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Making model trees with wire

(A tale of a tree)

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here's a preview of what you'll get at the finish line



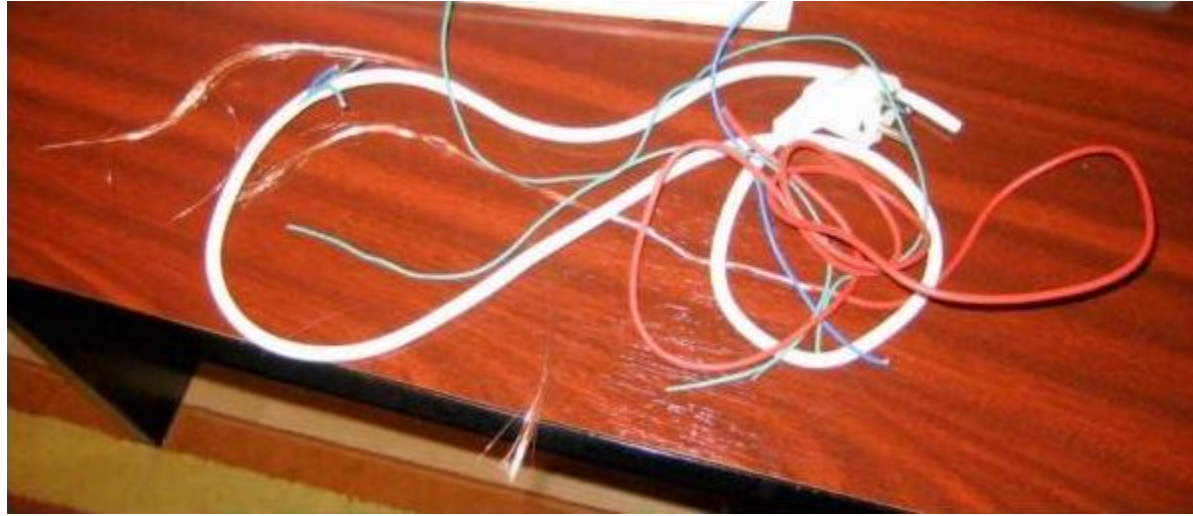
some of the tree branches have been cut off



a solitary tree seen from a distance



start by getting some thin wire



**The thickness of the wire depends on the scale you are using and the material you have on hand.
Experiment and you'll find out yourself what goes better !**

tie the wires close together with some textile fiber



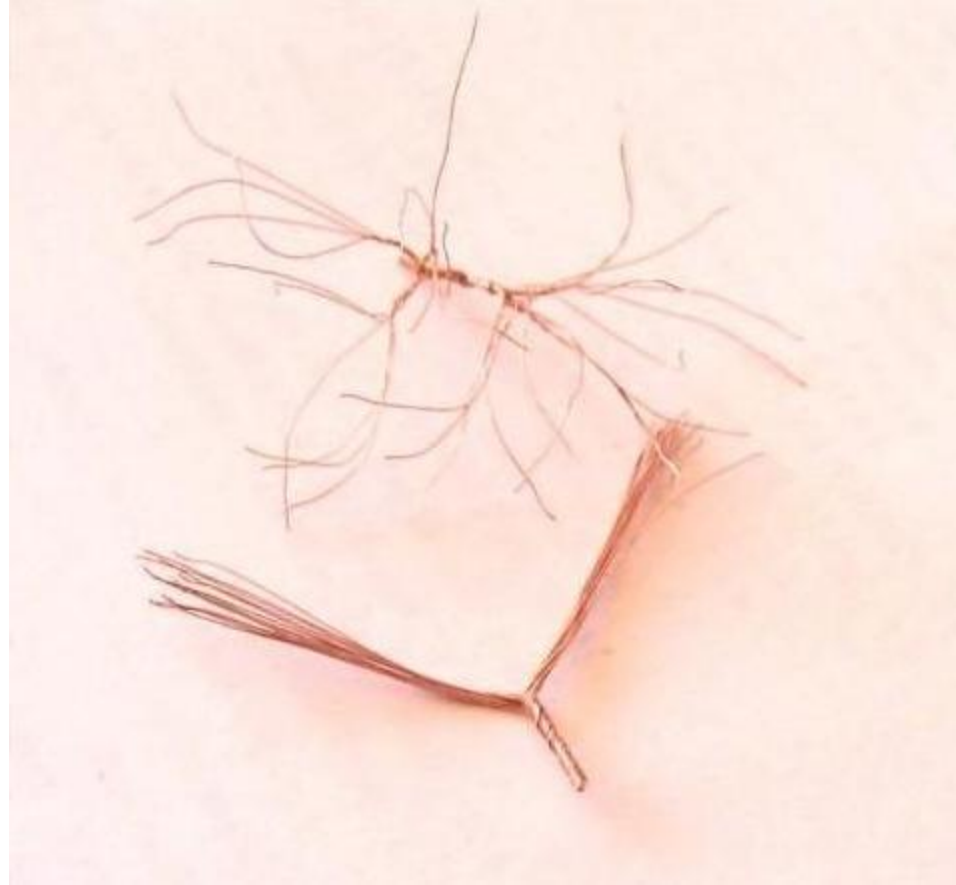
**Group some wires and tie these close together as seen above.
Keep in mind that you should have enough wires to form the branches and the trunk.**

