

## Tutorial: Basic Weaving 2 Adding a New Wire

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This tutorial teaches you how to attach a new wire while weaving. It is an addition to the techniques taught in my *Basic Weaving Techniques* tutorial (you can find that tutorial here by searching the site for "Basic Weaving Techniques").

As you will see in the illustrations, this does not create a completely seamless look. Therefore it is advisable to only use this technique on inconspicuous areas of the piece you are working on.

The more you practice this the less obvious the joined area will be.

This works best using weave 3 of the *Basic Weaving Techniques* tutorial.

### Prerequisite Tutorials:

- *Basic Weaving Techniques*

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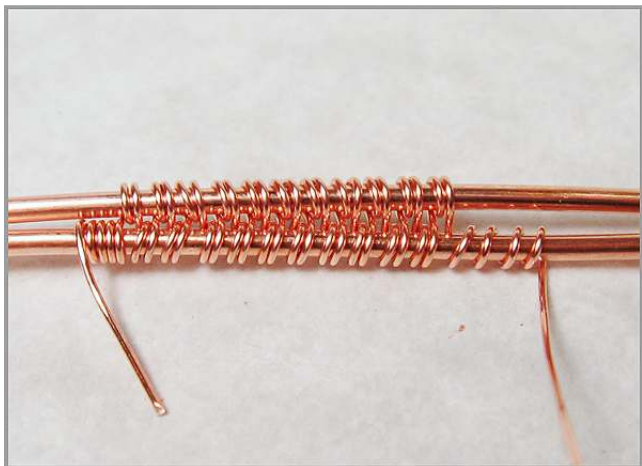
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### Materials needed:

- 16g round wire
- 26g round dead soft wire

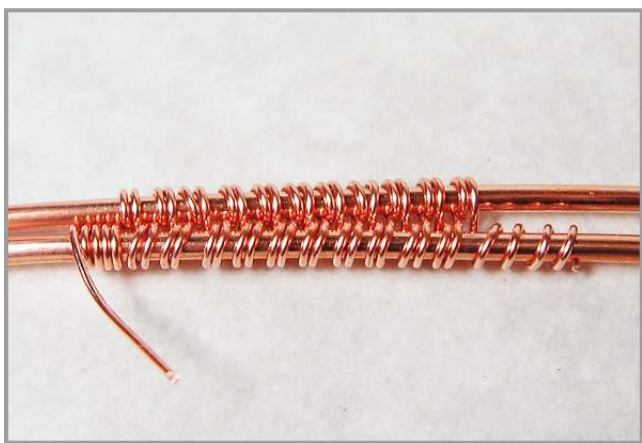
### Tools needed:

- Flush cutter
- Flat nose pliers



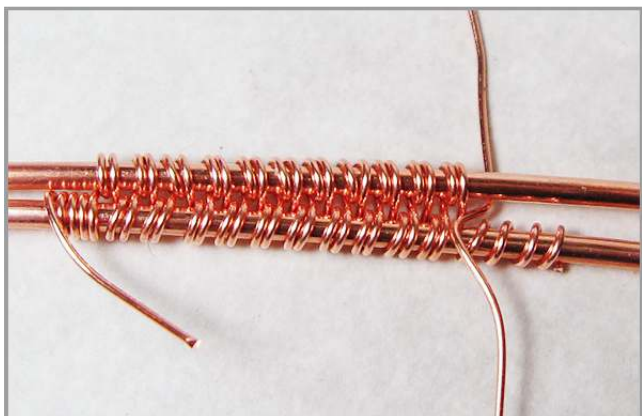
### Step 1

When you reach the end of the wire you are working with, wrap the 26g wire onto one of the 16g wires 4 times. Space the wraps so that 1 wire will fit between each one. You don't have to get the spacing perfect as you will be able to move them slightly as you continue with the following steps.



### Step 2

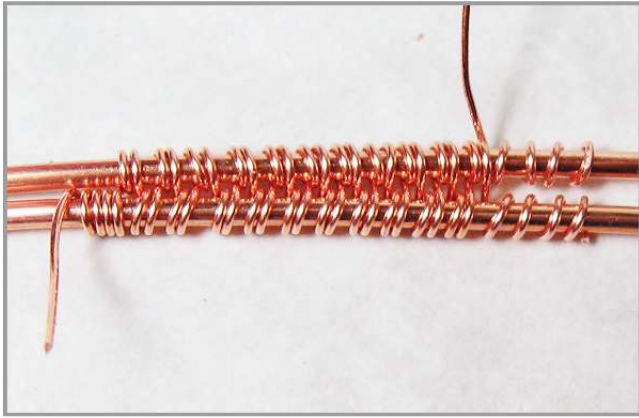
Cut the 26g wire and press the end flat against the 16g wire.



