

Leah Gerrard is a metal artist who began exploring working with wire after an experience in Italy. She uses weaves techniques to create small scale and large scale sculptural works. Leah predominantly works with steel wire and found objects when making her woven wire sculptures. She has been working with metal for over twenty years.

## SUPPLY LIST:

20 GAUGE ALUMINUM WIRE

PEN

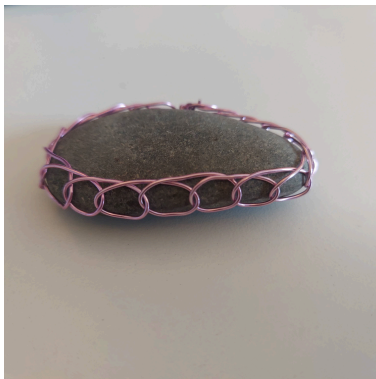
RIVER ROCK (OR ANY ROCK)

SCISSORS

## INSTRUCTIONS:

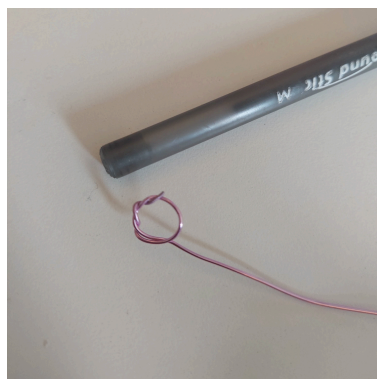
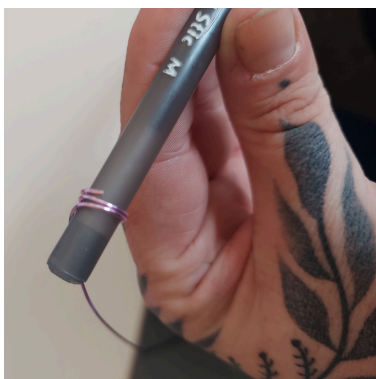
### STEP 1:

Cut about four feet of 20 gauge aluminum wire, any color is fine. Pick a rock, either from the ground or you can purchase river rocks by the bag. \*NOTE: Get creative here if you like! It does not have to be a rock that gets adorned. Anything that can support a circle of woven wire is fine!\*



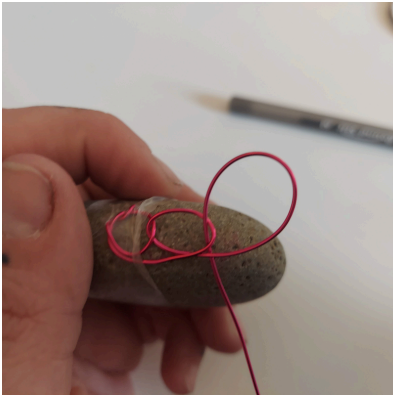
### STEP 2:

Using a pen or pencil, wrap one end of the aluminum wire around the pen/pencil two times. Take the end of the wire and loop it around the big loop to hold everything secure. Tape the loop to the edge of the rock/object, leaving a little bit of the loop exposed on one side.



### STEP 3:

With the free side of the wire, insert the end into the exposed side of the loop you taped to the rock. Pull it through, using a finger to keep your new loop round. If the loop does not stay round, you can shape it with your fingers, as aluminum is very soft. When you start a new loop, run your wire along the bottom of the loop to get you to the other side.



### STEP 4:

Repeat the last step over and over, taking your wire across the bottom of each new loop you make so you can insert your wire to the right side of each loop. When you make it around close to your first loop, remove the tape so you can insert the wire on the left side of the loop. Connect your first & last loop, then wrap your wire around one of the loops twice to secure it. Trim any excess wire with scissors, and you are done! If you would like to elaborate, you can add beads to the wire as you weave, or maybe add some fun dangles with jump rings. Maybe you would like to paint your rock. Your imagination is your only limit!

