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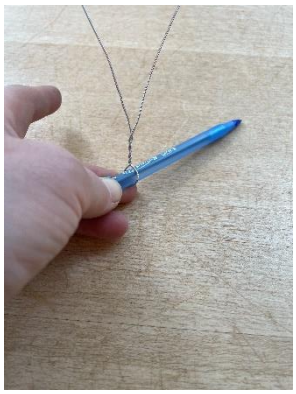
Seaglass & River Stone Chains

In your kit:

10 x 6" hard wire
10 x 12" softer wire
5 pieces sea glass
5 pond stones

What you'll need:
Needle nose pliers
Pen or Pencil







The long soft wire is to wrap the stones and sea glass. The harder wire is to make the wire curls to connect all of the pieces together.









Wrap Stones & Glass

1. Stones: Fold the long wire in half and twist around a pen or pencil 3 or 4 times to create a loop. Wrap the two loose ends around the stone tightly and twist a couple of times at the top.

   You'll have to "rabbit ears" of wire. Take one of those wires and wrap it around the pen to create another loop. Take the other rabbit ear and wrap around the base of the loop. So as not to poke yourself, use the needle nose pliers to finish off the wire wrap. You'll notice that the stone is a little loose. Gently twist the base of the wire tighter around the stone, both on top and bottom. If you twist to tight wire becomes brittle and will snap. Dawn's advice is if it still slips, a dab of hot glue will do the trick!

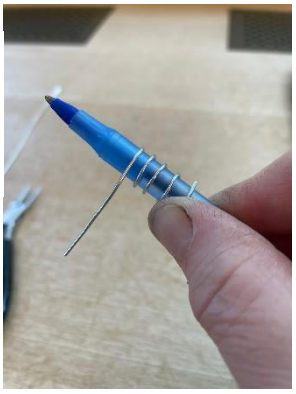
2. Glass: The pretty glass being of odd shape and size gives you the opportunity to be a bit creative and decorative by wrapping the wire around the glass several times. Start with the first loop as with the stone. Wrap the glass several times and finish at the top and create your loop and tie –off in the same way.

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Create Links

1. Take your 5 of your 6” sturdier wires and wrap around a pen until tight. Squish them down into a tighter spiral.





Join Your Pieces Together

1. Take one end of the spiral link and twist it onto the rock’s loop 3 turns. Take the other end of the spiral link and twist three time onto the next item in your chain. The goal is to get the loops halfway or so onto the link to provide strength in the joining. Squish the wire links together to make them even stronger
2. Use the final piece of long wire to create a pretty hanger for your rain chain.



Note: We have spare river stones and the dollar store has more glass. Be as creative as you want because you are creative mavens!

Facebook Live: Thursday, July 8th at 6:00 pm

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