



### *Tools*

- Round Nose Pliers
- Flat Nose Pliers
- Wire Nippers
- Measuring Tape
- Felt Tip Marker
- Rouge Cloth
- Jeweller's File

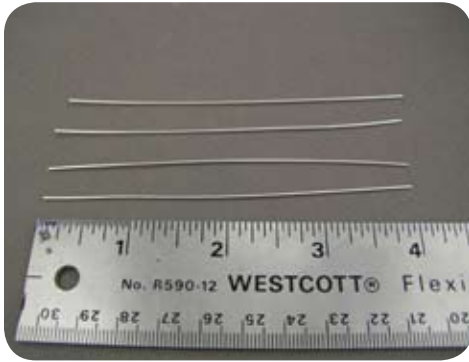
### *Materials*

- 33" (75 cm) 20 gauge hard round wire

## *Ancient Whispers Earrings* ●●○○○

# Ancient Whispers Earrings

Before picking up your tools or cutting any wire, please carefully read through all of the instructions, making sure you understand them!



Step 1



Step 2



Step 3

## Step 1

Clean & straighten the wire (using the rouge cloth, if desired). Cut four pieces of 20 gauge hard round wire, each 4 inches (10 cm) long. File all ends.

## Step 2

Measure & mark the midpoint on each. Set aside.

## Step 3

On the Round Nose Pliers, measure down 5 mm from the tips and mark with the Felt Tip Marker.



Step 4



Step 5



Step 6

## Step 4

Grip the midpoint of wire at the mark on the pliers.

## Step 5

Bend the wires in a "U" shape, taking care to keep both arms equal length.

## Step 6

Grip one end of the wire with the tips of the Round Nose Pliers.



Step 7



Step 8

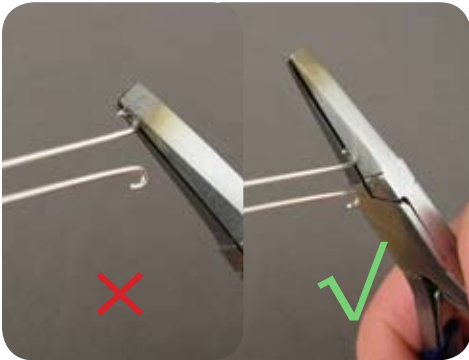
## Step 7

Turn a hook in the end of the wire.

## Step 8

Flip the "U" over and turn another hook in the other end.

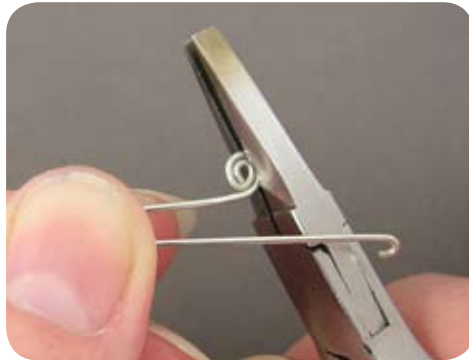
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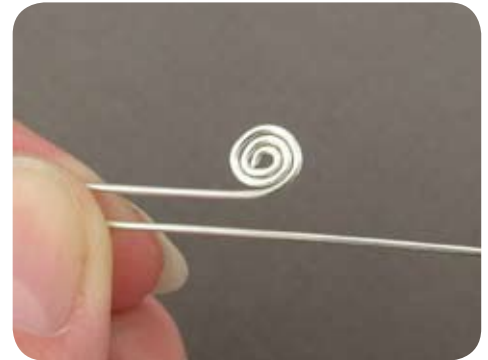
Switch to the Flat Nose Pliers. For better control, grip the hook in the **bottom** of the Flat Nose Pliers.



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## Step 10

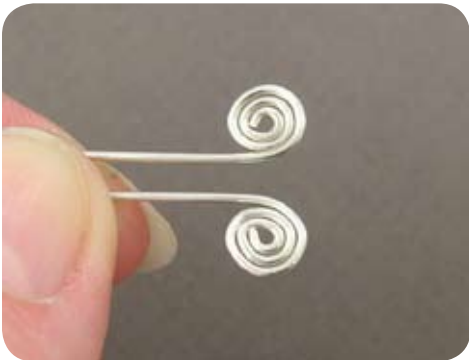
Turn the hook into a spiral.