### Step 3

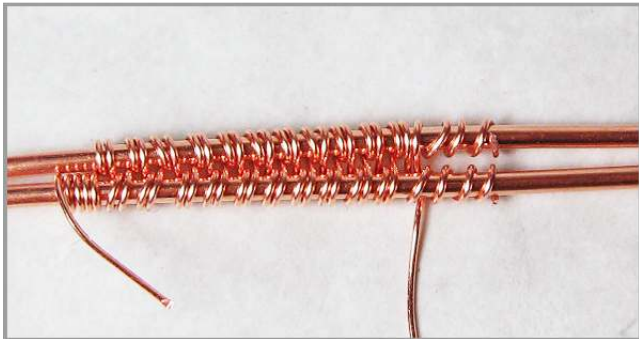
With a new piece of wire, slide the 26g wire between the 2 16g wires. Bring the wire all the way to the weave.

The shorter end of the wire will be in front of the wire you just finished off. The longer end of the wire should be behind the other piece of wire.



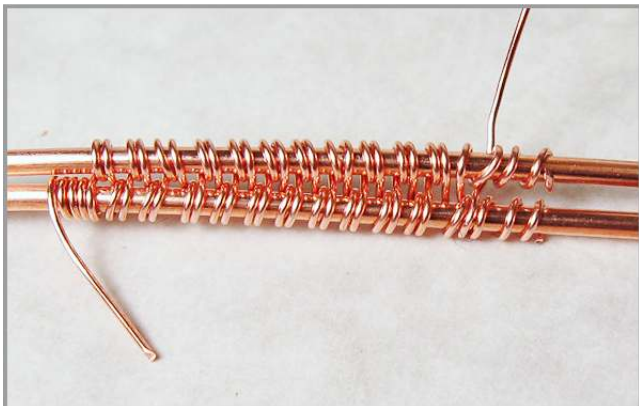
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Wrap the shorter end of the wire around the 16g wire opposite the one you wrapped while finishing off the first piece of wire. Space the wraps so that 1 wire will fit between each one.



#### Step 5

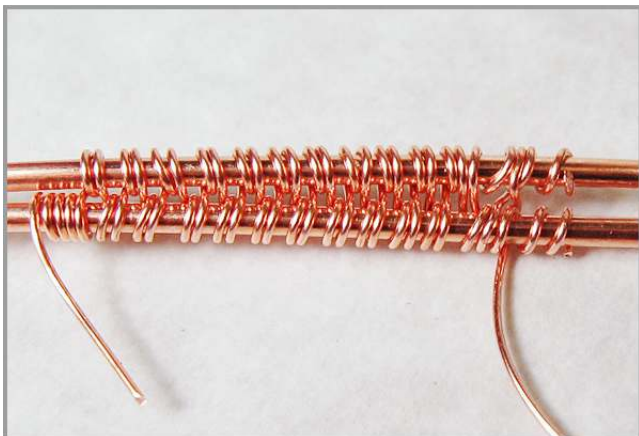
Bring the longer wire down over the top wire, in between the 2 16g wires and behind the bottom wire.



#### Step 6

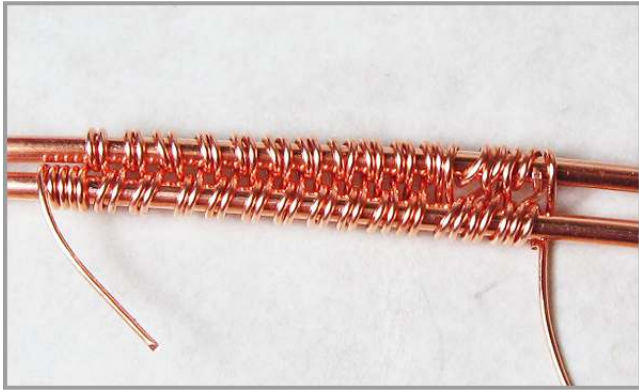
Wrap the wire up over the bottom 16g wire and bring back in between the 2 16g wires, then behind the top wire.

Make sure that the bottom wrap falls between 2 of the wraps created when finishing off the first 26g wire.



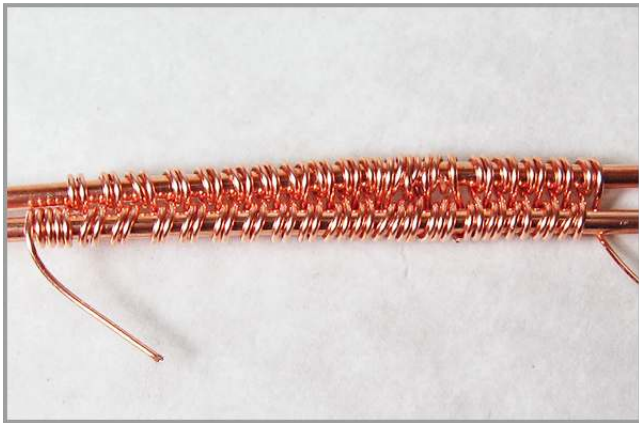
#### Step 7

Bring the wire back down again, between 2 of the wraps on the top 16g wire, and back through between the 2 16g wires, and behind the bottom 16g wire.



### **Step 8**

Continue weaving in the same manner until you reach the end of the wraps.



### **Step 9**

At this point you can begin weaving as you were before finishing off the first 26g wire.

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