

Complete your shibori bedroom makeover with this gorgeous jewel-shaped hanger. Follow these simple step-by-steps to create your first hanger, then have a play with the proportions to create a range of hangers for you to love – they make a beautiful gift, too!



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Craft a jewellery hanger from brass pipe and coloured polymer clay



steps



STEP 1



STEP 2



STEP 5

JEWELLERY HANGER

Gather your supplies

- Polymer (oven-bake) clay in four colours of choice (we used black, white, green and silver)
- 4mm-dia brass pipe
- Picture-hanging wire

You'll also need

Silicone paper; glass rolling pin or large glass jar; plate (about 15cm-dia); knife; large ovenproof bowl; oven mitts; tube cutter; ruler; pencil; wire cutters; hanging cord

Here's how

Making the bowl

STEP 1 Preheat oven according to clay product instructions. Take a small amount of all 4 clay colours and roll them into individual long sausage shapes. Twist lengths together like a candy cane, then roll into a small ball.

STEP 2 Put ball on sheet of silicone paper on a smooth, dry work surface. Roll clay out to 4mm-thick with glass rolling pin or large glass jar.

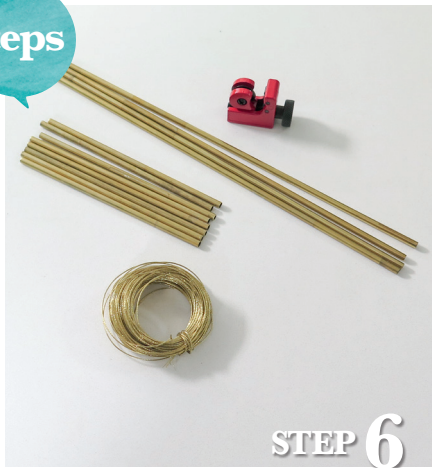
STEP 3 Gently place plate on top of clay and cut around it with knife. Carefully remove plate. Smooth rough edges of clay with your fingers.

STEP 4 Peel round clay shape off silicone paper and transfer clay to base of large ovenproof bowl. It should naturally mould into position in base of bowl. If not, carefully press it into place with your fingers.

STEP 5 Wearing oven mitts, put bowl in oven and bake clay following product instructions. Use oven mitts to remove ovenproof bowl from oven and let cool. Remove clay bowl from ovenproof bowl and set aside.



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STEP 6

Making the hanger

STEP 6 Using tube cutter, cut brass pipe to create 8 x 15cm lengths and 4 x 30cm lengths. To use tube cutter, measure lengths with ruler and mark tube with pencil, then place pipe in cutter and line up your mark with blade. Tighten blade onto pipe, then twist pipe to score it. Keep tightening and twisting until you're able to snap the pipe cleanly. Repeat for each cut.

STEP 7 Using wire cutters, cut a 70cm length of picture-hanging wire. Thread wire through 4 small lengths of pipe to make a square and tie ends of wire together. Snip ends of wire.

Tip Tuck tails of knotted wire inside ends of pipe.

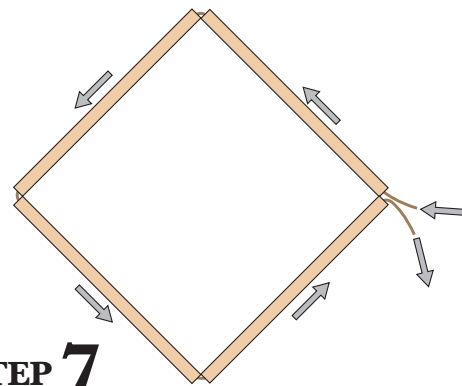
STEP 8 Cut a 110cm length of picture-hanging wire. Thread wire through 2 small lengths of pipe so they sit in centre of length of wire. Hold tubes so they point upwards and meet at centre, then tightly loop wire around opposite corners of square shape made in Step 7.

STEP 9 Thread each long tail of wire through a long length of pipe. Hold assembly correct way up and tie 2 ends of wire together.

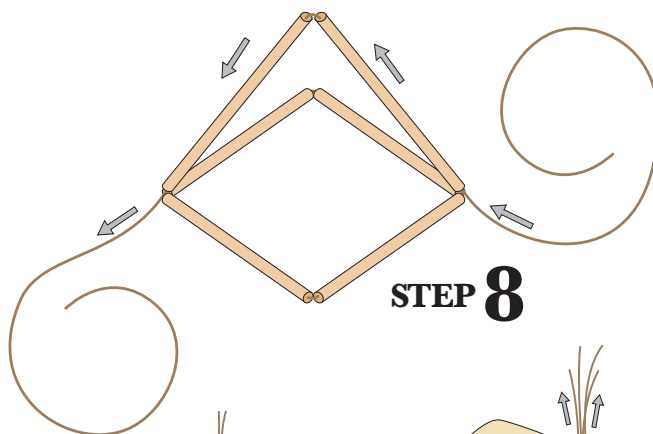
STEP 10 Repeat Steps 8 and 9 to attach remaining 2 small lengths and 2 long lengths to opposite corners of pipe. Tie all 4 ends of wire together so assembly is secure.

STEP 11 Attach hanging cord to knotted wire at top tip of hanger. Suspend hanger from a ceiling hook.

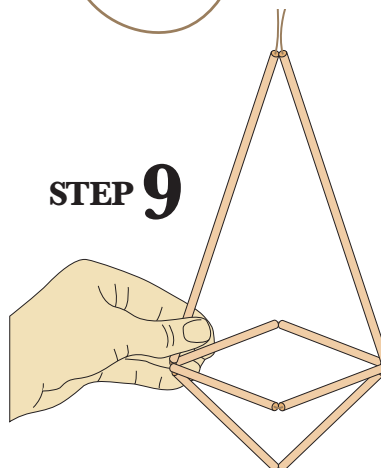
STEP 12 Place bowl inside hanger.



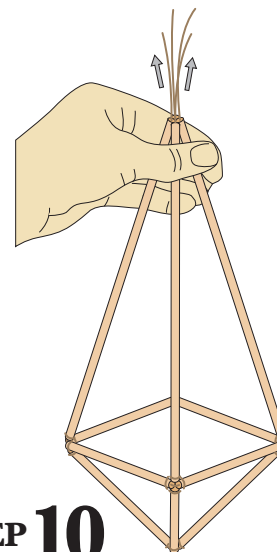
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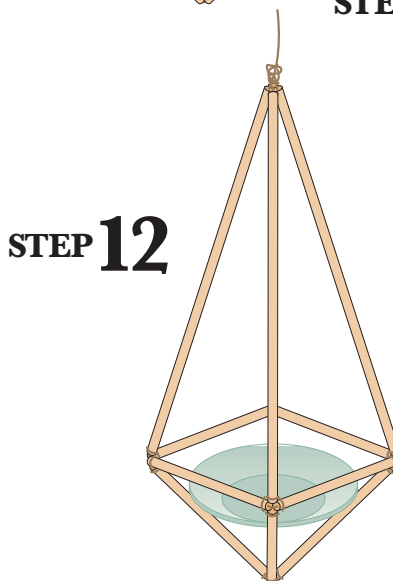
STEP 8



STEP 9



STEP 10



STEP 12

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Project supplies: Tube cutter (look in the hand tool section), Picture-hanging wire, **Bunnings Warehouse (03) 8831 9777, bunnings.com.au** 4mm-dia brass pipe, **Hobbyco (02) 9264 4877, hobbyco.com.au** Sculpey polymer clay, **Spotlight 1300 305 405, spotlight.com.au**