

WANGECHI MUTU COILED FIGURE PROJECT

SUPPLIES:

18 gauge wire, wire cutters, a small wood block, and modeling clay



STEP 1. CUT ONE 8IN. PIECE OF WIRE AND ONE 4IN. PIECE OF WIRE.



STEP 2. DRILL A FEW HOLES IN YOUR WOOD BLOCK FOR THE BASE.



STEP 3. BEND AND TWIST THE 8IN. WIRE IN THE CENTER. MAKE A HEAD AND TWO LEGS.



STEP 4. SECURE TO THE BASE. TWIST THE 4IN WIRE AROUND THE MIDDLE TO MAKE ARMS.



STEP 5. ROLL OUT SEVERAL THIN MODELING CLAY "SNAKES".



STEP 6. CAREFULLY DRAPE THE COILS TO BUILD A COIL POT AROUND YOUR WIRE FIGURE.

EXPERIMENT WITH THE DRAPING. HOW IS THE FORM CHANGED WHEN YOU DRAPE VERTICALLY RATHER THAN HORIZONTALLY? PRESS INTO YOUR WIRE ARMATURE AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU CHANGE THE FIGURE'S POSE.