Basic Wire Sculpture Techniques
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The information and techniques in this book are only a beginning. Use your observation skills and imagination to design your own lessons. Be safe! Have fun!

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Wire Techniques to Practice.

I am an artist. I practice. I shape the wire and give it form.

BEND \[\text{图表}\]

SHAPE \[\text{图表}\]

TWIST / (start with 2 pieces the same length)

BRAID / (start with 3 pieces the same length)

JOINING

Hook and Eye

 Looping

Simple Hook

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How to Make a Wire Animal

1. Cut wire.

2. Bend wire to shape body.

3. Twist wire together.

4. Optional: Add more detail and volume.

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How to Make a Wire Person

1. Cut wire.

2. Bend and twist wire.

3. Add arms.

4. Optional: Add more volume and detail.

Shape figure as you wish. Three points touching the ground helps it to be free standing.

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How to Make a Wire Chain.

1. Cut wire.
2. Twist ends together.
3. Bend to the shape you want.
4. Add more.

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Wire Jewelry Basics.

1. Make a necklace or bracelet using the hook and eye method.
   - Make a loop and twist around this end.
   - Bend this end in.
   - Press hook to close (Do NOT twist closed).

   * Affirmation for safety: I will not tie wire to my body. I will use the hook and eye method because I practice safety.

2. Make beads.
   - Hold wire against pencil, dowel, or cylinder with thumb or finger.
   - Wrap wire around the pencil, dowel, or cylinder.
   - Compress wire.
   - Slide off cylinder. Put on the necklace or bracelet.

   * Continue making and adding beads. Consider color scheme. See color wheel.

   To hold a pendant in place.
   - Find the middle of the necklace.
   - Add Pendant.
   - Make a loop.
   - Twist to hold in place (Not too tightly).

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Wire Jewelry Symmetry Basics.

Think symmetry when designing jewelry.

A focus or center of interest is a good place to start.

Then build your patterns from the center. Add same item on both sides of the center.

Think color scheme. Limit your colors. Match your colors.

Try to repeat the colors in the center of interest in your beads of wire. This gives your work unity.

Posterboard can be made into a pendant.

A large bead plus a pendant makes an interesting center of interest.

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How to Make A Simple Wire Cross

1. Cut a 30cm/12" piece of wire (or there about)

2. Twist the top of cross.

3. Shape one side of cross.

4. Shape other side of cross.

5. Last... twist the bottom part of the cross.

6. Add a bead...

7. ...or wrap more wire around if you want it smoother looking or thicker.

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Wire Pendants with Extras

- Leave a small space to put a single wire through.
- Leave space for wire.
- Cross wire.
- Wrap in opposite directions.
- Wrap extra wire to make favorite symbols.
- Add other shapes inside of shapes.
- Each time start with basic simple pendant. (See other sheet.)
- Wrap wire to secure (hold in place).
- If you want to add bead, you need to loop wire through it to keep steady.
- Wrap and shape, wrap and shape.

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Simple Pendants - Other

Add a Feather.
1 wire about 5”-6” long
1 feather

Bend the wire in half.

Wrap the wire tightly at least three times around the quill of the feather

Wrap the wires in opposite directions to make a loop.

Add Reuse Items.

Cross and wrap wire in opposite directions to form a loop.

If you want the sada tab to lay flat, wrap the wire as shown above.

Cut a number of wires the same size. (about 2” long)

Fold.

Twist.

There is no limit to the variations when we use our imaginations.

Add other shapes of wire too.

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Wire Pendants - Attaching Objects

If there's no hole... and nothing soft to wrap wire around or attach to, we need to make a tight net to hold our object.

1. Two wires and an object to start.
2. Twist the wire in the middle.
3. Place the object on the twisted part.
4. Keep knotting... twisting... looping... tying... wires until the object (bead, rock, seed, shell) is secured.
5. Cross and twist wires.
6. Wrap the other two loose wire to the twisted wire in opposite directions.
7. When object is secured, twist one pair of wires together.
8. Make a loop with the twisted pair.
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Make a Simple, Safe Wire Ring

1. Start with two 6” wires. (It does not have to be exact)

2. Fold in 1/2.

3. Hold bent end and twist to form a loop (or eye). Twist Enough to fit around my finger.

4. Put loose ends through the loop. Measure my finger and slip off the unfinished ring.

5. Shape remaining wire into a design. Combine other wire techniques I have learned in this book with this one.

I can use a variety of lines and shapes and my imagination too.

Ball the loose wires together to form one shape.

Twist pairs together.

Use spiral lines.

Form designs. Twist to join. Trim as needed.

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