Tree of Life wire Working tutorial

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There are many ways to make a tree of life pendent. Here's how   I
I do it!

Supplies:
1.5" key ring
Assorted chip, seed and small beads
24 gauge wire (silver colored copper)
Tools:
Needle nose pliers
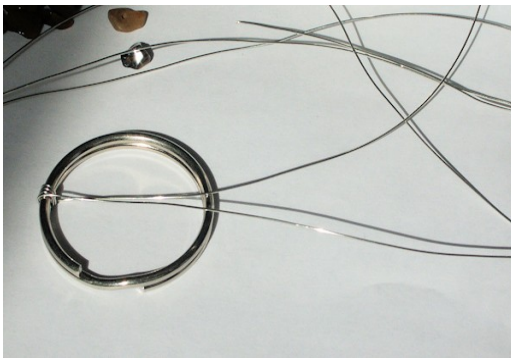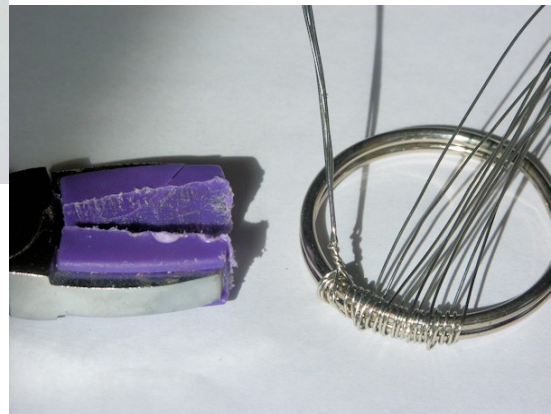Nylon coated pliers
Wire cutter

Step 1: Cut 6 pieces of wire 12" long and pull them
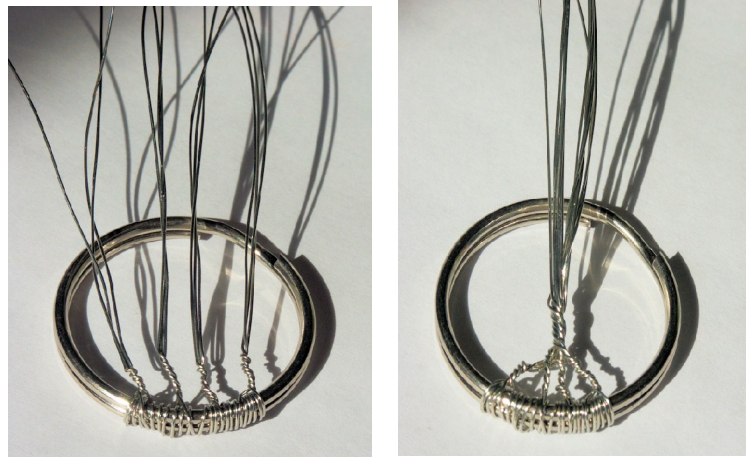strait with the nylon jaw pliers.

Step 2: Bend wire in half and wrap each end twice around the key ring so you have 4 wraps. Repeat for
each piece of wire. Keep all wires pointing in the direction as shown. Now there are 12 wires.
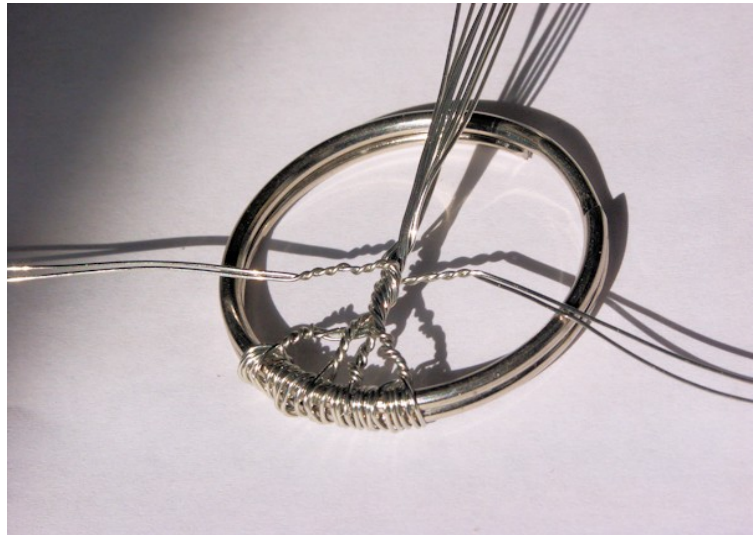

Step 3: Use the nylon jaw pliers to twist 3 wires together.
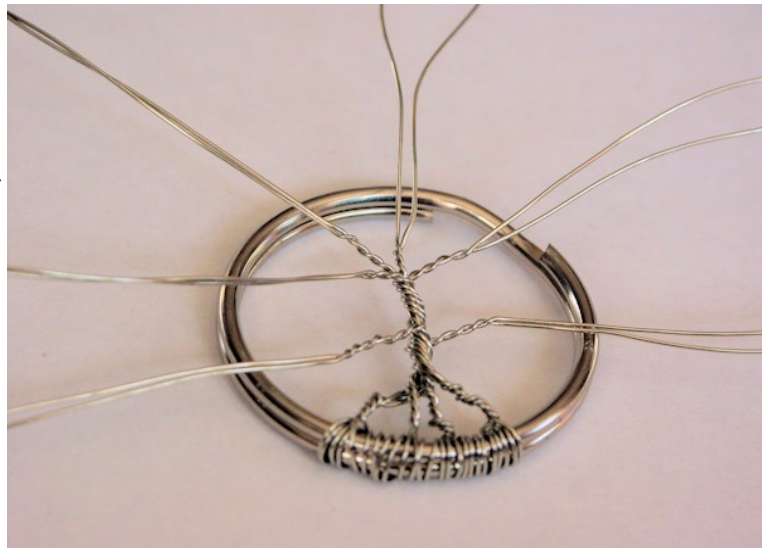Repeat with all wires. You now have 4 sections of roots.

Step 4: Use the nylon Jaw pliers to twist all of the wires together to make the trunk.

Step 5: Pull two wires on each side and twist together to make the lowest branches.

Step 6: Twist the remaining wires together and separate the wire left in to groups of 2 for the higher branches as twist as before. Be sure to leave 1/4" to 1/2" untwisted (inside the ring) for beads.

Step 7. Now the fun part! Add a couple of beads to the wire closest to the roots. Wrap it around the key ring and add another bead or two. Keep adding and wrapping until it is as full as you like. Use the ends of the wire to wrap around the key ring for an even appearance.

Step 8: When you get to the top you want to have a small space with no beads so toy have room to add a jump ring or wrapped loop. I try to make sure to keep the skinny notch of the key ring at the top for this reason but don't worry if it isn't.

Step 9: Continue wrapping and adding beads until you have used up all of your branch wire.

Note: You might want to add additional wire to cover the key ring if you couldn't cover it all with the wire from your branches. You can add ribbon or cord to your pendant for a beautiful necklace! Now make a bunch for your family and friends!