



# Wire Wrapping Presentation

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# Essential Tools & Non-Essential Tools



## Essential Tools

- Round Nose Pliers
- Wire Cutters
- Flat Nose Pliers
- Needle Nose Pliers

## Non-Essential Tools

- Bent Nose Pliers
- Bail Making Pliers
- Nylon Jaw Pliers



## Wire comes in a variety of sizes and types.

- 18-24 gauge
- Copper, Silver, Gold
- Round, Square, 1/2 round
- Soft & dead soft

For this cabochon I chose:  
22 gauge & 1/2 round



Variety of shapes and sizes of cabochons are all suitable for wire wrapping



When choosing a cabochon pick one with a side of about 1/8 inch. Too skinny or too fat are not easy to work with! I prefer a flat sided cabachon



I chose this one



For this demonstration I chose this cabochon. It is:

- Tear drop shape
- 1 1/2 Inch long
- 1 inch wide
- 1/8 inch thick
- 3 1/2 inch circumference
- Flat sided



To determine length of wire needed I wrap the cab with paper or string. Then measure the string on a ruler to find the length. This one was about 3 ½ inches in circumference. So I will double the length and cut 3, 7 inch wires.



For this cabochon I  
will need:

3 strands of 22  
gauge copper wire  
7 inches long  
&  
1 piece of half  
round copper wire  
12" long





Take the 3, 7 inch wires lay together and wrap them in the center with the half round wire. It is important to tighten the wraps and then push tightly together. Cut both ends of the half round wire and tuck on the underside of where the cab will lay. I normally do 5 wraps.



Gently wrap the wires around the cabochon to match the shape of the stone. Keeping the 3 wires in order – front to back.





Back of Pendant

Shape back wire inward to hold stone into place.


Middle wire should run directly up the side. If the side is flat it will make this easier.

Front wire should be gently shaped to hold the front of the rock in place. This can be smooth or have bends depending on what you like.

With your half round wire make about 5 wraps around the top neck to hold all wires together.

Separate wires with middle and front wires bent to the sides. The two back wires should go straight up and will be used for to make the bail.





The wires on the side can be cut and tucked out of site or they can be curled with a round nose pliers and left on the front of the rock.

The two wires running up the back are then shaped into a bail.



Next choose what color or type of necklace you will use. I use cord in a variety of colors. I could use any one of these three colors. I chose brown for this one.



Here are some different shapes and finishing touches using the same method of wire wrapping.



Here I used the same method but added a wrap on each side of the cab about half way up the side.





Here are some different ideas that can be used to wire wrap your cabochon. You can find many ideas on Pinterest.



On this wrap  
I did several  
wraps with  
half round  
wire on the  
sides and  
hammered  
the copper  
wire ends as  
a highlight.  
**The End!**

