

Wire Leaf Pendant

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- 4 pr wire bobbins or heavy bobbins wound with a covering of tatting thread.
- 30 gauge wire
- strong pins

Hints on working with wire:

Any ends are left long and cut after the work has been completed.

Be careful not to kink wires as this will cause a break when pulled.

If a wire breaks hang the same bobbin wire onto two pins beyond the work in a figure 8 motion to hold, and continue working from the break.

After the work is completed cut the ends and crimp the wire piece in a pair of plain pliers or pound with a rubber mallet on a protected surface.



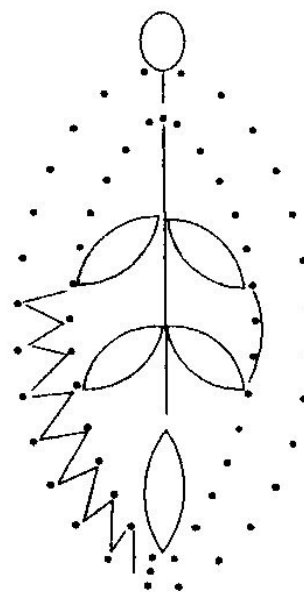
Directions:

Hang 4 pair on the bottom pins. Twist each pair and work in half stitch across to inner pin. Work the border in half stitch all the way around and sew into the beginning. Two pairs are then used for the large leaf and center plaited stem. The other two pair are sew in, twisted together and left long until the pendant is finished.

Join two pair to work the other leaves, making a 4 pair crossing with the stem pairs using each pair of bobbins as one thread. A plait is worked to reach the next pair of leaves curving it behind the pins already in the pricking, after completing the leaves sew into the border and twist wires to be cut off later.

When the stem reaches the top of the border sew at the bottom, work a few stitches and sew at the top. Work the plaited hook by placing pins to keep the circle, sew back into the border. Cut off ends, crimp the whole work to flatten and twist the top ring at right angles and hang on a choker memory wire with seed beads to cover wire or chain.

Note: the pricking should measure 1.50 wide and 2.83 long in inches.



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