Step 11

## Step 11

Continue turning the spiral for three revolutions.



Step 12

## Step 12

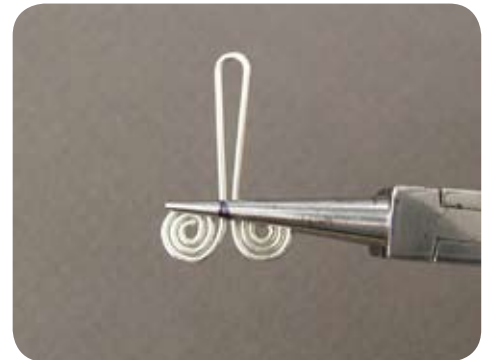
Flip the “U” over and repeat on the other hook. Turn the second spiral until it lines up evenly with the first. Adjust the spirals, so that they lie flat when laid on the table.



Step 13

## Step 13

Using your fingers, squeeze the arms of the “U” to bring the spirals closer together.



Step 14

## Step 14

Turn the spirals so that they are pointing down. Using the Round Nose Pliers, grip across the top of the spirals.

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Step 15

## Step 15

Bend the wire over the pliers and behind the spirals.



Step 16

## Step 16

You have now created an Egyptian Scroll unit. Repeat Steps 4-15 for the other three wires.



Step 17

## Step 17

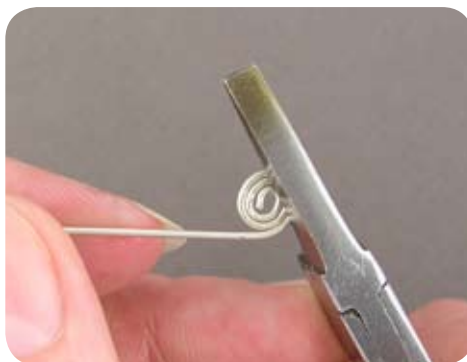
Cut a piece of wire 4 1/8" (10.5 cm) long. This length will make both dangles.



Step 18

## Step 18

File one end, then grip the filed end with the tips of the Round Nose Pliers, and bend a small hook.



Step 19

## Step 19

Switch to the Flat Nose Pliers. Grip the hook in the bottom of the Flat Nose Pliers and turn a spiral with three revolutions.



Step 20

## Step 20

Switch to the Round Nose Pliers. Grip the wire just at the edge of the spiral and bend it 180° towards the back. (When making the second spiral, bend the wire towards the front to make a mirror image).



Step 21

## Step 21

From the bend, measure & mark 3/8" (1 cm) along the remaining straight wire. Trim the wire at the mark and file the end.



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Step 22

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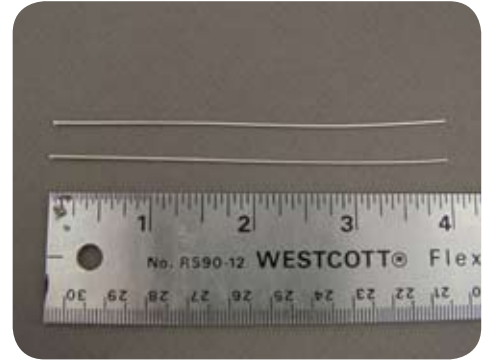
Grip the filed end at the mark on the Round Nose Pliers and bend it into a loop to finish the dangle.



Step 23

## Step 23

Repeat Steps 18-22 on the remaining wire to create a second dangle.



Step 24

## Step 24

Cut 2 pieces of wire, each 4 inches (10 cm) long. Clean and straighten the wire.



Step 25

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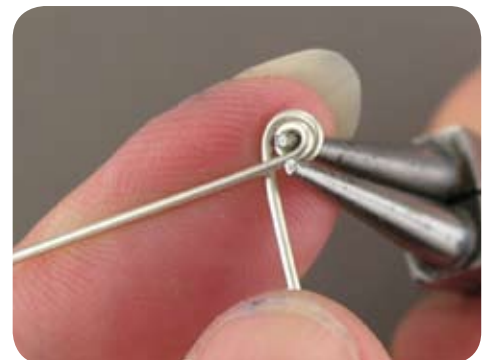
Measure 1 1/4" (3 cm) from the one end and mark.



