

Your Rock Buddy ~ Free Tutorial

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Beginners Level



**This tutorial is provided to you for FREE!
Have fun making your little coiled people.**

For the best result, please read through the entire tutorial before starting the project.

Materials:

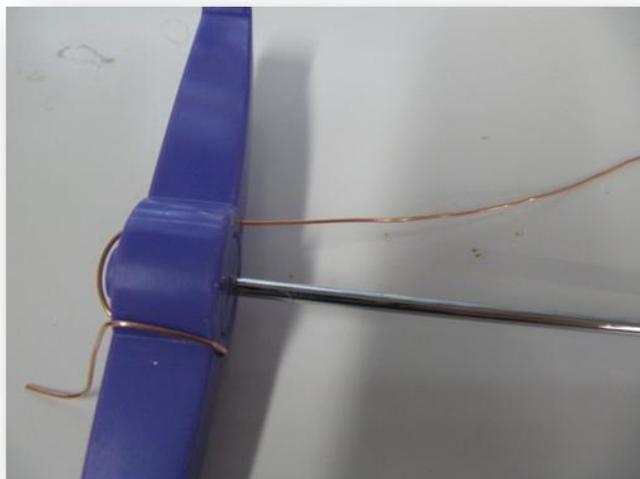
- 24 gauge (~0.5mm) round soft or half hard wire, any color or metal, the length of the coil should be at least 3 inches (~7.5cm)
- Beads of choice, 4-10mm beads of any shape fit nicely
- Bead caps, any size or color, if you wish
- Wire coiling tool or a mandrel for coils
(Around 3/32 to 5/32 inch (2-4mm) will be a good size mandrel)

Tools:

- Flush cutters
- Round nose pliers
- Bail pliers (optional)

***All materials and tools can
be found at our online store***





STEP 1-

The first thing you will need is to coil some wire.

I use 24 gauge (~0.5mm) round wire.

Working off the spool I use a wire coiling tool.

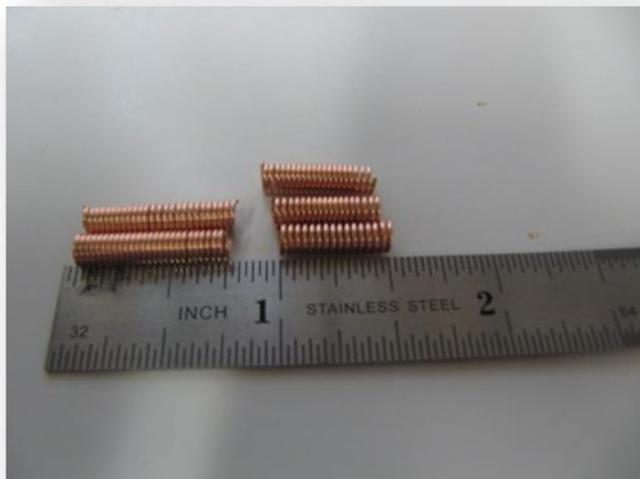
You can pick these up at many internet shops , local arts and crafts store or most bead shops.

String your wire to the wire coiling tool according to manufacture instructions.



STEP2 –

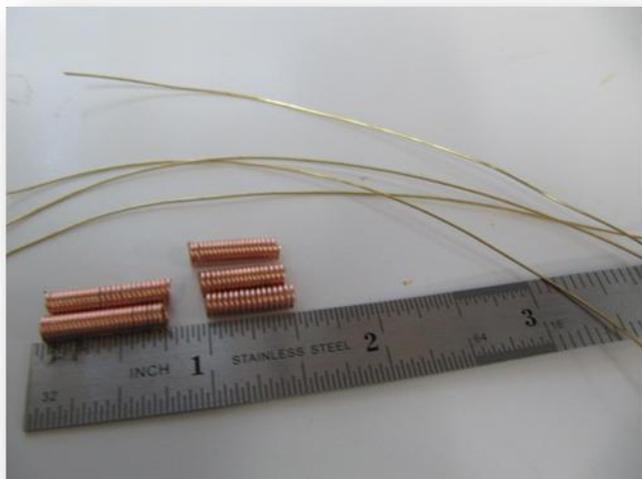
Coil about 3 inches (~7.62cm) of wire



STEP 3-

Cut 2 pieces of coil 3/4 inch (~18mm) long.

Then cut 3 pieces of coil 1/2 inch (~12mm) long.



STEP 4-

Cut four pieces of 24 gauge (~0.5mm) round wire at 5 inches. (~12.5cm)



STEP 5-

Gather up some beads for the head, neck, body (optional), hands, bead cap (optional) and feet.

Any size beads can be used for your **Rock Buddy**; you just need the head and neck bead holes to be large enough for the four pieces of uncoiled wire to go through.

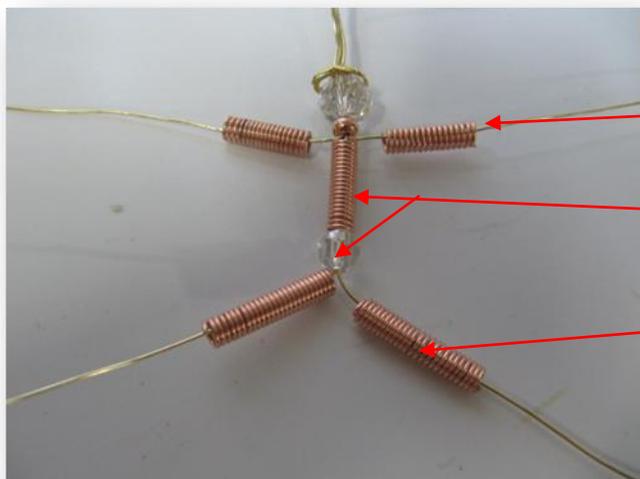
For the feet and hands I usually use 4mm seed beads.



