

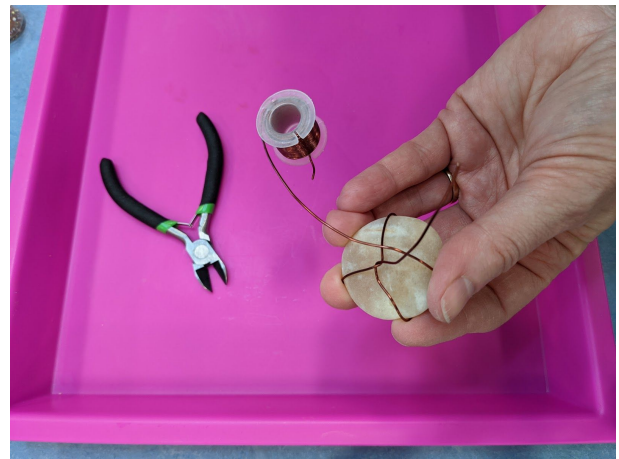
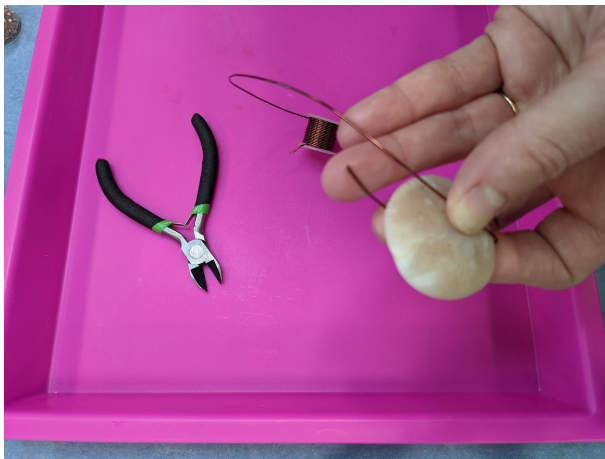
Wire Heart Sculptures

Suggested Instructions: These are some tips for making your wire sculptures but feel free to experiment and do your own thing!

Caution: The cut ends of the wire can be sharp like a pin so please be careful not to poke yourself.

Start with the base of your sculpture:

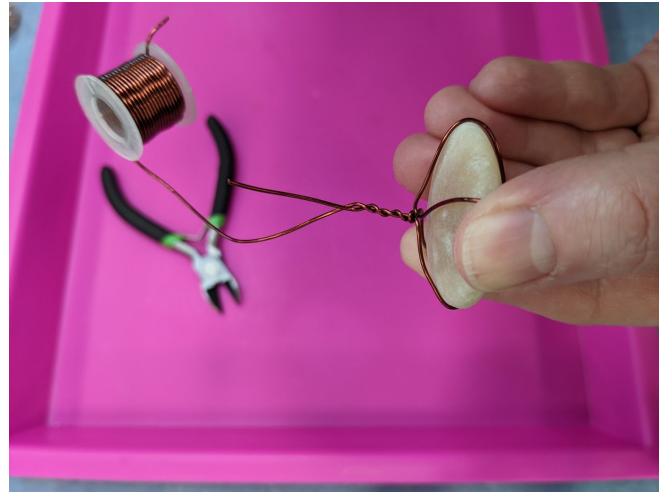
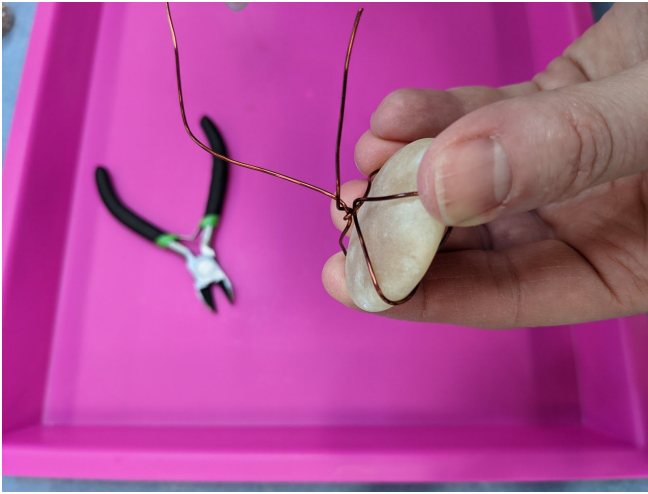
Unwrap some wire from your spool, but don't cut it yet. Wrap the end around one of your rocks. You can secure the wire around your rock any creative way you like.



