

How to Wire Wrap

How to Make a Wire Wrapped Loop

Tools Needed:

Round Nose Pliers

Needle Nose Pliers

Flush Cutters

Recommended: Nylon Jaw Pliers for straightening

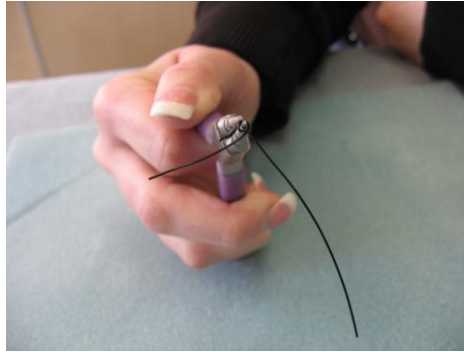
1. Place the wire of your choice in your needle nose pliers. Using your finger, bend the wire firmly against the sharp edge of the pliers. This should form a crisp 90 degree angle or "corner."



2. Place the wire in your round nose pliers, with the pliers facing up and down, right in the corner. (Your bird is hungry. Cheep, cheep, cheep. Make sure your bird isn't dead. Dead birds don't eat snacks.) With pressure, lift the wire over the top jaw of the round nose pliers and bend it toward yourself. Continue until the wire points down, as shown below.



3. Switch the pliers so the loop is forming around the bottom jaw of the pliers and continue forming the loop. You should have a “bubble wand” shape, with the loop centered over the wire.



4. You now need support and leverage to finish your loop. Hold the loop gently with your needle nose pliers to support the formed loop. Be sure to “cover the loop, the whole loop and nothing but the loop.” Use your round nose pliers to hold on to the end of the wrapping wire. Pay close attention as you wrap the wire around, forming a noose-like wrap. You can easily make corrections at this stage if you are watching carefully.



5. Place the flat surface of your flush cutters against the area you'd like the wire to end and snip. Use your needle nose pliers to tap the sharp “sticky-outy” end into the wrap.

