

# SCULPTED WIRE BOW NECKLACE

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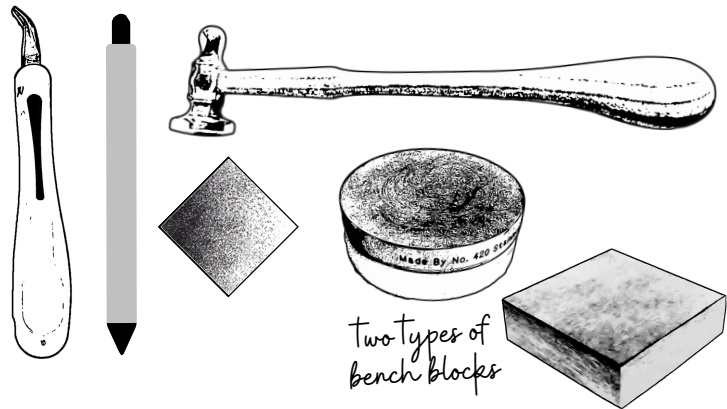
Hello! In this class you will learn how to make a bow out of wire, hammer it, and add it to a chain! We will make several bow shapes using brass wire. When you have a favorite, you will add it to a brass chain. For a list of supplies, visit [www.beth-lawrence.com](http://www.beth-lawrence.com).

## Tools per student

1. Bent Nose Pliers
2. basic ballpoint pen
3. Sandpaper

## Tools per 2 students

4. Chasing Hammer
5. Bench Block



Two types of bench blocks

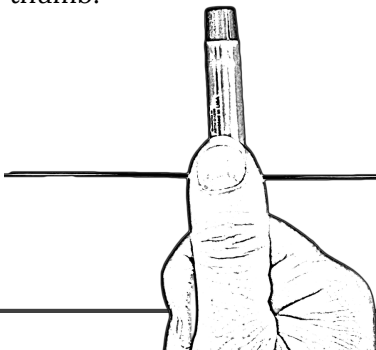
## Skill 1: Shape Bow

Learn to make a bow using wire

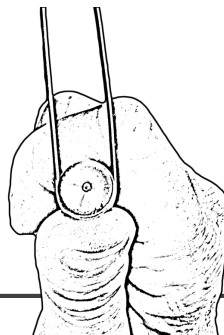
USE: bent nose pliers, basic pen + practice wire



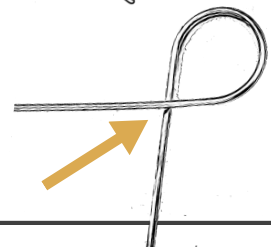
1. Take your wire and find the middle. Hold the middle of the wire on the pen with your thumb.



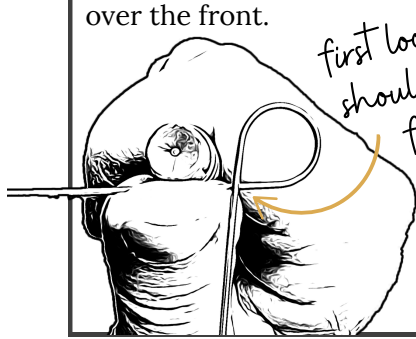
2. Bend the wire on the pen, making a U, then keep bending one side of the wire all the way around:



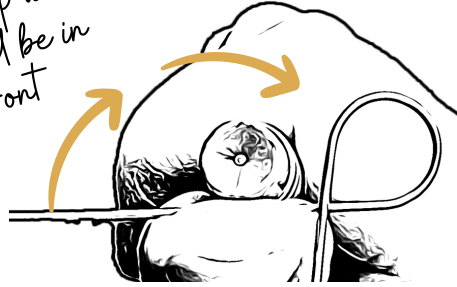
You've made a bow loop! Pay attention to where the wire intersects:



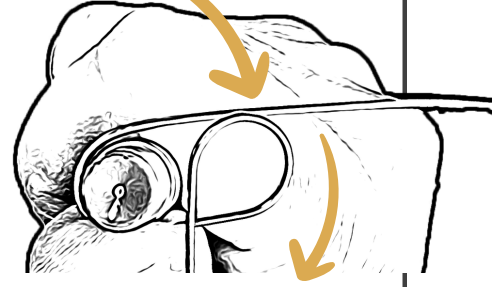
3. Hold the pen against the wire next to the intersection like so: The loop should cross over the front.