STEP 6-

Take your 4 pieces of uncoiled wire and insert them into the bead for the head, photo shows I added a bead cap.

Position at about one inch (~2.5cm) from the end of the wires.

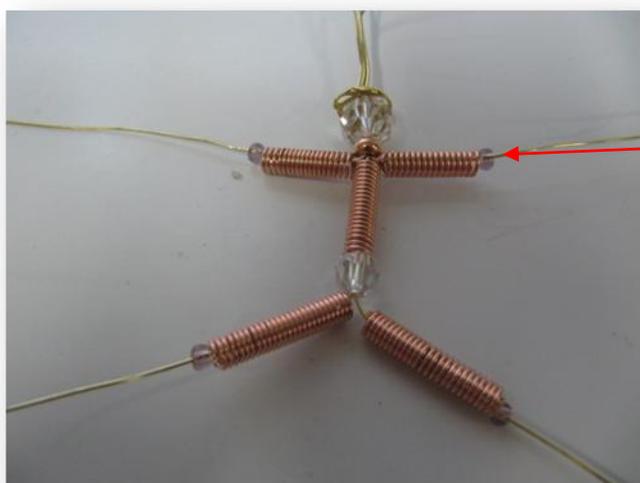


STEP 7-

Add neck bead, then pull one of the wires straight out to the right and one to the left to make the arms. Add the coils that are 1/2 inch (~12mm) to each arm.

Insert one piece of 3/4 inch (~18mm) coiled wire for the body, and one bead for the torso.

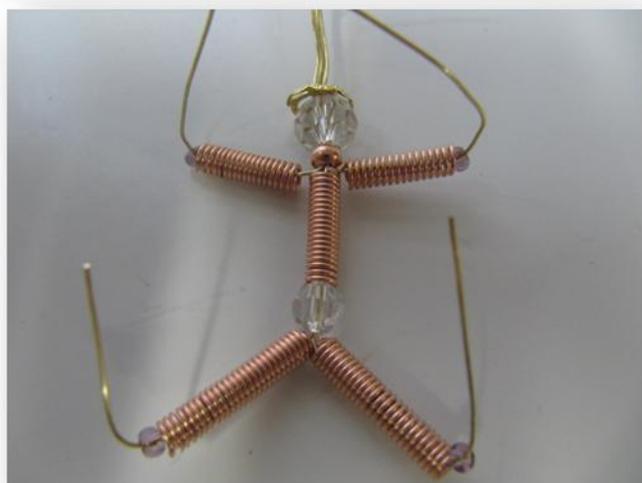
Pull out the two remaining wires and insert the 3/4 inch (~18mm) coiled wires for the legs.



STEP 8-

In this photo we added the beads for the feet and hands.

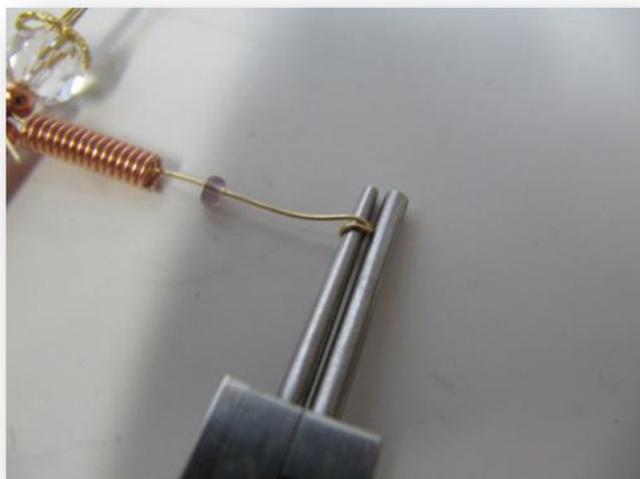
We used 4mm seed beads.



STEP 9-

Trim your wire ends coming out of the hands and feet to about one inch. (~2.5cm)

Bend each wire so the beads don't fall off.



STEP 10-

Using your tool of choice, such as bail pliers or round nose pliers, curl the ends of the wires to hold the hands and feet place.



STEP 11-

This is what you should have so far....

You can position them in many different poses; glue them to a rock or a pretty piece of wood.

Hang from a chain by adding a jump ring to the hair.

Hand out with your business cards, or create a poem for your little coiled buddy.



STEP 12-

Now you will finish with the hair...you can curl the hair using your round nose or bail pliers.

Just be sure to curl, bend, or braid the hair in order to secure all four wires to hold your little creation together.



STEP 13-

Try many different beads and different lengths of wire for the hair.

Use them for gifts, promotions souvenirs, pendants, or just about anything you can think of. In photos below and next page we show how we finished and used some different variations for our little coiled people.

Rock Buddy Charlie

Will be your friend ,He'll stick with
 you 'till the end.
 When you're out searching the ground.
 You'll be glad he's around.
 He's wirey and sleek,
 A right jolly old guy.
 He'll bring you luck , just give him a try.
 So take him along where ever you go.
 If you find nothing else, you'll have him to show..

By Judy Allison



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