



## Large Geranium Leaf Pendant

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### Supplies

The Basics	Clay/Metal	Tools	Finishing
Teflon Sheet	PMC3	Metal	Wire Brush
Brush & Water	Paste	Scissors	Tumbler/Shot
	20 gauge copper wire	PVSet Drill	Liver of Sulfur
	18 gauge copper sheet		



### Step-by-Step



- 1) Select your geranium leaf.
- 2) While it is still fresh, paint the back of the leaf with PMC3 Paste which has been thinned with water.
- 3) Let dry thoroughly.
- 4) Apply slightly thicker PMC3 Paste for the second and third coats. Let dry completely after each coat.
- 5) Apply seven or eight thick coats of Paste, drying completely between each coat.
- 6) Fire the leaf and let cool. Brush and tumble to polish.
- 7) Using metal scissors, cut the leaf and drill or punch small holes on both sides of the cut. With 20 gauge copper wire, lace the cut, loosely. Leave the ends on the top surface and coil.
- 8) Cut a piece of 18 gauge copper sheet into two rectangles. Fold in half and place on the top of the leaf. Punch a hole through the bails and leaf. Insert wire and twist around the bail. Coil the ends and decorate with beads.
- 9) Patina the edges of the leaf with liver of sulfur and allow it to blend into the veins.

## Variations

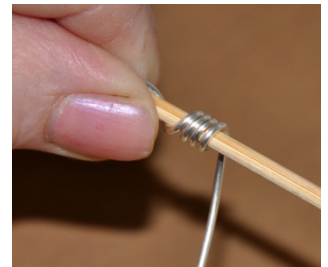
Our variation of Sharon's project feature a geranium leaf prepared in the same way with PMC3 Paste.



### Copper Neckwire Variation

1) Before firing we drilled two holes at the top of the leaf with drill from the PV Set.

2) After firing, we coiled a piece of 20 gauge fine silver wire to desired length (determined by size of leaf). A barbecue skewer was used for this size coil. Dip the coiled wire into liver of sulfur for a little color.



3) Beads were threaded on one of our new copper neckwires, followed by the silver coil and remaining beads. The leaf was attached with 22 gauge copper wire looped around the neckwire and then around itself to secure the leaf.

4) Coil the ends and decorate with beads where desired.

### Simple Rope Variation

1) We started with the same leaf preparation.

2) We made a simple loop bail with 1" of 16 ga. Sterling Silver Wire (SSWIRE16) and attached to the back of the leaf using BailBond (BLBND) and the Streuter Hot Air Gun. (HAGUN).

3) We threaded the bail with a simple black cord and secured the ends with a clasp.

