

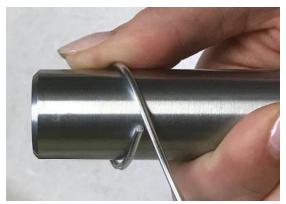
Hammered Neck Wire by Christiane Ross

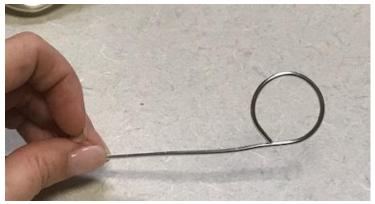
Supplies:

- Around 20" of Heavy Gauge Wire- 16g, 14g or 12g
- Neck Mandrel
- Mallet (Rawhide or other non marring hammer)
- Chasing Hammer for texture
- Ring Mandrel or other smaller round mandrel
- Round or Bail Making Pliers
- Heavy Cutters such as Beadalon's Designer Flush
 Cutters or even Memory Wire Shears



1. Bend one end of your wire around your ring mandrel to create the larger focal loop. I wanted mine to be larger so I used the handel of my mandrel. If you have a hard time bending the wire, you can tap on it with your Rawhide Mallet.





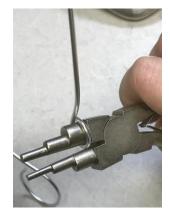
2. Wrap the wire around the Neck Mandrel holding the center loop in place.





3. Take the wire off the mandrel and trim if it is too long. Roll the end into a smaller loop around your Bail Making Pliers. Don't squeeze too hard with the pliers or you will dent your wire.



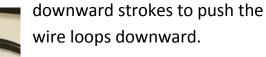


4. Place your wire back on the neck mandrel and gently tap it all around with the rawhide mallet to form it into the neck shape.





5. If you want to work harden your neck wire and give it texture, Hammer it with your chasing hammer. Hold the handle near the end of the handle and gently hammer with







6. Repeat for the larger loop.

Don't forget the back.





7. Gently tap all around the wire to texture and set the form.





Finish the ends with a file or wire rounder, add your favorite pendant and enjoy wearing!

