

## Light, Fun Round Wire Crochet Earrings with Freshwater Pearls

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### Materials Needed for Earrings:

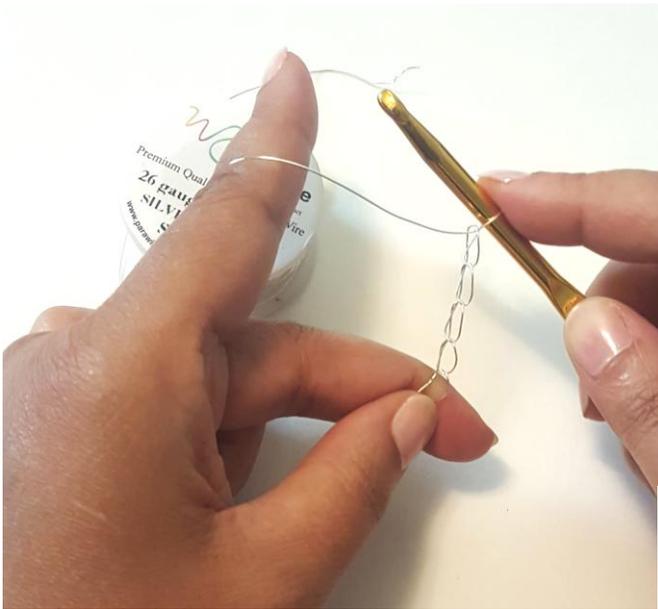
- 5mm Metal Crochet hook
- 26g Artistic Wire or Parawire in Plated Silver or any color wire of your choice
- Round nose pliers
- Needle nose pliers
- Wire cutters
- A pair of French hook Earwire
- 2- 8mm round freshwater pearls
- 2- 4mm freshwater half round pearls

