

Wirework - Coils & Curls

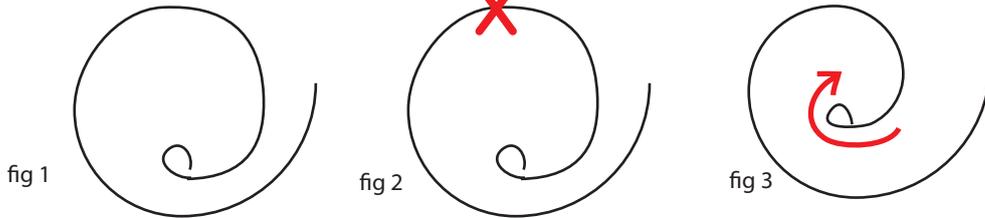
Smooth curls and pointed coils are a good way to add flair to your designs. Try using them instead of headpins for an interesting lower end on earrings or pendant pieces. Make sure you use the correct gauge of wire for the design you are making

0.8mm half-hard for earrings or short necklace pendant pieces below 14mm in diameter

1.0mm half-hard for large necklace pendants or scrolls above 14mm in diameter

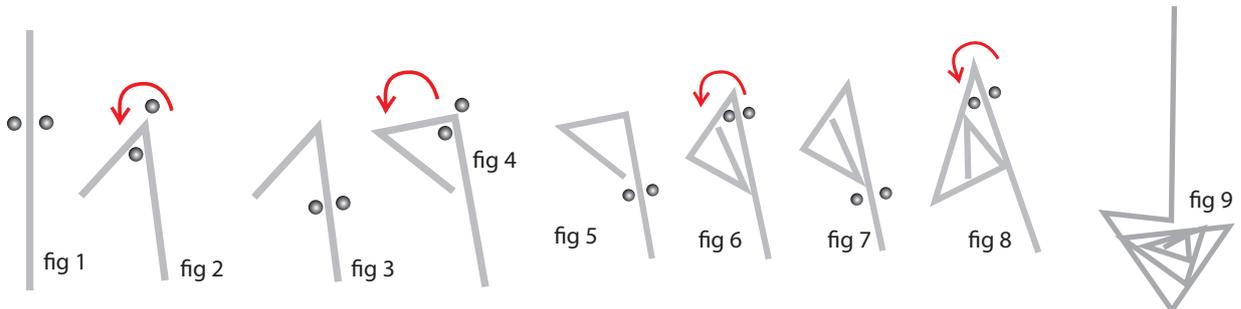
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Wrap the wire 1½ times around a large former. Make a loop at the end coming into the centre of the circle (fig 1). Put the pliers in the loop and hold the wire ½ a turn around the curl (fig 2). Draw with the pliers a curl shape to draw the loop into the centre of the shape (fig 3). If you need to adjust keep the pliers on the loop and move the other hand - THE WIRE WILL BEND BETWEEN THE PLIER POSITION AND THE OTHER HAND.



Wrapped Triangles

Grip the wire with the tips of the pliers 4-5mm from the end (fig 1). Place your other hand as close as you can to the plier tips and roll the wrist over to make a bend (fig 2). Grip 4-5mm from the first bend (fig 3) and bend again (fig 4). Now place the pliers just outside the triangle (fig 5) and bend the wire to bring the next corner of the triangle to touch the main wire (fig 6). Move the pliers to just outside this new position (fig 7) and bend again (fig 8). Repeat until the triangle is the desired size.



If you want to make it into a pendant bend the wire at 90° away from the triangle at the mid-point along the last side created (fig 9). you can then add a bead and a loop or just a loop.