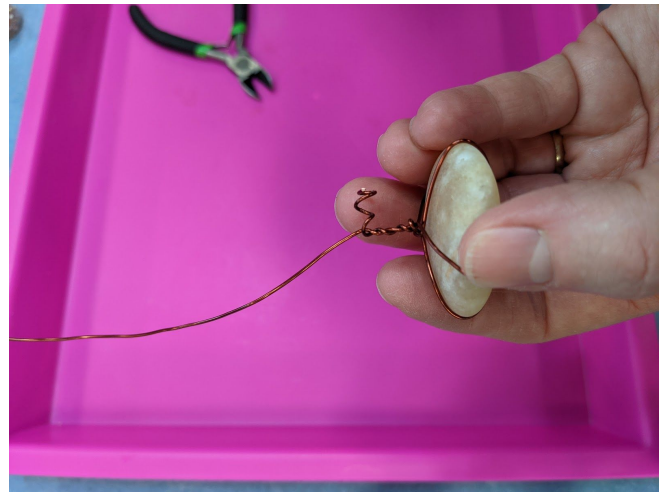
You can wrap it however you like. Here are some variations for wrapping your rock with the wire:



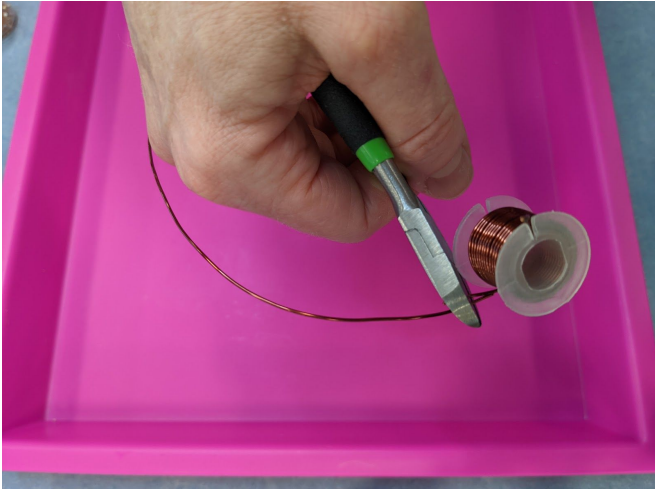
Finish by twisting wire together.



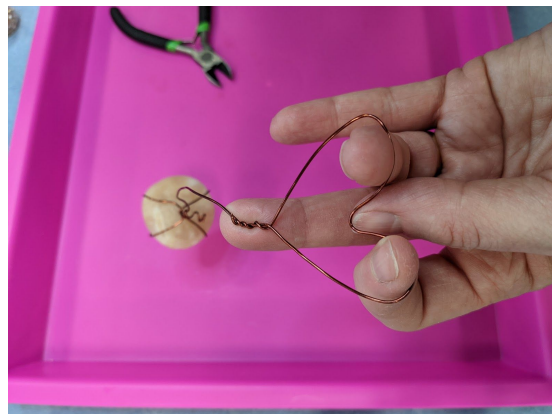
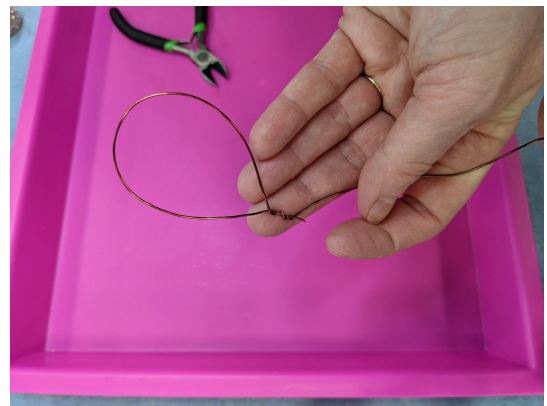
You can cut the remaining wire or bend it in an interesting way to finish off the base.



