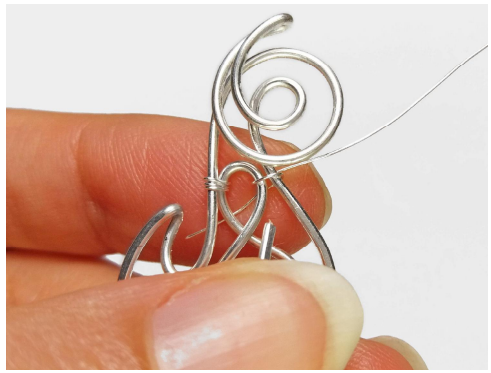
29 With the 28 gauge wire (enough to join the various parts), fix the internal structure to the external one.

30 And cut.

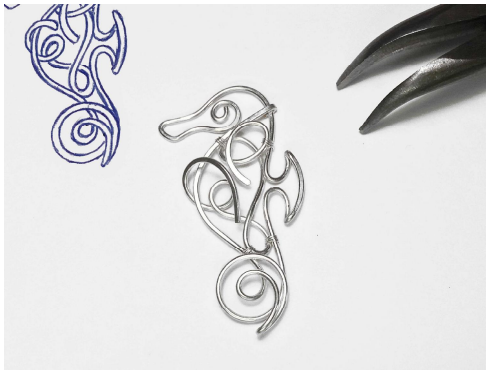
31 Continue to ensure the internal structure to the external structure in several points, always using 28 gauge wire, in the points shown in the picture.

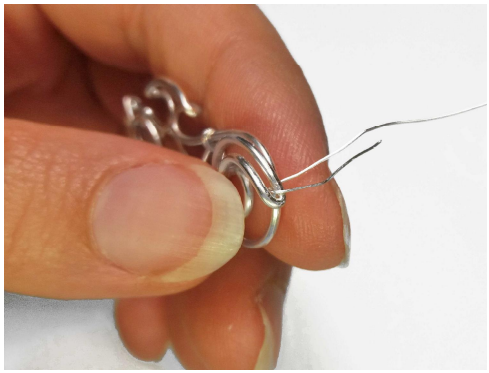
32 And cut.

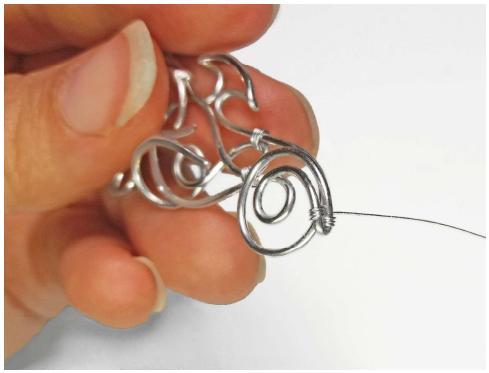
33 Cut the excess threads.



34 Continuing to ensure the internal structure to the external one.







35 Begin to wrap 28 gauge wire (enough to decorate) on the tip of the tail. Three times on one side and three times on the other. Continue alternately to fill the entire tail.

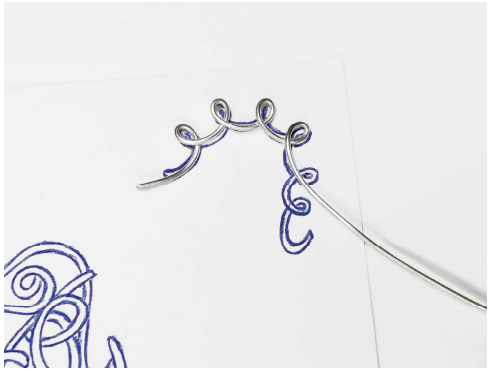
36 Here's how it looks on the back.

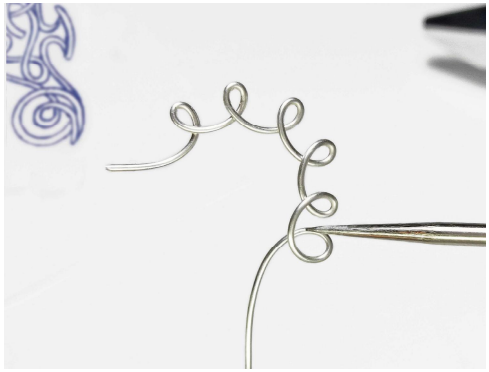
37 With the same 28 gauge wire with which the tail was filled, start to insert the beads of rocailles and the 4mm pearls to fill the belly of the horse.

