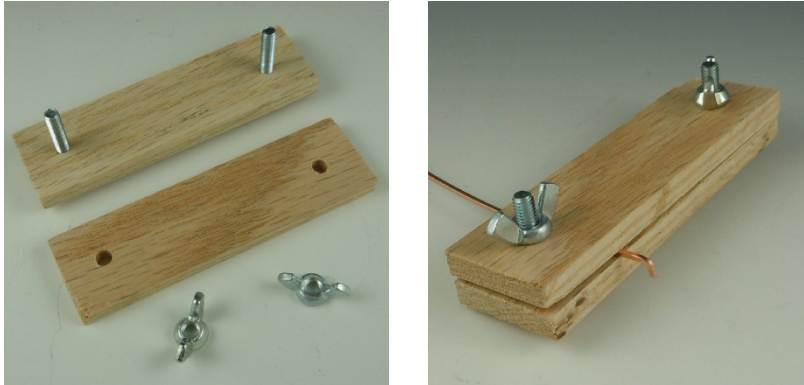


Holding Non-Round Wire to Make Jump Rings

It is almost impossible to hold non-round wire in your fingers to make jump rings without some sort of a jig. I use two small pieces of wood held together by two bolts with wing nuts.



Place the wire between the wood strips and tighten the wing nuts until the wire is held very snugly. Bend the end of the wire down and slip it into the hole in the mandrel. Keep the bottom board in contact with the mandrel as the coil is being wound.

My jig is constructed using two 1" x 4" x 1/4" strips of oak, and two 1" long 10 x 32 machine head bolts with wing nuts.