



Creative Copper Disc Earring Tutorial

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Using the Pepe Combination disc Cutter- **JST685**

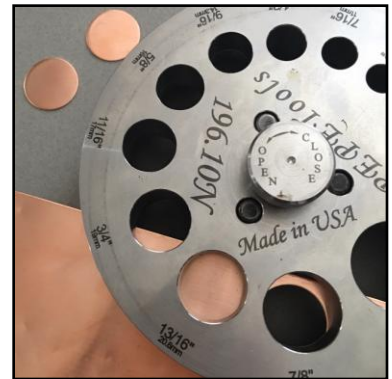
Supplies

6x6 Sheet 24 Gauge Copper
Accent Beads
French Earwires
22 Gauge Copper Wire
Headpins
4mm Jump rings
Liver of Sulphur

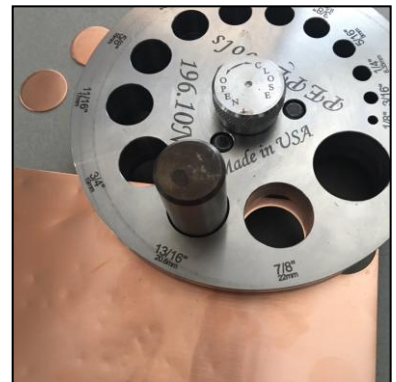
Tools

Round Nose Plier
Chain Nose Plier
Flush Cutter
Pepe Tools Disc Cutter
Wood Dapping Kit
Brass Hammer
Texturing Hammers
1.25mm Hole Punch

Step 1 – Cut your discs. Choose a size that looks good with your accent beads. Place copper sheet between the plates on the Pepe disc cutter and tighten center screw firmly.



Step 2 – Insert the punch that corresponds to the hole size. The right punch will fit perfectly with no wiggle room.



Step 3 – Use a heavy brass hammer to hit the punch once or twice to cut out your disc.



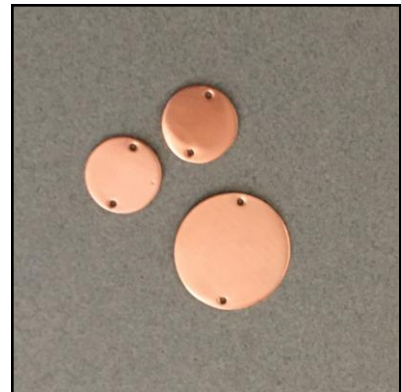
Step 4 – Cut as many discs as you will need to go with your chosen accent beads. I made 6 pairs for this tutorial so I cut 12 discs before moving on.



Step 5 – Once the discs are cut out they should look like these. They should be flat on top with a slight dome towards the bottom. Edges should be smooth.



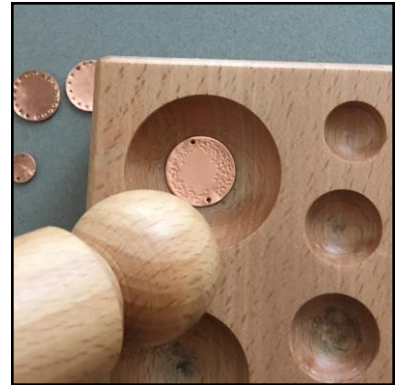
Step 6 – Hole punch your discs. You will need one hole for an earring wire or connector and one for accent beads.



Step 7 – Texturize your discs. You can use hammers, punches or stamps to make your mark! I used a combination.



Step 8 – Dap your discs. Using a wooden dapping kit and a rubber or rawhide mallet, hammer until the disc is evenly domed. Start working in a depression that seems large and move progressively to smaller ones to get the best shape.



Step 9 – Here is how I like mine to look!
Hint: If you use a punch that is too small for the hole on the block, your disc may fly out while you are working...so try to match the sizes as closely as possible while working.



Step 10 – Oxidize your discs with liver of sulphur (if desired) and polish with steel wool. If you prefer to keep them shiny use #000 steel wool and do not oxidize.



Step 11 – Assemble your earrings using 22 gauge wire, 4mm jump rings and ear wires. Use your imagination and amazing things will happen! Send me pictures of what you come up with www.facebook.com/SusanElisabethThomas. I would love to see!