### ***Let's get Started:***

1. Set up your wire and crochet hook to your level of comfort and leave at least two inches of extra wire on the end.

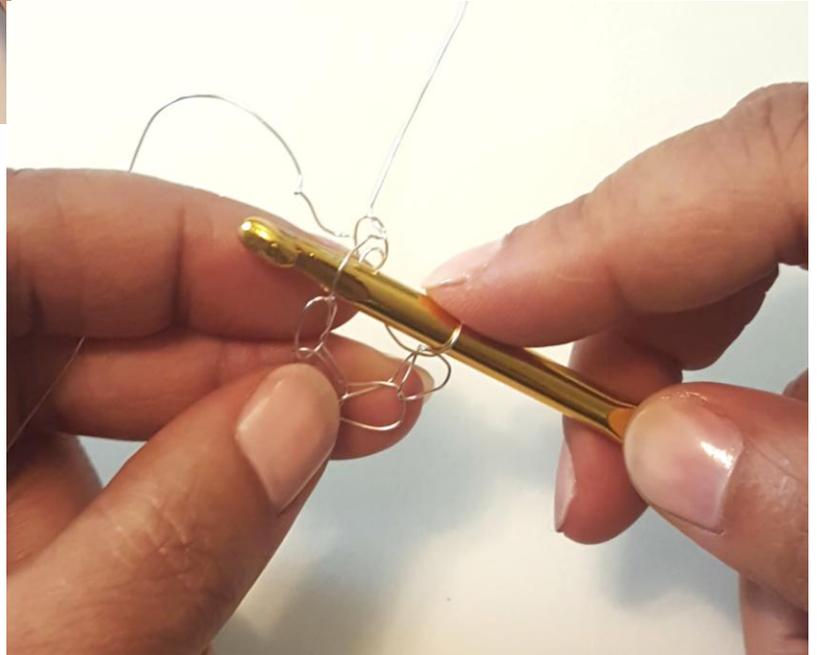


2. With your crochet hook use the chain stitch and chain 5 loops.



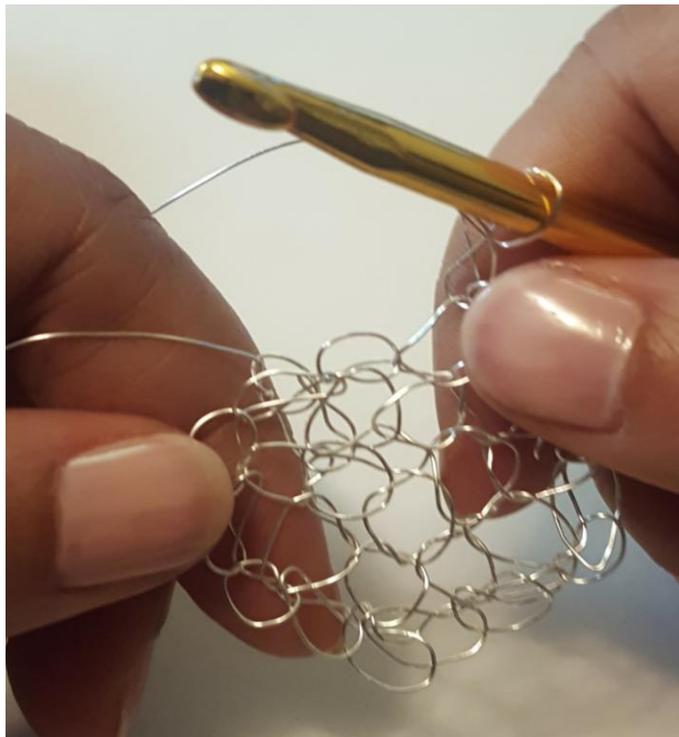
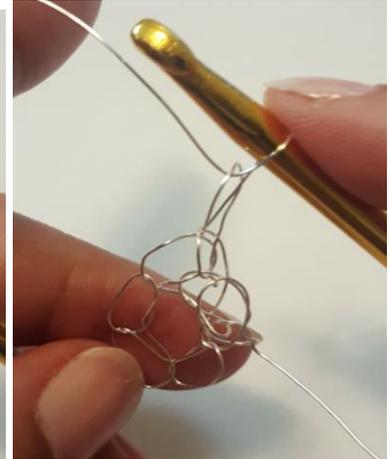
3. Take your hook with the last stitch still on your crochet hook and put it in the first stitch you made and pull through both stitches to form a loop.

This will create the base of your circle design



4. As you can see there are 5 loops all the way around

5. In each chain stitch, put your crochet hook in then grab the wire and pull through both loops. Hold on to your circle while you are doing this and then do a chain stitch through your beginning stitch.



6. Next, put your crochet hook in the next loop, grab the wire and pull through the loop and your initial stitch. Then do a chain stitch through your beginning stitch.

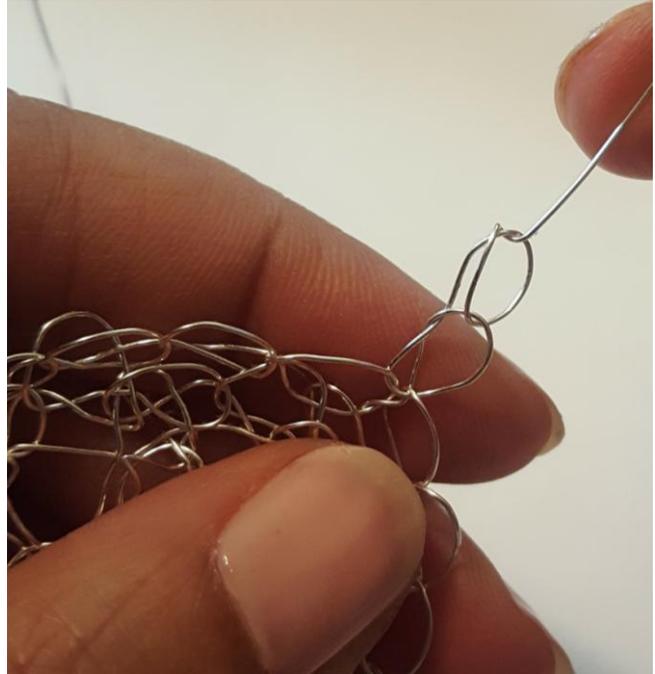
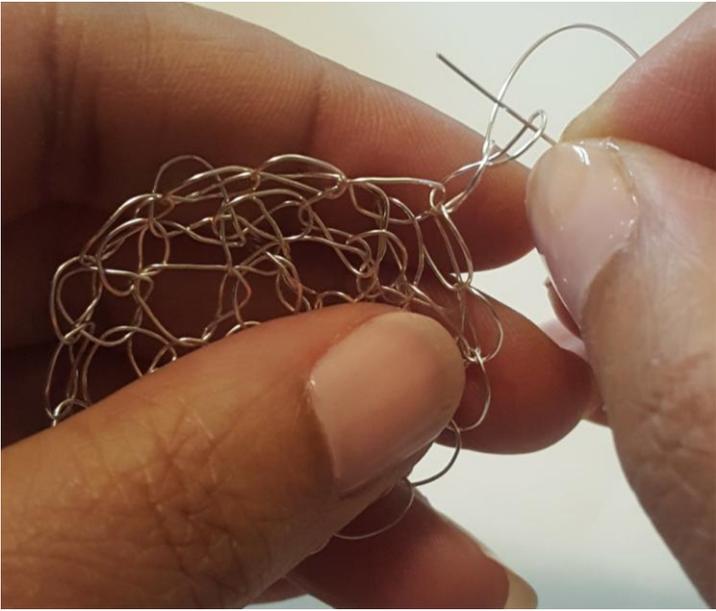
7. Repeat step 6 around the circle 2 more times

Continue with step 7 but do every other loop. This will make your circle tighter. Continue this step until you get the circumference that you like.

