Attach a center insulator between the two lengths of antenna wire. This center insulator can also provide strain relief for the twinlead, ladder line, antenna wire etc. Leave enough bare wire from each half of antenna wire exposed for soldering to the feedline and for strain relief at the center insulator. See example drawing below:

The Center insulator/strain relief:

Center insulator acting as strain Relief Antenna wire Twist and solder - Nylon ties Randon length of feedline to tuner-Attach to tuner balanced output - connectors