

Time – Mary Hettmansperger

Make a necklace using sheet metal, found objects and clock parts for the theme.

Using old watch parts, I make fun and interesting necklaces.

When looking for watch parts, find the parts that already have holes for easy connections. When using clock faces, make sure you look at both sides. The back side is often as interesting as the face side.

Copper sheet – I use 24 gauge, or Silver sheet – I use 26 gauge, can be a great layer in these pieces. I cut my shapes with metal scissors. Then using a hammer and bench block, I texture the metal sheeting to give it a forged look.

When using metal sheeting, use a drill press (use all safely precautions) or a metal hole punch to punch the hole in the center of the metal to connect.

I “stack” the layers of clock parts, working from the front with smaller items to the back where the largest item will be. To stack and connect the items, cut a 6 inch piece of 18 gauge wire. Visually divide it into 3rds. Bend one end of the wire up at the 3rd marking. Use pliers to create a sharp bend. Thread on the pieces – again smallest to the largest and I usually have about 4-5 flat items. I also have 2-3 pieces that are clock parts or sheet metal and the other items are usually just spacers, washers or something once again flat and small, just to create a little space between the items. Once you have the items on the wire, again using the pliers to create a sharp bend...bend the other side up with just a little space around the items to give the piece a little movement.

Create a wrapped loop at the top of this triangle, wrapping the smaller piece of wire around the larger one. Cut off the excess of the wire after it has wrapped. I then put a bead on the remaining wire at the top and finish with a wrapped loop. Hang the necklace from the wrapped loop.

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