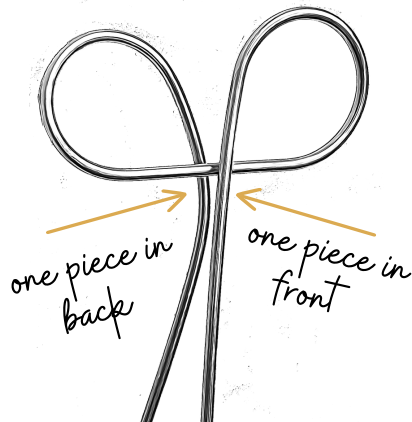
4. Grab the other side of the wire and loop it over the pen, placing the wire on the back side of your bow.



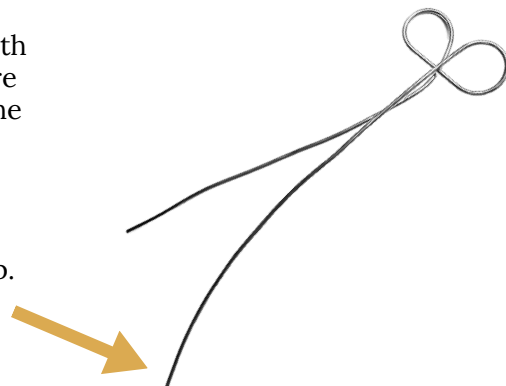
*wire should cross in back*



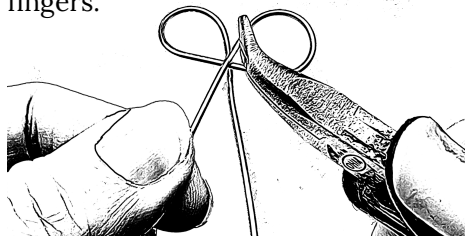
5. Now you should have two loops, with one side of the wire on either side of the intersection.



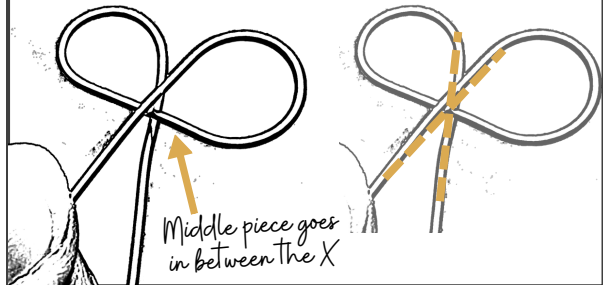
6. Pick the longer side of the wire to make the next step.



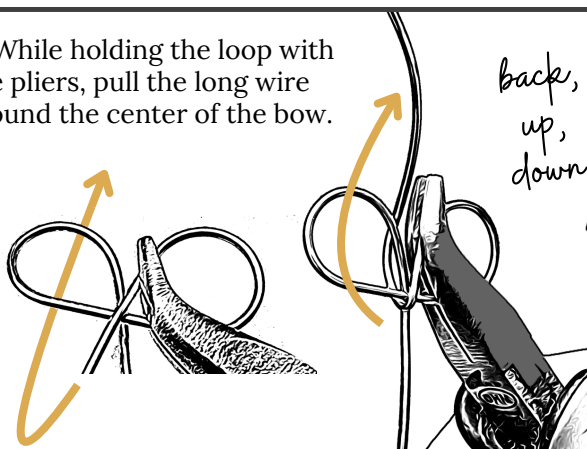
7. Use your bent nose pliers to hold both sides of the loop attached to the longer side of the wire. Hold the long side of the wire with your fingers.



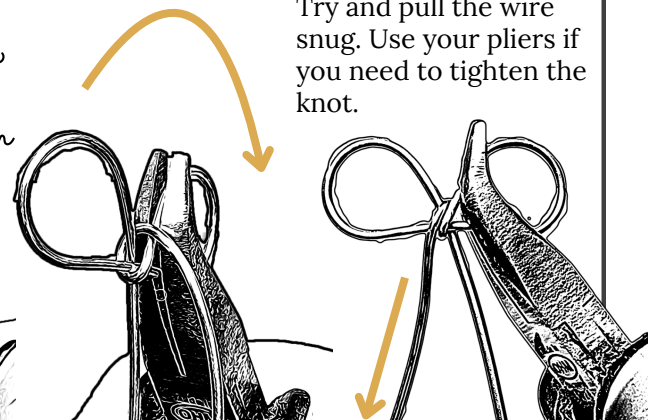
Make sure the wire makes an X on **either side** of the intersection.



