

"Squared" Pendant



Supplies Needed

17mm square metal component
Assorted copper beads
6mm and 4mm crystals
6" - 18 gauge copper wire (Pendant)
5' piece - 26 or 28 gauge copper wire
headpins, finished chain

Tools Needed

Round pliers
Pair of smooth flat pliers, no teeth
Finger wrap (optional)
Fine tipped marker
Ruler
Wire cutters

Liver of Sulphur & 0000 steel wool, metal brush (optional)

We'll be doing the 5:3 weave for this project. Find centre on your 18g wire with a ruler. Mark the centre with a marker. Using flat nosed pliers, bend wire at a 90 degree angle. This is called your Base Wire (BW)

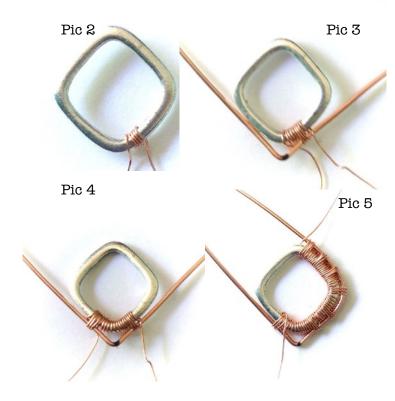
Fold the 26 gauge wire, Weaving Wire (WW) in half to find the centre.

MAKE SURE, AS YOU WORK, CONSTANTLY PUSH YOUR WEAVE BACK AGAINST ITSELF TO KEEP IT NICE & TIGHT.

Starting at the centre of your WW, make 5 wraps around the corner of the square frame (SF). Add the "V" shaped BW below the corner of the SF. Wrap the SF the BW together 3 times. This is where the 5:3 pattern repeats. (Pic 1-3)

Using the other half of the WW left at the centre, wrap 5 times around the SF, then 3 times around both the SF and BW. (pic 4)

Continue the 5:3 weave up the right side of the square making sure to end on the "3" part of the weave over both wires. (Pic 5)



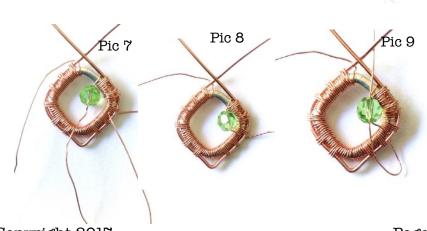
Complete a total of 5 sets on the left side. (Each time you do a 5:3 weave, that's called a set) (Pic 6)



Pic 1

Flip the piece over. Add a 6mm Crystal onto the wire. From the back, feed the WW between the bare BW and the FW just before the "3" stitches on the third set. (Pic 7-8)

Now come back through the bottom of the bead. Continue the 5:3 weave to the top. (Pic 9)



Arch both ends of the BW away from the centre at the top (Pic 10)

Pic 10

Gently arch the BW on the right, around the outside of the BW on the left to make a loop. (Pic 11)

Holding onto the tip of the right BE with a pair of pliers, curl it into a loop. Continue curling until you get the size of loop you'd like, then trim off any excess. (Pic 12)

Arch the left BW around to the left side to the back. Using your pliers, make a 90 degree angle straight up with it. Wrap that BW around a pair of round nosed pliers to make the bail. (Pic 14-15) Decorate with a headpin and a few Beads to make a drop. Hang it from the "V" at the bottom of the pendant.





All you have left to do is antique it. Use Liver of Sulphur and kettle hot water. Dip piece in until it's black. Scrub off excess antiquing with 0000 steel wool. Using a small metal brush, brush your weaves to remove any steel wool fibres that may have gotten trapped during cleaning. The brush will also start the polishing step.

With your piece still wet, rub hard with a polishing cloth to dry and polish it at the same time. Have fun, you can make this piece a million different ways. Always remember you're never wrong when you weave, so have fun.



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