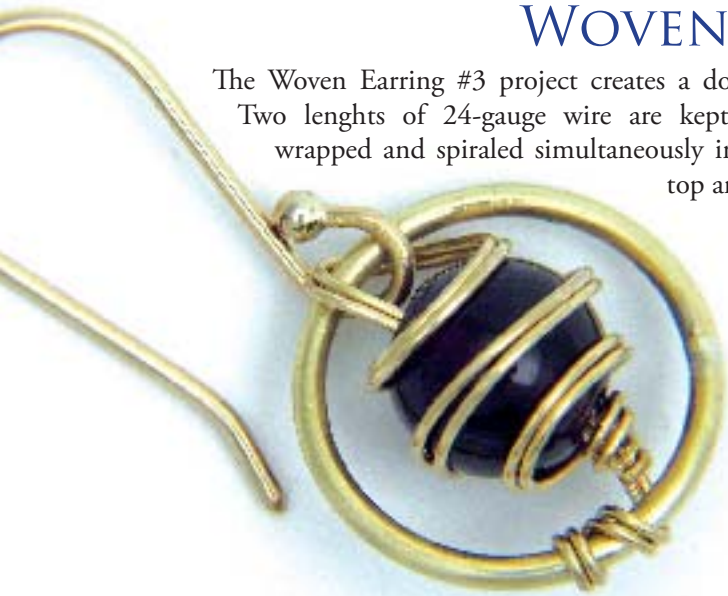


WOVEN EARRINGS # 3

The Woven Earring #3 project creates a double-wire spiraling pattern around a centered 8mm amethyst bead. Two lengths of 24-gauge wire are kept in alignment with several small 'sutures' of scotch tape, to be wrapped and spiraled simultaneously in three revolutions around the bead to create a spring-tension at the top and bottom to hold the bead centered within the frame.



Tools: Chain-nose pliers; nylon-jaw pliers; side-cutters; Scotch tape; scalpel; Argentium solder paste; butane torch; Solderite board; and a pickle cleaning solution.

Materials: Two 16-gauge, 13mm ID bronze jump rings; four 24-gauge, 4½-inch gold wires; two 8mm purple amethyst beads; and two gold earring backs.

1. Solder the joint of both 13mm rings with Argentium solder paste and a butane torch on the Solderite board, clean with pickle.



2. Cut 1-inch of tape into six sutures. Combine two 24-gauge wires with three sutures, adding an 8mm amethyst bead between the first and second sutures.



3. Bend the double-wire tail around the ring into a loose double-loop, position the bead within the ring, and bend a loop at the opposite side of the ring.



4. Gently curve the remaining double-wire ninety degrees inward and begin to spiral the double-wire around the bead, keeping the tail within the ring.



5. Continue curving and spiraling the double-wire 1½-revolutions around the center bead within the ring.



6. Continue to tighten the spiral of the double-wire 2½-revolutions around the center bead within the ring, and remove the sutures with a scalpel.



7. At three loops around the bead, bend the tail of the double-wire inwards to touch the base wires within the bead. Repeat steps 2-7 for a matching pair.

NOTE: The double-wire pattern will be expanded upon to embellish the the Double Eight Earrings design in the [5th book](#).