

## VALENTINES HEART PENDANT

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1. Start by forming a wire frame in a firm wire, (1.25). I made a paper template to get the shape right. Join the frame together near the bottom by twisting the wire together and fold the ends into centre of frame. Loop the ends round (like an eye pin) so no wire can stick through the frame. Then wrap a finer wire (0.8) around to form a cage.
2. Cut an arm span of KO thread, pick up enough beads to fill the space between the point of the heart and the dip in the top, you are not working on the frame at this point. (For the larger heart I used 34 beads, for the smaller one it was 22 beads.) Peyote weave to the other end of your beads once. Both ends of your thread will now be at the same end, tie these together round the bottom point of the heart frame. Peyote weave back to the top and then loop the cord around the wire frame and back through the bead you just exited. Peyote weave to the bottom of the heart and wrap cord around the frame again, working from centre to fill one side, then back to the centre to fill the other side, wrapping round the frame each time you come to the end of a row. You will naturally decrease against the wire frame, adding more thread as you need, you can just tie it to the frame with a knot near the last bead added.
3. As this heart is for Valentine's day I added a gold bead on the back, for me they represent my family (my children and late husband) you could add lots more if you wanted to.
4. Once the back is completed start as you did at the beginning, an arm span of thread (away from the frame), add the same number of beads as before and Peyote weave up the thread. You may find you need slightly more (I made the front of the heart cage slightly rounder so needed a couple more beads to reach the points on the heart).
5. Attach to the frame as you did for the back, on the bottom point by tying onto frame, Peyote weave up the row to the top, this time instead of weaving round the frame you will weave into the bead on the back, this hides the frame and make the front slightly rounded over the frame to make the front smooth.
6. Weave for about 8 rows on the right front, then add one gold bead into the next row about a third of the way down from the top, (you can obviously put the heart anywhere you like, or cover the front in small gold hearts) continue in red, next row add two gold beads either side of the first gold, and so on to form a heart shape in gold into the red. See the design image to the left to see the gold heart design.
7. Once you have finished the right side of heart with the gold heart woven in, go back to centre bottom and start weaving in again to complete the left front with red, joining the sides all the way round as you did on the top, weaving into the beads on the back rather than winding round the frame.

8. Now make a small butterfly bail in the same beads as the heart. Once complete weave up from underside and add two beads sew into bail and then add two more, tighten together and add further two and so on until you have 12 rows. Sew the last two back into the bail to create a loop.

9. Make sure it is secure and then sew the bail into the top of the heart by stitching into the beads on the top of the heart, secure the end and weave into the beads and cut off. Thread the loop formed onto chain of choice or key fob for the smaller heart.