burn the insulator layer



**This is an important step. If you skip it, you might not be able to paint the branches later.
Be careful not to melt the thin wires !**

twist some smaller branches



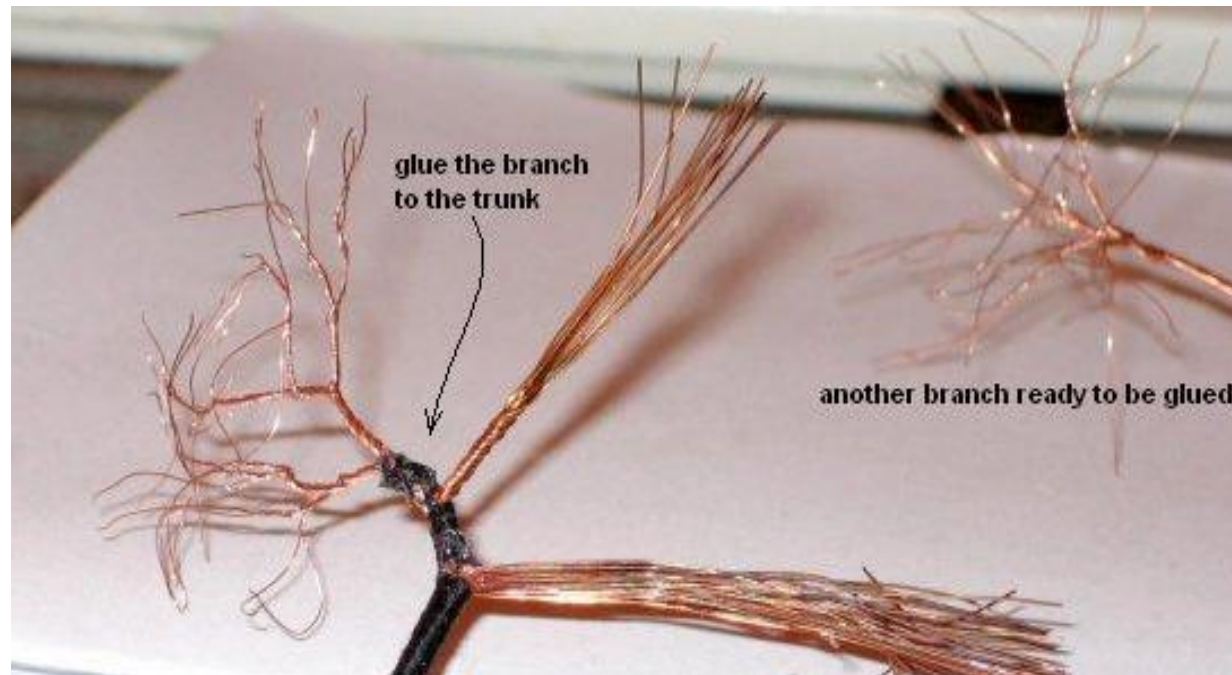
Twist some thinner wire together to make the smaller branches.

and one more branch



**As for the number of minor branches, that really depends on the kind of tree you are modeling.
Just trust your imagination (or use a real tree model).**

glue the branches to the trunk



Use a very quick drying glue. Also, you can use some textile fiber to tie everything together.

arrange the tree to look nice and round



**The shape of the tree top depends on what kind of tree you are trying to make.
You should have an appropriate picture with a tree to use it as a model.**

at this point, we should have something similar to what can be seen in the picture below



the bark



**Mix together some white plaster, glue, and a little water.
Add a bit of color (not too much, it will darken when drying, and you can paint some more then, if you like).**

apply the mixture on the tree



the foliage (1)



What I used here is foliage produced by noch.de, but you can use whatever you have around.
It can also be house made (in the next e-book on that).

the foliage (2)



**Add some glue on the branches, then spread the foliage.
The photo with the real tree might help here, too ;)**

this is what we have up to this point



All that is left to be done is the cut branches (remember page 3 ?)

the cut branches



Using some abrasive paper, rub off some of the plaster, in appropriate places.
You should get a flat surface, looking as if the branch was cut. Paint it with a toothpick soaked in paint.

the end



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