38 On the back, anchor thread and pearls to the central eyelet, as shown in the picture.

39 Continue to fill the structure.

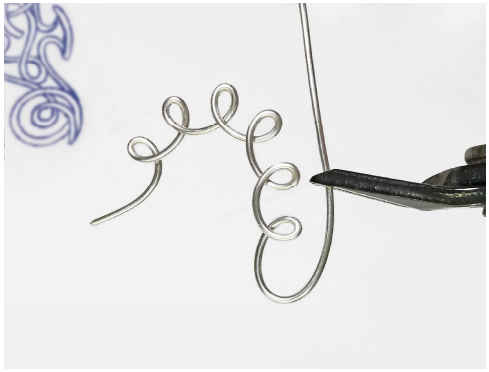
40 With about 5,2 inch of 20 gauge wire (12-13 cm), start creating the ridge.





41 Pay attention to the threads, in the penultimate eyelet the thread to his left passes in front while in the last eyelet the thread to his left passes behind. This will serve to anchor it better at the back of the horse.

42 Finish the drawing and cut.



43 Also shorten the other end. As shown in the picture.

44 Beat the upper end...

45 ...and file it.

46 Insert the ridge on the horse's head.

47 With 28 gauge wire (enough to join the various parts), ensure the ridge to the structure, as in the pictures.

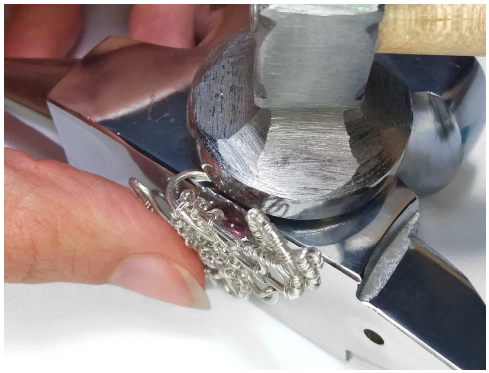
48 Cut off the excess on the back.

49 Continue to ensure the ridge on the back until the end.

50 Cut the excess thread.

51 Shorten the inner structure thread left free on the front.

52 Move the wire just cutted away from the structure and beat it.

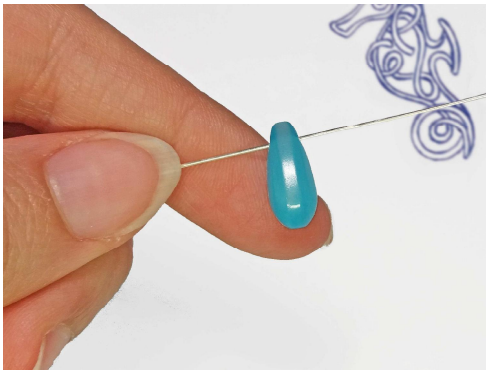


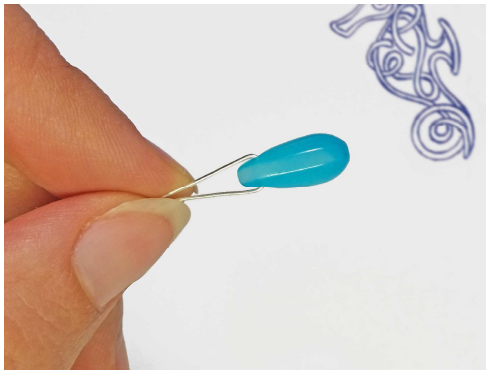
53 File off the beaten end.

54 Cut excess thread on the muzzle.

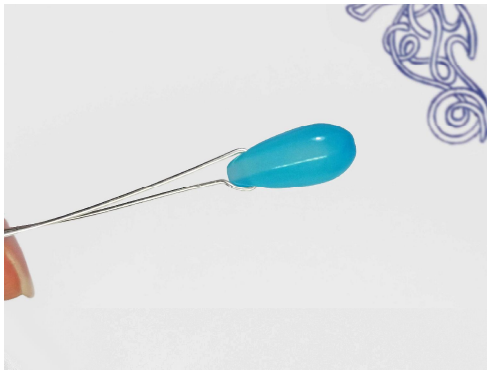
55 Here's how it looks on the back side.

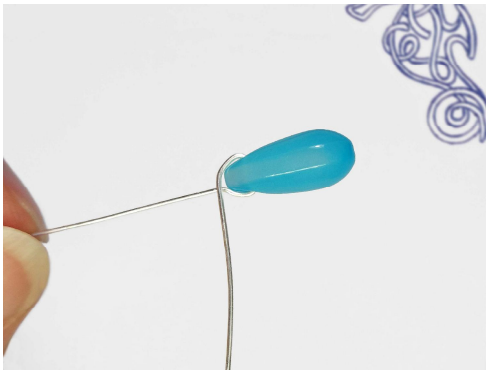
56 Here's how it looks in front side.

