

BENDING LANDING GEAR

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Do you have as much trouble as I do bending wire landing gears and getting all the bends in the same place? Except for the simplest ROG stick models, I've given up on pliers and vise for this. I now draw the pattern on a piece of plywood, drive a finishing nail at each bend, and capture the wire with two nails at the starting point and "pull" the wire around the nails with pliers, keeping it flat to the board. Sometimes it helps to drive another nail to hold the bend after you go around a corner. See the sketch.

