



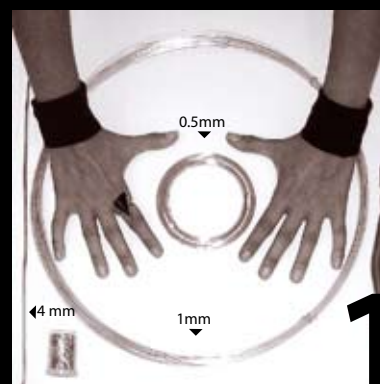
Wire Flower

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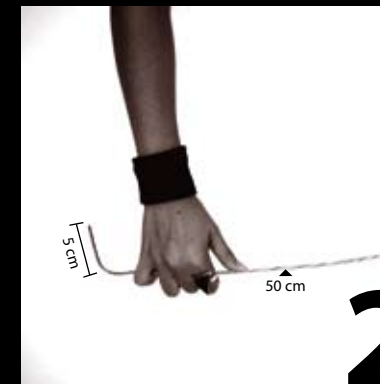
Twisting and Twirling metal wires.

This tutorial shows you how to create your own wire flower.

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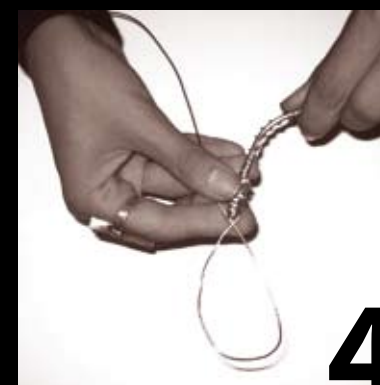
- Required material:
- 4mm metal wire
- 1mm metal wire
- 0.5mm metal wire
- Wire cutter
- Glitter
- UHU spray



Get the the 4mm wire, which is going to be the stem of the flower and is going to hold it up. Cut a 55cm piece and straighten it. This will be the spine of the design (the stem of the flower). Bend one of the ends 5cm inwards, so that its almost 90 degrees.



Start the game – the twist and twirl game. Starting from the bend, twist the 1mm wire around it till the whole bend is covered.



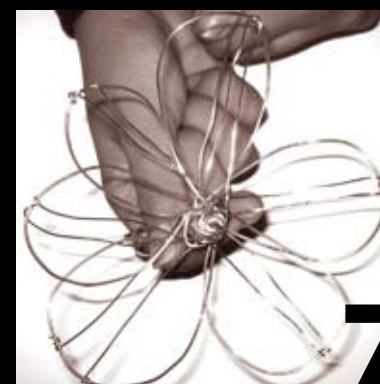
Extend the wire outwards to shape the first petal. Don't cut it until your done with the first round of flowers.



Fit 6 petals on the first round, make them small and close to each other. Make sure they are at end of the bend to fit other rounds. When you shape one petal secure it on by twisting its end to the stem.



You can then decorated the first round of petals to make it look more interesting. It's easier to decorate each round at a time. Take the 0.5mm wire. Cut as much as you think your design is going to take, because now it's going to feel like you are stitching.



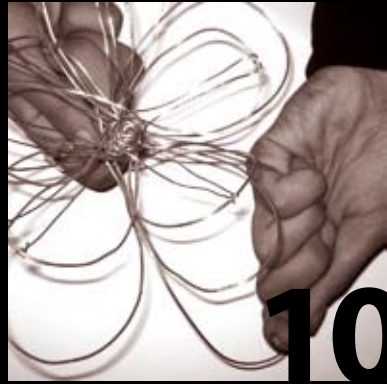
Twist the end of the wire onto the first petal. Stretch the wire vertically to touch the other end then fix it by twisting and twirling it. Then go back vertically so that you'd have 2 lines going downwards. Repeat that design for all 6 petals.



Use the 1mm wire again to move on to the next round of petals. But this time make them bigger because you only need to fit 5 petals behind the first round. Make them longer and wider.



For this round I chose to design it with 2 diagonal lines going half way down the petals. You can design it as desired.



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Get the 1mm wire to build the last round of petals. Here you only need 4 big fat petals to go behind all the other rounds.



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The petals are all done. You only need to decorate the last round. Get the 0.5mm wire, cut 4 pieces and twist them into the shape of a swirl.



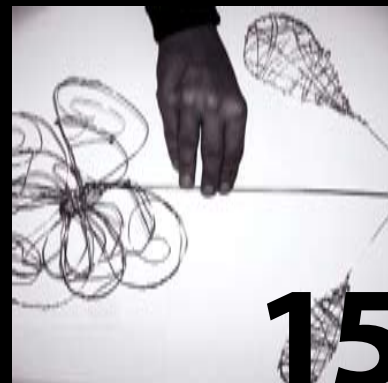
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Attach the swirls by twisting their ends and keeping the other ends free. Just add one swirl on each petal.



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Now it's time for the leaves. Go down the stem a bit and attach one with the 1mm wire by twisting the end of the wire on to the stem. Extend the wire a bit then shape the leaf like a petal but a bit rounder.
Repeat that step, creating another 2 leaves for your flower.



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Design each leaf by filling it with as much 0.5mm wire as you can to give it depth. Create a zig-zag pattern along the edges of the leaf as shown above. Reverse the pattern and repeat it on the same leaf. Now cut a long piece of the same wire, but go vertically. Start from one end going downwards, twist it, then go back upwards.



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Repeat the previous step for the remaining leaves until it looks like the above.

From now on, we are just adding things to make it look more interesting.
Be creative and add your flavour.



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Cut 3 straight lines of the 0.5mm wire to go in the middle of all the petals. Get small pieces of foil paper and make them into balls creating the anthers and attach them on the ends of the straight wires. Shove them in the middle part of your flower creating the stigmas.



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Now that it's all done, here comes the best part. Spray it with UHU glue and stick the glitter on top. Just sprinkle it and it'll stick.



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For more design, get the 1mm wire and twist it around the whole stem loosely. Make sure to attach both ends to the stem to make them stable. If desired, add 2 wires behind the whole flower as stems for some more metal effect.

Tadaaa...now you've got a flower for your power!

