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## VINTAGE COPPER PENDANT

*Applying Self-Adhesive Transparencies to Metal*



### Supplies:

Metal Disc, Copper

Self Adhesive Transparencies by Blackberry Designs

[www.blackberrydesigns.com](http://www.blackberrydesigns.com)

Soft brush

Water based gloss varnish

Two Part Resin (optional)

16 Gauge Copper Wire

20 Gauge Copper Wire

Copper findings and other embellishments

### Step 1

Clean copper metal disc with copper cleaner.



### Step 2

Cut image from Self Adhesive Transparencies. Peel off backing and stick to copper disc.

### Step 3

Burnish with a straight edge. I like to use an old

credit card.



### Step 4 – Varnish Method

Apply three coats of a gloss varnish, let dry between coats.



### Step 4 – Resin Method

I use Easy Cast by Tap Plastics to give the image more durability. It is a two part resin that you mix and pour. It cures in 24-48 hours and is easy to use. Here is the web where you can order:

<http://www.tapplastics.com>

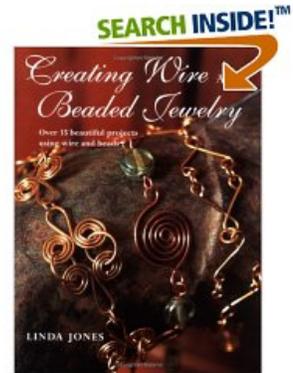
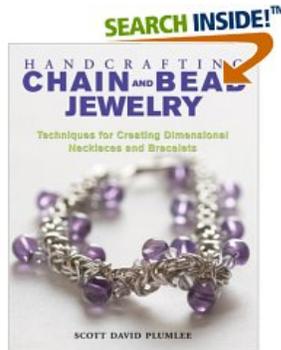
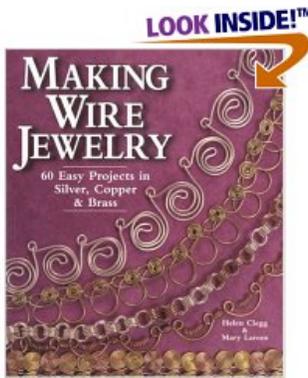


### **Step 5**

Once your resin or varnish is dry, you can add a simple chain, leather necklace, or more elaborate wire wrap as we have done.

### **Step 6**

Here are our favorite books for wire-wrap instructions. You can purchase many of these used through amazon.com. We bought our 16 gauge and 20 gauge copper wire at the hardware store. We used a simple “S” link and added crystal beads between.



### **Tips & Tricks**

Put your varnish on with a soft brush to avoid brush strokes and air bubbles. Change the color of your copper pendant by adding solvent based inks like Staz-on. If you choose to use a two part resin, put on with an eye dropper, so you do not over fill. Help to release bubbles from the resin with an embossing gun, held at least 12 inches from the copper disc—a toothpick is also great for those hard to get bubbles.