

Working with Wire

Making your own ear wires and jump rings

24 in. of 20 gauge round wire (copper is preferred due to the cost of silver)

24 in. of 18 gauge round wire

Pen and paper for taking notes

Basic Tool Kit: Most of you already have a basic tool kit but the following items are a must have for working with wire. I will demonstrate their uses and for class purposes on the 17th you will have access to my tools in red type.

- Round nose pliers
- Chain nose pliers
- Flat nose pliers
- Flush cutter
- Ruler
- Bring your hammer of choice
- **Steel bench block**
- **Chasing hammer**
- **Hard Plastic mallet**

Hobby Lobby has their jewelry supplies 50% off this week (3-10). I bought some of the Vintaj artisan copper by Parawire which is permanently colored and non- tarnish. Each spool was \$4.99 so I bought 18 and 20 ga. They have an array of gauges in this brand and there is also more wire on these spools than the hardware stores. More bang for your buck.

Home Depot and Lowes carry 18 ga. copper wire for \$4.97 for 25 ft. spool.

Resources:

SharilynMiller.com

She has a list on her website of must have tools, additional tools, tools from a hardware store and Harbor Freight. You will find this list if you click on one of her available classes and scroll down to her Resources for Tools and Supplies link.

NancyLHamilton.com

Great site for tutorials on jewelry making and she has some charts you can access also. All of her videos are free and are available on youtube also.