



WHITE HOUSE HOLIDAY HOW-TOS: *Beaded Stars*

The trees in the East Landing Room are decorated with a variety of handmade beaded stars of red, white, and blue. You can make these yourself with supplies you can find at any craft store.



A beaded star ornament in the East Landing Room of the White House, December, 2012.

Materials

- 18 gauge wire
- 22 gauge wire
- Star-shaped cookie cutters
- Red glass beads
- Blue glass beads
- White glass beads
- Clear glass beads
- Wire cutters
- Pliers

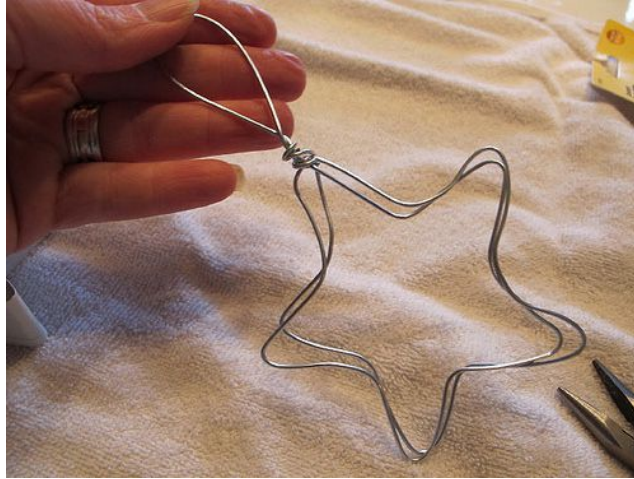
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Assembly

1. Measure out about 3 feet of 18 gauge wire, and cut with a wire cutter.
2. Make a loop at the top for hanging.
3. Holding the loop at the top, shape the wire around the star cookie cutter, twice. Cut the rest of the wire with your pliers and wrap the last bit around the stem of the hanging loop.



4. Pull a few lengths of the smaller 22 gauge wire and start stringing it with glass beads. Do not string the entire length with beads, leave empty space along the way.
5. Attach the beaded wire to the star frame and begin wrapping. As you are wrapping the wire, slip beads into different areas. While you do this, be sure not to bend the star into a different shape.

