

Christmas Mobile

Finished size approx 15cm wide by 20cm long this simple mobile twists beautifully to give a constantly changing impression. We have used a selection of red and green beads with some Christmas tree beads to give a festive feel but the same technique would work equally well with different beads



Recipe

2 x GL2960 Christmas tree beads
6 x GL3019 Red cut glass oval beads
3 x FG613 Emerald 6mm faceted beads
2 x GL0544 Red hearts
5 x RG680 old gold 6mm
3 x GL0468 red marl stars
1 x GL1187 Red 6mm bicone
JW124 0.8mm half hard wire
1 x FN065 7mm jumpring
4 x FN068 large oval jumprings
7 x FN016 gold headpins
15 x FN014 gold eyepins
20 x FN141 4mm gold jumprings
50cm x TG045 Red microfibre lace

First make the hangers.

These are cut from the 0.8mm half hard wire. The top hanger is slightly shorter than the bottom one.

(1) Cut two lengths of gold wire - one 20cm long and one =17cm long. Turn a loop in the centre of each of these pieces of wire and another at each end. In the longer piece turn another loop midway between the central loop and the end loop on each side.

(2) Thread one red heart onto a headpin, trim and loop. Thread one red oval onto an eyepin, trim and loop. Thread one gold round onto an eyepin, trim and loop. Thread one red star onto an eyepin, trim and loop. Now join these prepared links together using FN141 4mm jumprings in the order that you made them. Using another jumpring attach this linked strand to one end of the longer hanger made in (1). Repeat all of this step and attach to the other end of the long hanger.

(3) Onto a headpin thread one red oval bead, trim and loop. Onto an eyepin thread an emerald facet, trim and loop. Join these two links with 4mm gold jumprings. Make another linked strand the same and attach these strands to the mid-way loops on the longer hanger.

(4) Thread a gold bead onto a headpin, trim and loop. Onto an eyepin one tree bead, trim and loop. Onto an eyepin thread an emerald facet, trim and loop. Onto an eyepin thread a red bicone, trim and loop. Link these pieces together using 4mm jumprings in the order that you made them. Attach to the central loop on the long hanger with another 4mm jumpring.

(5) Thread a gold round onto a headpin, trim and loop. Thread a red oval onto an eyepin, trim and loop. Join these two links with a 4mm jumpring, and attach to one end of the shorter hanger with a further 4mm jumpring. Repeat at the other end.

(6) Open an oval jumpring and pick up the loop in the centre of the longer hanger. Slip in an eyepin and close the jumpring. Thread the last red star onto this eyepin. Trim and loop. Using another oval jumpring attach the top of this star link to the central loop on the short hanger.

(7) Onto the last eyepin thread the tree bead, trim and loop. Use the remaining oval jumpring to attach the bottom of this link to the top of the short hanger. Attach the 7mm round jumpring to the top of this final link and thread the red lace through this jumpring to hang the mobile up with.