



Mobile Making Procedures *by Karen Rossi*

Materials:

- Found objects
- Wire (hangers)
- Beading wire
- Chine links
- S hooks
- Fishing Swivels
- Jump rings
- Pencil
- Papers
- Paints
- Anything else you desire

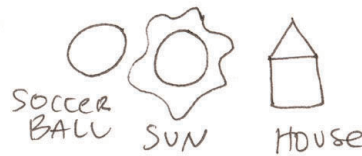
Tools:

- Pliers (needle nose and linesman)
- Files
- Scissors

Instructions:

1. Decide on a theme
 - You may want to start by making a list of items that the person you are making it for likes

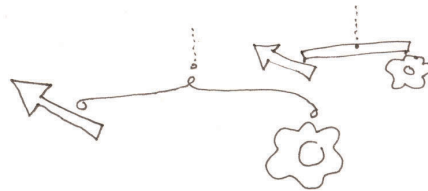
2. Draw simple shapes on paper (circle, square, triangle, etc.)
 - Create shapes based on theme from "simple shapes"



3. Collect "Found Objects"

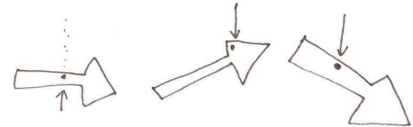
4. Trace patterns on specialty papers or construction paper and cut

5. Find balance points of shapes
 - Use your fingers or wire cutters to hand shape and find a balance point to hang shape in a direction desired



6. Attach shapes at either end of wire, fishing line, decorative sting or wood

- Attach shapes with hooks from link chain, S hooks, beading wire, or jump rings
- To bend a wire; first bend ends into loops and then attach shapes, find balance point of wire and mark
- Please note: the top loop must be formed upside down from mark
- Top loop or balance point must be higher than the weight of hanging shapes



7. Create several sections of mobiles and attach sections to each other, repeating balancing process in Step #5

8. Viola! A Mobile...top off with a swivel

9. Patina (available commercially through craft and jewelry stores or use layers of vinegar, salt and/or lemon with humidity) or leave natural if desired