Step 26

## Step 26

Grip the wire at the mark with the tips of the Round Nose Pliers and turn the wire into a loop.



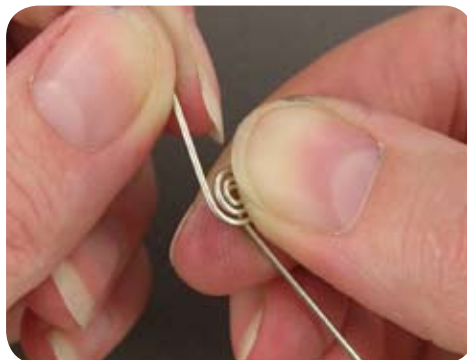
Step 27

## Step 27

Start bending a wire into a small spiral. The two arms will cross over each other.



Step 28



Step 29

## Step 28

To get a tighter spiral, grip the spiral in the bottom of the Flat Nose Pliers as you bend, taking care not to crush the wires!

## Step 29

You can also use your fingers to hold the spiral.

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Step 30

## Step 30

Continue turning the spiral for three revolutions, ending when the “arms” form a 90° angle, with the spiral in the corner.



Step 31

## Step 31

Reposition the piece, so that the arm on the outside of the spiral is pointing down.



Step 32

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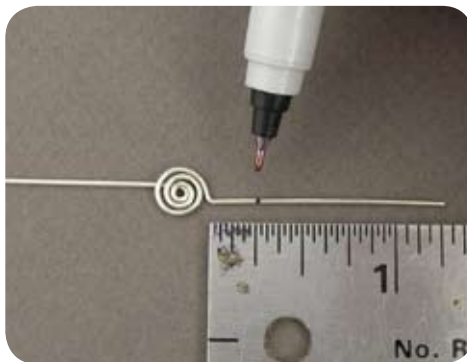
Grip the outside wire at the edge of the spiral with the tips of the Round Nose Pliers ...



Step 33

## Step 33

...and bend 90°. The two “arms” should now line up, with the spiral in between. You will now notice the earwire has a “front” and a “back”.



Step 34

## Step 34

From the last bend, measure and mark 1/4” (6 mm). Cut at the mark with the wire nippers, then file the end.



Step 35

## Step 35

Grip the filed end with the tips of the Round Nose Pliers and bend a loop towards the back.



Step 36

## Step 36

Turn the earwire so that the remaining arm points up and the spiral faces towards you. Grip the wire at the top of the spiral with the thickest part of the Round Nose Pliers.

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Step 37

## Step 37

Bend the wire over the pliers towards the back of the earwire, to form a "U" shape.



Step 38

## Step 38

From the last bend, measure and mark  $\frac{3}{4}$ " (2 cm). Trim the wire at the mark and file the end.



Step 39

## Step 39

Grip the end with the Flat Nose Pliers and bend it slightly. Repeat Steps 25-39 on the second piece of wire.



Step 40

## Step 40

Take two of the Egyptian Scroll units and feed the "nose" of one through the "nose" of the other...



Step 41

## Step 41

... hooking them together.



Step 42

## Step 42

Twist open the loop of the dangle slightly, and thread it onto the hook of the second Egyptian Scroll unit. Close up the loop. (You may find that you need to squeeze the scrolls closer together so the dangle swings freely.)



Step 43

## Step 43

Twist open the loop on the earwire slightly, then thread it through the "nose" of the first Egyptian Scroll unit. Make sure the scrolls are facing the "front"! Close the loop.

Finished! Enjoy your earrings!

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Dianne Karg Baron is an award-winning Canadian metalsmith and wire art jewellery instructor. She has been creating jewellery using precious metal wire and gemstones for more than 15 years. Her work has been featured in magazines, fine craft publications and books, including “500 Earrings” by Lark Books, “Contemporary Bead & Wire Jewelry” by Suzanne Tourtillott & Nathalie Mornu, “Wire in Design” by Barbara McGuire, and “All Wired Up!” by Mark Lareau.

Dianne teaches courses in Wire Art Jewellery at George Brown College in Toronto, Ontario, and at the Haliburton School of the Arts in Haliburton, Ontario. She has been a Guest Instructor at workshops held in Canada and the United States. She is a member of the Metal Arts Guild of Canada (Past President), and the International Guild of Wire Jewelry Artists (Past President, Juried Member).

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