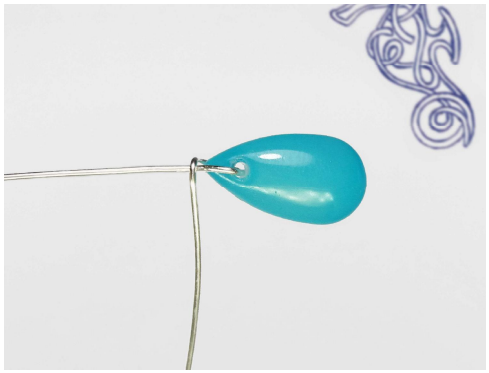




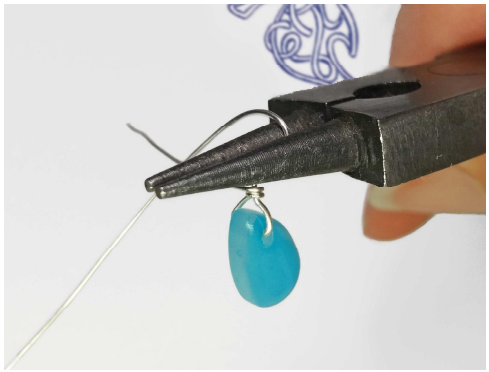
57 Insert about 2,75 inch of 24 gauge wire (6-7 cm) into the drop and fold it to the sides, as in the picture.



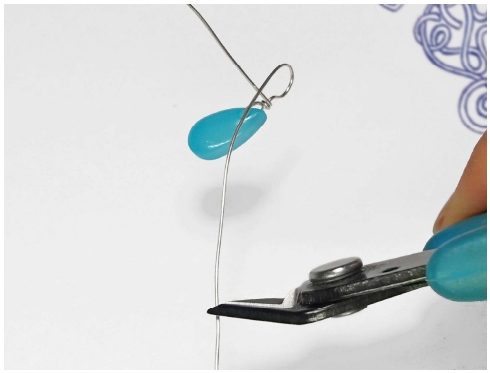




58 Create a loop.



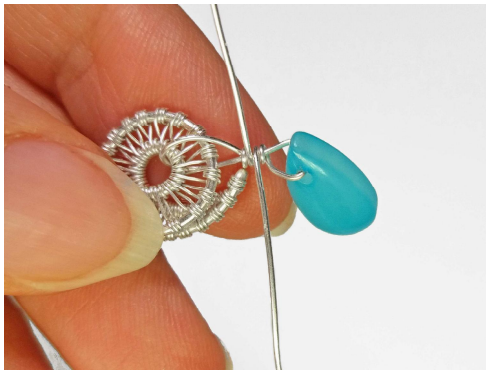
59 Bend the wire with the conical tip pliers. As shown in the picture.



60 Cut the thread a few centimeters further on.

61 Insert the drop in the circle at the center of the tail.

62 Close by wrapping the thread two times.



63 Wrap 28 gauge wire (enough to decorate) on the outer structure immediately below the dorsal fin.

64 Wrap it all the way down.

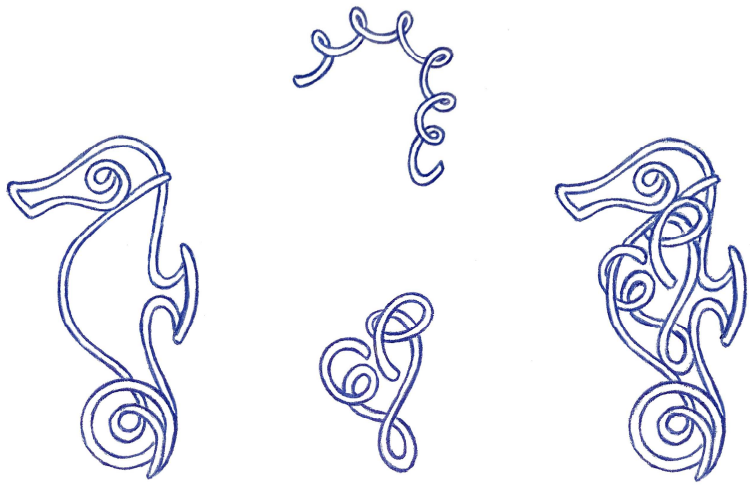
65 Tighten and cut the excess thread.

66 End.

Full-size drawing, ready to print.

Total dimensions of the Seahorse including Drop approximately
2,6 inch (6.7 cm) height x 1,02 inch (2.6 cm) width.

Total dimensions of the Seahorse including Drop approximately
2 inch (5.1 cm) height x 1,02 inch (2.6 cm) width.



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With love
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