

Ornament Holder 2

Supplies

- 16 gauge Galvanized Wire
- Wire Cutters
- Needle Nosed Pliers
- *Kemper 3/4" & 1/16" Cutters
- *Bead Rack
- Gold Clay



Make a bunch of these fun ornament holders and give them as gifts along with a clay ornament.

1. Cut a 6" piece of wire with heavy wire cutters.
2. Cut four 1/16" gold circles from (PM2) clay.
3. Cut one 3/4" gold circle.
4. Roll each circle into beads.
5. I found it easier to start with a needle tool to drill the holes in the beads. Twist the needle tool into the clay as you slowly "drill" a hole in a bead. When you feel the point start to come through the other side, twist the tool out and go in from the hole the point made in the other side.
6. Now, using the same process, twist the wire through the same hole, enlarging it. Drill holes in the large bead and two of the small ones.
7. For the two end beads, drill the hole only half way through each bead.
8. Bake the beads on the wire suspended on a bead rack.

Hang your favorite ornaments on these special hangers!

Use different colored clay! Match the ornament that will hang on it or match the color theme of your Christmas Tree.

Add rhinestones for glitz!



9. While the beads are baking, cut another 6" piece of wire. Use pliers to curl the ends as shown. Start by grabbing one end of the wire and wrap it around the pliers part of the way now continue to pull the wire around making the curve bigger and bigger. Repeat with the other end but don't curl it very tightly.
10. When baked, **warm**, your beads have **while they are still** twist them onto the curled wire. It is easier to get the bead around the curve while it is still warm and pliable.
11. Varnish the beads once you have them in place. Watch for drips that form as the wire hangs to dry. Dab them very gently with a paper towel.
12. Varnishing will bring out the sparkles in the gold clay!
13. You may need to glue the beads in place if they don't hold with the varnish. Leave the bead on the curly end loose if your ornament won't fit over it. That way, you can remove the bead, put the ornament on and put the bead back in place.