8. While holding the loop with the pliers, pull the long wire around the center of the bow.

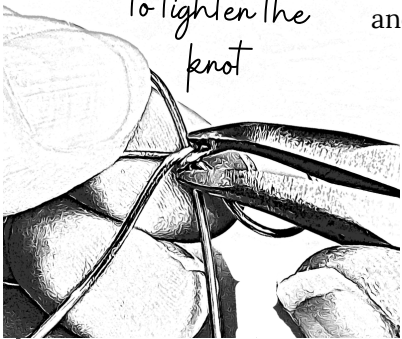
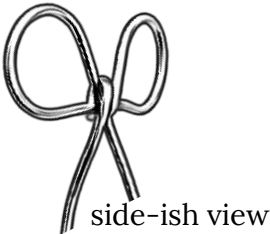


Try and pull the wire snug. Use your pliers if you need to tighten the knot.




use your pliers to tighten the knot

9. **Fine Tuning:** You should now have two loops with a knot in the middle and two long wire tails. Now you can play around with the shape of your bow and tails. Play with bending them with your fingers and pliers.

side-ish view

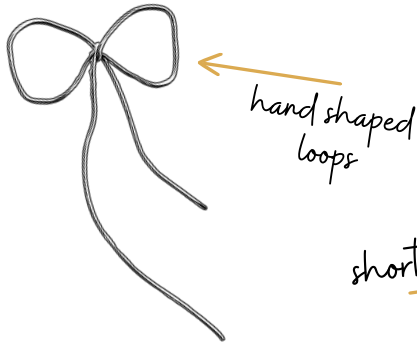


dramatic tails

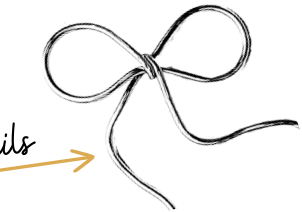
10. Make another bow! This time, make your loops bigger using the pen to keep them round and your fingers to make them larger. You can also use a larger pen to make a larger circular loop.

If you want them to be less circular, play with their shape using your fingers and/or pliers. You are the artist!

You can also cut the tails down as much as you'd like if you want shorter tails.



hand shaped loops

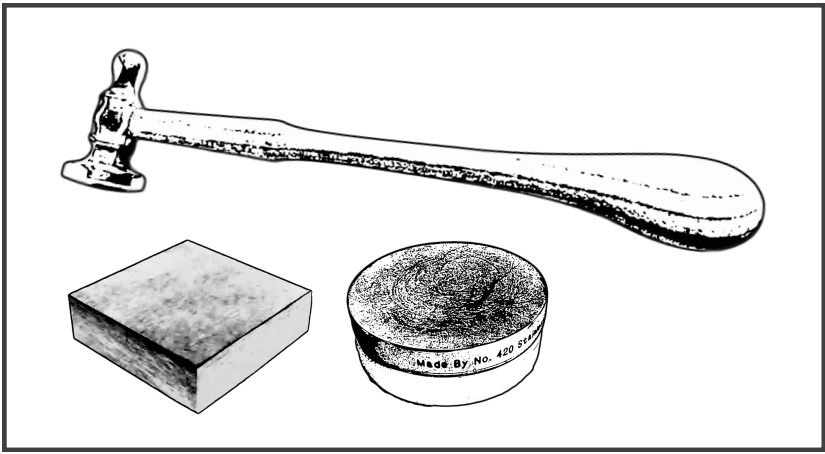


short tails

*Skill 2:*  
*Hammering*

Time to hammer!

