

Mixed Media Wraps

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Materials

Objects to wrap: anything goes including wood strips, metal strips, twigs, paint brushes, pencils, spoons, forks, found objects, etc.

Wire: fine gauge wire approximately 24 gauge in multiple colors and finishes.

Thread: a variety of colors, textures, and thickness. Consider alternatives like chain, artificial sinew, twine, etc.

Fabric: very thin strips of fabric, sari ribbon, etc.

Embellishments: anything with a loop or hole works well including beads, findings, small keys, charms, jewelry connectors, etc.

Instructions

1. Gather your choice of objects to wrap. You can wrap just about anything but here I have created an 8" long bundle that includes a paintbrush, a stick, wood strips and found metal objects.
2. Using wire, tightly wrap your bundle to secure it.
3. Tightly wrap your bundle with a variety of threads, twine and other similar materials. Make your wrap more interesting by braiding several materials together before wrapping, letting bits of threads hang loose, and choosing many different fibers, colors, and textures.
4. Once you are happy with the amount of fibers, begin to overwrap with fine gauge wire. Add beads, charms, embellishments, findings, and other small objects to the wire as you wrap. Anything with a loop or hole will work well.
5. Add larger strips of fabric scraps, ribbons, chain, etc. in a few spots along the bundle.

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