After you are finished wrapping the rock and have it secured you can now unroll a length of wire to form the rest of the sculpture and cut using your wire cutters. I used about 10 inches of wire measuring from the rock to the cut end. You can make it tall or short, but if it is very tall it might fall over. Note, you will be bending a heart out of some of this wire so make sure you unroll enough wire to form your heart and to make it as tall as you would like.



To form a heart, make a loop using the cut end of the wire. Twist to close the loop and then bend to form the heart.

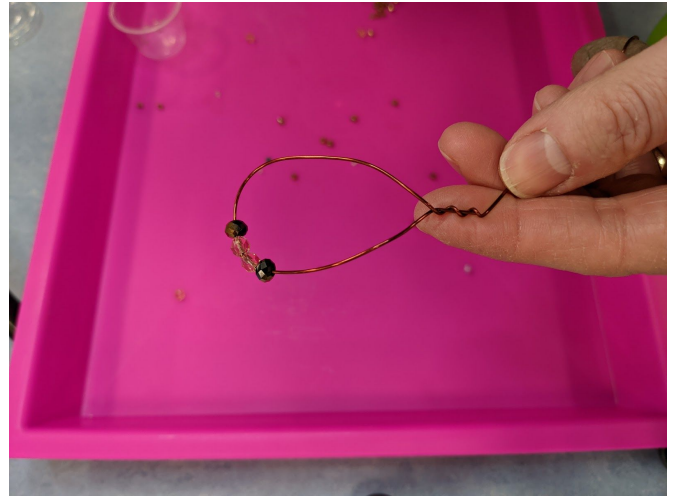
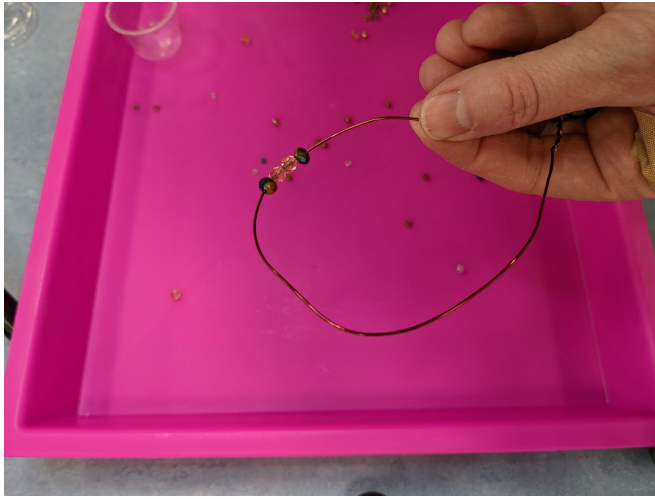


You have a cup of beads in various colors and sizes. You can slide these on the wire before you bend it to add some razzle dazzle. You can add the beads at any point in the sculpture process: when you wrap the wire around the base, along the stem and within the heart. Here are some examples, but of course, feel free to do your own thing!

You might want to slide some beads on the stem part before making your heart - use a few... or a lot!



You can also slide some beads into the loop before you form the heart:



Here are my finished wire heart sculptures below. I would love to see how yours turned out! You can email photos of your creations to misskath@shpl.info. You have lots of wire, beads and your own wire cutter to keep. When you run out of rocks you can find some outside or maybe something fun like a bottle cork to make another sculpture. Have fun!!!

