



Artistic Wire™ Mini Tricolor Christmas Trees

designed by Ed Sinclair

Materials Check List

Artistic Wire™
22 gauge (*preferred*)
3 colors of your choice

Artistic Wire™ -Tools
Wire Cutters
Round Nose Pliers

Basic Supplies/Tools
Ruler 12" to 18"
Flat Nose Pliers

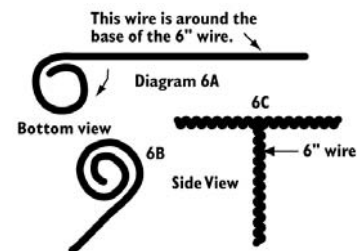
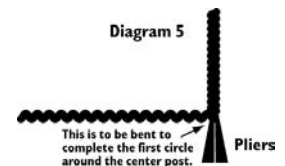
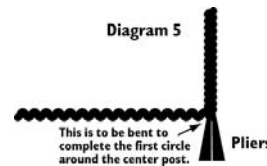
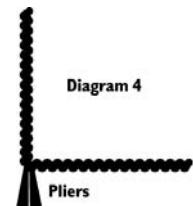
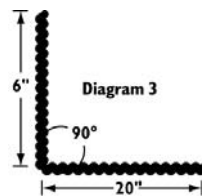
Instructions

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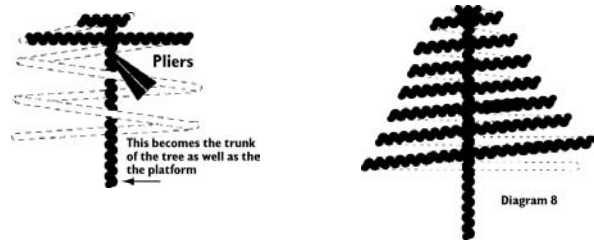
This and other Holiday designs can be found in "Holiday Moods in Wire" by Ed Sinclair.

Note: To make tricolor wire, take three pieces of different colors of wire and twist together. To begin form a 26" long piece of tricolor wire.

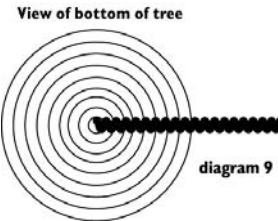
- Step 1: Bend 6" from one end so that the 6" part is at a right angle (90°) to the rest of the wire. See Diagram 3.
- Step 2: Using the smallest part of the round nose pliers (the tip), grip the 20" part of the wire so that it appears that the 6" wire is protruding from the jaws of the pliers.
- Step 3: Then bend the 20" wire over the top of the jaws of the pliers and down the other side of the pliers. See Diagram 5. Switch the other jaw to the base of the vertical wire so a complete circle can be made around it.
- Step 4: Continue to wrap the 20" wire around the base of the 6" wire so that it forms a flat disk. See Diagram 6A and 6B.
- Step 5: As the flat disk grows larger, hold it with the flat nose pliers or with the hand that is not doing the wrapping. Try to keep the flat disk as tight as possible until the 20" wire is all used up.
- Step 6: You now have a flat disk of wire with a 6" wire in the center, perpendicular to it. See Diagram 6C.
- Step 7: Grip the 6" wire with the flat nose pliers, making sure the flat disk is on top and gently but firmly push up so that the first coil of the disk is above the rest of the disk. See Diagram 7. The second and third coils will also come up a little bit too-don't worry.



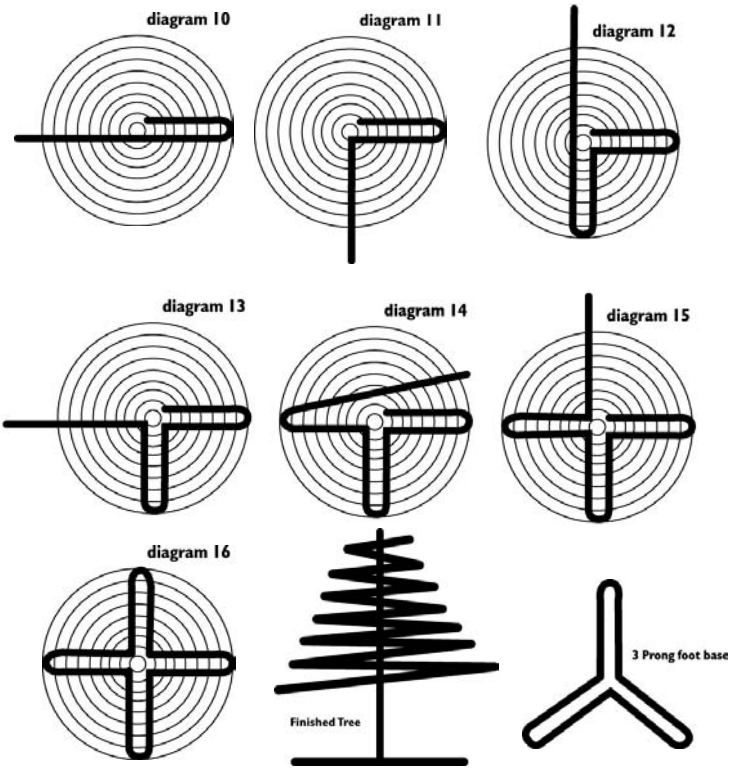
- Step 8. When the first coil of the disk is raised above the rest of the disk the first coil can now be gripped by the flat nose pliers.
- Step 9. By pulling on the first coil, gently, each coil can be pulled separate from the disk so it becomes an inverted spiral cone with a shaft in the center. See Diagram 8.
- Step 10. It is not easy to make the is spiral cone, but with gentle firm manipulation, it can be done. Try to make the spirals parallel to each other as possible while maintaining, a cone shape. Do not spread them apart too much.



- Step 11. Bend the trunk of the tree 90°, 1" below the last coil of the tree. See Diagram 9.
- Step 12. The length of each "foot" of this base is determined by the height of the tree. Each "foot" should be 1/2" to 3/4" long if the "tree" is less than 3 1/2" tall. If the tree is taller than 3 1/2" add 1/2" to each "foot" of the base.



- Step 13. On a 5" or 6" tree, each "foot" should be 1 1/2" to 2" long.
- Step 14. The remaining wire (3" to 4") after the bend can be made into a "tree stand". See Diagrams 10 through 16. Use the flat nose pliers.
- Step 15. Make sure the trunk of the tree is perpendicular to the 4 feet (legs) of the tree. It can be done!



Special Notes - Remember the more trees you make the easier it becomes. Common sense will dictate where the flat nose pliers are to be placed to make the necessary bends. All bends are to be 90° or 180°! Bend appropriately. Each "foot" of the tree stand is about 1/2" to 3/4" long. In each of these drawings (10 through 16 the bottom view is only shown) For 5" to 6" trees, you may make a 3 prong foot base. The body of the tree can be separated (spread apart) further than the drawing indicates.