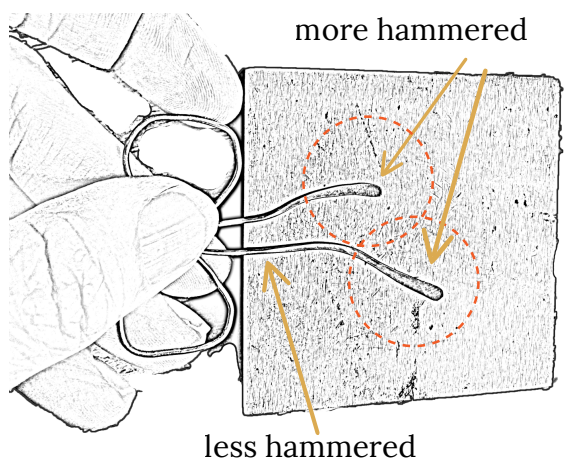
USE: bench block + chasing hammer



11. Place your bow on the bench block. You are going to hammer most of the tails and the sides of the loops. **Do not hammer the center/knot.**

12. Hold the hammer (don't GRIP the hammer) and start with light hammer taps on the ends of the wire and work your way up. Let the hammer do some of the work.

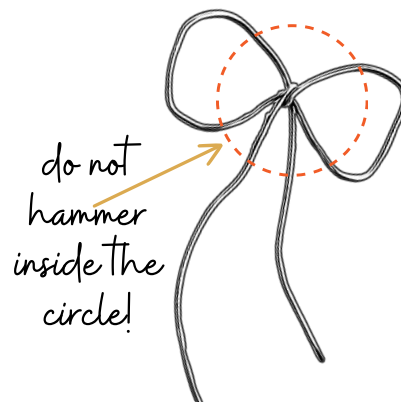
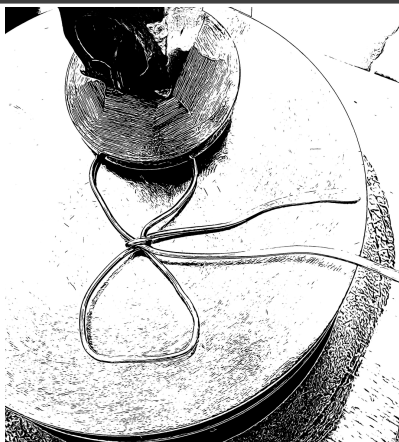
Flip the bow back and forth so both sides get hit with the hammer. The ends of the tails should be more hammered than the rest of the tails.



more hammered

less hammered

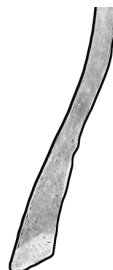
13. Now hammer the sides of the loops with the outer part of the hammer face. Avoid hitting the center of the bow. Start with light hammer taps - you can add more force as needed.



14. When you are happy with the hammered bow, you will use a pair of cutters to fine tune the ends of the tails. Hold them at an angle to the wire and cut so that it gets that ribbon look.



before cutting, end should look like this



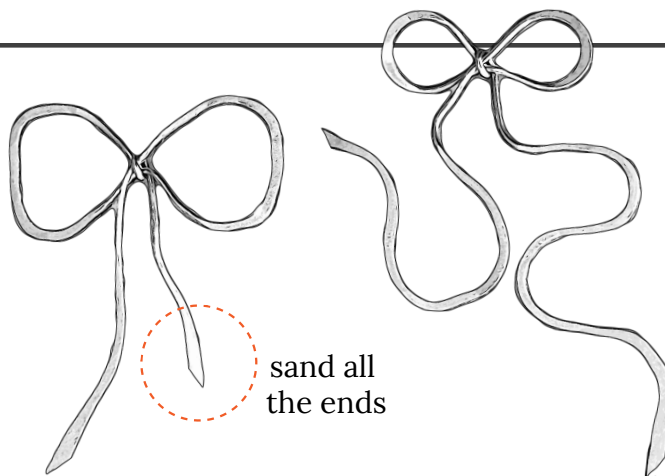
after cutting the end

You can cut them at any angle you like. There is no wrong way!

15. Now that you have all the skills, practice a few more bows!

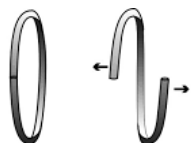
16. When you have a bow you love, you are ready to make your necklace!

17. The final step on your finished bow is sanding the ends. Use **sandpaper** and patience to sand the ends so that they are smooth.



18. Lastly, add your bow to a chain! You will use two bent nose pliers to open and close a jump ring and attach it to the chain.

\* tip \* when opening the jump ring, open from side to side! slowly wiggle the two sides back together to close the gap



close the gap!

make sure there are no gaps in your jump ring!

