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STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

Beaded Room Divider

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Requirements

- 30 x square frames with five holes on each side and one hole in each corner (available from Unique Wooden Creations)
- Jump rings
- An assortment of wooden beads including large flat ones
- 10 mm Blue acrylic beads
- 10 mm Champagne acrylic beads
- 15 mm Chinese crystals
- 82,5 m soft craft wire, 1mm gauge
- Ebony coloured wood stain
- 30 x S-hooks (you can make your own with binding wire)
- Washing line
- Small sticker tags
- Paintbrush
- Smooth jaw pliers
- Large plastic container
- Gloves

Instructions

Step 1 – Preparing the wooden frames:

Pour the stain into a large plastic container, large enough to dip a square into. Dip the squares one by one into the stain and use a paint brush to cover the difficult corners. Cover the area underneath the washing line with old newspapers or black bags so it doesn't stain the grass/cement underneath it. Hang it up on a washing line using the s-hooks so they can dry completely. For a darker effect, stain the squares a second time. Remember to clean the washing line using a cloth covered in thinners after you've finished the project otherwise it will stain your clothes next time you hang them to dry!

Step 2 – Doing the background wire work:

Cut a 2m length of craft wire. Take a square and push a 3cm length of wire through one of the holes in the frame. Bend it back onto itself and twist it around the long wire to anchor it. Use pliers to twist it around; it's easier. Criss-cross the wire through the loops in any direction until the wire is finished. Anchor the last piece of wire the same way you started. Repeat for all thirty squares.

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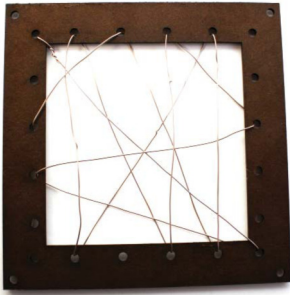
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Step 3 – Planning the beaded detail:

We will now add the beads to the squares. Take a look at the design example. You can either string completely at random or you can plan out an intricate design. In this case use the tags to mark the pattern/sequence when attaching the strung beads. Start and finish one square at a time. Before you thread the beads, position the larger beads in such a way that they don't overlap. Use the stickers to mark the holes that you need to go through according to the design.

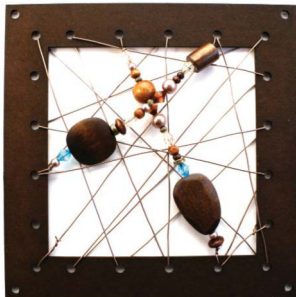
Step 4 - Adding the beaded detail:

Cut a 0,75 cm length of wire. Anchor the wire as in step 2 and thread just enough beads to cover the area from the one hole to the next. Push the wire through the hole you marked beforehand and continue to thread just enough beads to cover the area between this hole and the last hole. Push the wire through the last hole and anchor it. As soon as you've finished a square, immediately link it in position. This will prevent them from getting mixed up.

Step 5

Continue to complete the squares one at a time and link them together using the jump rings until all the squares have been used. Attach jump rings to the top row so you can hang it from the ceiling or from a rod.

- This is a great project for the whole family to join in. There is no right or wrong way of stringing the beads, so each member of the family can add their own unique style to it.



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