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# Making worm picks

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- 1 Put on safety glasses.
- 2 Use pliers to cut an appropriate length of platinum wire.
- 3 Light the ethanol burner. Take care that there is nothing directly above it, eg. papers attached to shelf.

- 4 Hold a disposable glass Pasteur pipette in one hand and the platinum wire with forceps in the other hand.
- 5 Place the platinum wire inside the pipette and move it above the flame for a short while to seal the glass around the wire. If preferred, use flat-ended pliers to flatten the end of the platinum wire.
- 6 Remove the pick from the flame and wait for it to cool down before touching.
- 7 Use the cap to extinguish the flame and check to see that it is gone out.