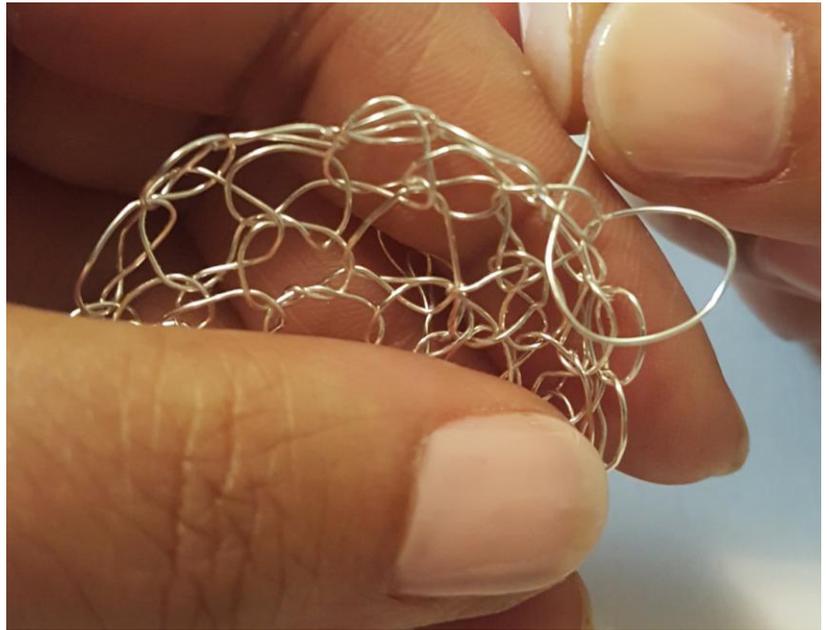
8. After the last stitch, leave two inches of wire on the end and cut from the spool.



9. Remove the crochet hook and take the remaining wire and loop over the last stitch to secure the last loop.



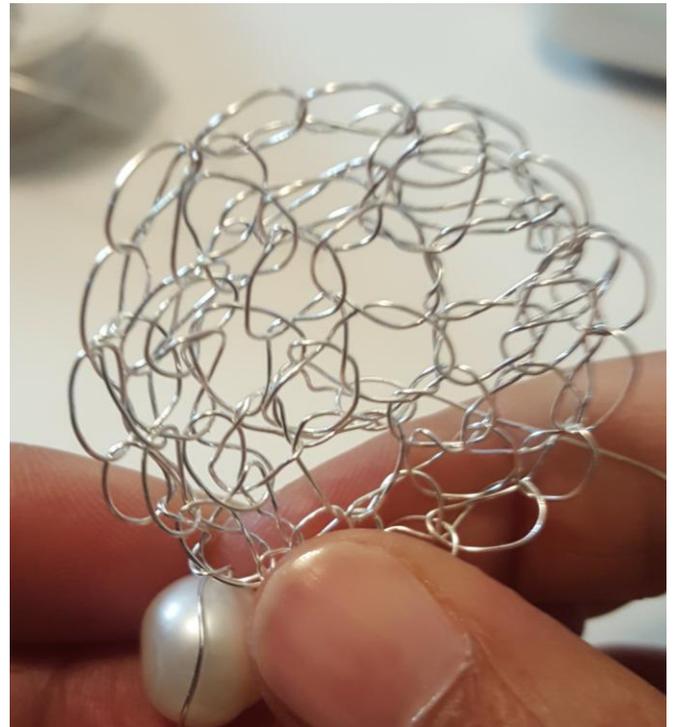
10. Next sew the tail into the closest loop.



11. Take the tail end of the loop and take one of the 8mm pearls and slide it onto the wire and push it up against the crocheted circle.



12. Wire wrap the pearl, cut the end and tuck the end piece in.



13. Take the middle wire and line it up with the pearl and sew it through the opposite end of the crocheted circle.



15. Take one of the 4mm freshwater pearls and attach it to the wire and wire wrap a loop above the pearl



16. Wire wrap a loop above the pearl and cut and tuck in wire



18. Add a French Wire hook

19. Rinse and repeat for the second earring

20. Try on the earrings and enjoy!

\*\*\*These earrings are very light and should be worn with plastic ear stoppers.

*Design tip:* Make a pendant: Make the circle larger and add a pearl to match the earrings or add a smaller crochet circle for a graduated look.



*Design tip:* Go Bold: Get some chunky stones, I'm using smooth pretty graduated lapis nuggets. Use the crochet wire circle as centerpieces in gold. You can even crochet the large circle. Try using a slightly thicker wire like a 24g. It will be a little stiffer to work with but it will hold up nicely with the stones.

I also made a matching pair of earrings.



BONUS:

Here's how to create the spiral tubes:



Take 24g wire and the opposite end of your crochet hook and tightly wind the wire around the crochet hook

as close as possible. You can squeeze it down as you go along. Wind about 20 times around or to the desired size tube. Cut wire. Tuck in ends with needle nose pliers and give a final squeeze together.

