

Wire Basket Sculpture

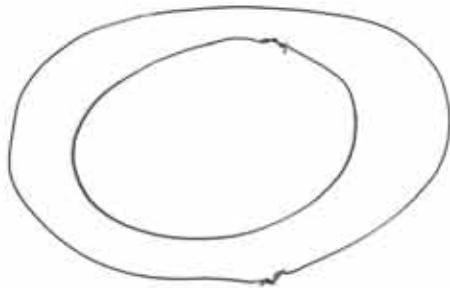
Supplies Needed

- 20-Gauge Wire
- Pliers
- Wire Cutters
- Tissue Paper in assorted colors
- Clear Glue
- Bowl
- Brush

Wire Basket Sculpture Project Kit

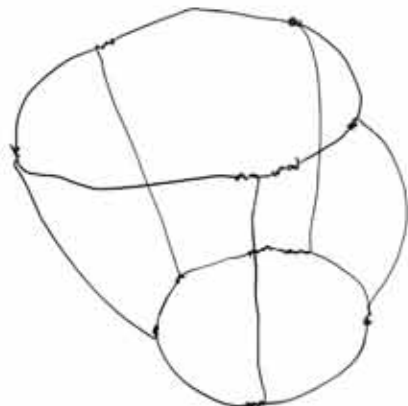
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100-Project Set—Enough supplies for your students to make up to 100 baskets! Using pieces of wire, students will create the basket form, then cover the basket form with tissue paper dipped into glue and allow to dry. Complete kit includes two 100-count packages of 20x30" assorted color art tissue, six long nose pliers, one 5 lb. spool (1,750 ft.) of 20-gauge dark annealed wire, one gallon of white washable school glue and an instruction sheet. Pliers will need to be shared among students. You will also need paint brushes and bowls to complete the project. White washable school glue is AP Seal, non-toxic.
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Step 1

Using 20-gauge wire, create one circle for the base of the basket and one larger circle for the top rim.



Step 2

Connect the two circles by adding wire ribs. Bend ribs to the desired shape to form the contour of the basket.



Step 3

Add more wires for support, shaping the wire as you go, using 10-20 ft. total.



Step 4

Fill in larger holes with more wire so the tissue is easier to apply. The spaces on this basket are about 1" to 2" wide. Note: If you want the wire frame to show when the basket is complete, plan to use lighter shades of tissue. Darker shades will hide the wire.



Step 5

Mix 2 parts white glue with 1 part water. Tear off pieces of tissue and drape the tissue over the wire frame; then use a brush to saturate the tissue with the glue mixture.



Step 6

Continue draping until basket is covered. Glue additional layers of tissue to the inside of the basket. Decorate the outside with shapes or stripes if desired.

