

DESIGN WORKSHOP

RED HEART PENDANT

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Materials

- (1) 5" piece Beadalon 20G German Style Hematite Wire
- (1) 12" piece (cut into 6" lengths) Beadalon 22G German Style Hematite wire
- (1) 18" piece Beadalon 26G German Style Hematite Wire
- Beadalon Chain Nose Pliers
- Beadalon Wire Cutters
- Beadalon Bale Maker
- Beadalon Round Nose Pliers
- Michaels Crafts Bead Gallery Ruby Glass Hearts
- Michaels Crafts Bead Gallery Marquise Shaped Onyx like Stones
- Ruler
- Masking Tape

1. Cut all wires to size.
2. Lay wires out in this order: -(1) 22G wire -(1) 20 G wire -(1) 22G wire.
3. Tape wires together, keeping them flat and in same order.
4. Use Beadalon Chain nose pliers to make a small hook on bottom of 26G wire, (about 1/4" from end).
5. Find center of wire bundle and place 26G hook at that location.

6. Begin to wrap the 26G wire around the bundle, 4x's. Be careful not to change the position of the wires in the bundle. Wraps should be taunt and touching.

7. Use Beadalon Chain nose pliers to tamp down binding wraps and trim excess wire.

8. About 1/2" from the center binding, repeat steps 6 and 7, but wrap only 3x's. NOTE: wire cuts, (ends), should be on same side with each binding.

9. Repeat with other side. You should now have 3 bindings.

10. Form the wire around the heart.
11. Where wires meet at the top, bend upward.
12. Make another hook on your 26G wire.
13. Pull wires, (at top of pendant), together and wrap with 26G wire. Start closest to the pendant and work away from pendant. Make 6 wraps. DO NOT CUT THE 26G WIRE.
14. Keeping wires on correct sides, separate, (keeping the 20G wires straight up—this will be for your pendant bale).
15. Use smaller side of baler and form a double bale at top, using the (2) center 20G wires. This will be the back of your pendant.
16. Trim ends of 20G wires so they are even with the top of your design.
17. Use your Beadalon Round nose pliers and make a slight bend on ends.
18. Using remaining 26G binding wire, wrap around bale 6 times to secure. DO NOT CUT THE 26G WIRE.
19. Turn design face down so the bale ends are closest to you. Use Beadalon Chain nose pliers and begin to gently pull wires, (between each binding), toward the center, forming a cage. Repeat at all 4 positions.
20. Turn design over so front is on top.
21. Pop heart into the design.
22. Use Chain nose pliers and repeat step 19. Pull one wire at a time.
23. Repeat between all bindings. Your heart should now be secured in place.
24. Slide an onyx marquise shaped stone on to one of the 22G wires. The onyx should be slightly tilted outward and touching the side of the bale.
25. Using Beadalon Round nose pliers make small loop at end of wire.
26. Using Beadalon Chain nose pliers begin to roll the wire toward the onyx stone, forming a swirl. Position the swirl on top of the onyx stone.
26. Repeat steps 24-26 with 2nd wire.
27. Repeats steps 24-26 with 2 wires on opposite side.
28. Using remaining 26G wire, randomly wrap it around the ends of the onyx stone. This will secure it in place. Continue wrapping all 4 stones, without cutting the 26G. If you do not have enough 26G wire, simply cut another 12" piece and work it into the design and wrap remaining onyx stones.
29. Run hand over ends to ensure there are no sharp edges. If there are, use round nose pliers to tuck them in.