

# Penannular Brooch



The Celtic brooch, more properly called the penannular brooch, and its closely related type, the pseudo-penannular brooch, are types of brooch clothes fasteners, often rather large; penannular means formed as an incomplete ring. They are especially associated with the beginning of the Early Medieval period in Ireland and Britain, although they are found in other times and places—for example, forming part of traditional female dress in areas in modern North Africa. *Wikipedia*

## YOU WILL NEED:

- 3mm round wire (calculate the length by the size of your brooch -  $2\pi r$ )
- 2mm round wire (3 x radius of design)



## HOW MAKE A SIMPLE PENANNULAR BROOCH

1. flatten both ends of the 3mm wire with a polished planishing hammer onto a steel plate/anvil
2. anneal the 3mm wire, quench, pickle, rinse and dry
3. form a circle using half round pliers or with a rawhide mallet around a round stake
4. flatten the 2mm wire at the end and using round nose pliers begin to wind the flattened end around the rounded wire of the brooch. Make the loop small enough that it can not come off the ends of the brooch but large enough that it can still move around the brooch to fix in place.
5. carefully sharpen the brooch pin. Polish and wear



## DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

1. you could cut the brooch pin from 1mm-1.5mm wire thereby allowing for a greater range of embellishments. You will need to file or hammer the pin round.
2. you could add texture, colour and 3D elements
3. you could set stones in both ends of the brooch
4. you could use mixed metals
5. you could spiral up the ends, ball or add wider parts to stop the pin falling off
6. the brooch can be a different shape other than the crescent moon design.
7. you could use several strands of wire to make a wrapped wire version



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