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Peeps Zero Waste Garden Art

Springtime is upon us! For RAM, that means it's time for the *12th Annual International PEEPS Art Exhibition*. It also means that gardens are beginning to sprout and blossom. This project is a great way to add some extra decoration to your garden or yard while embracing zero waste art-making.



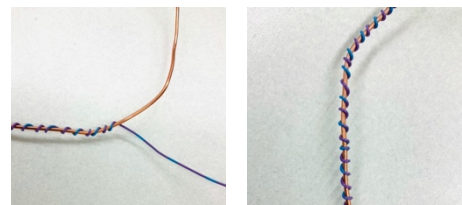
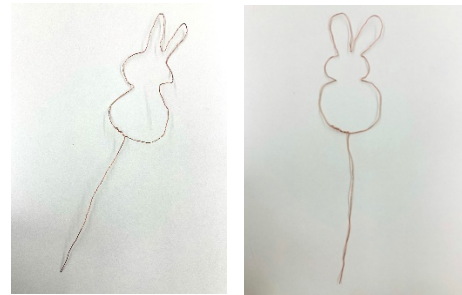
Supplies

- Found wire
- Pliers
- Wire cutter

Tip: Use wire that is easily bendable by hand but will hold a shape. We used reclaimed electrical wire, a thick copper wire, that we stripped. If you don't have copper wire on hand, use whatever you can find as long as you are able to bend it. Wire coat hangers are another great option!

Directions

1. Straighten out your wire, then begin shaping it with your hands and a pliers into a Peep shape. Make sure you create a long handle so that your garden art can be stuck into the ground. You don't have to make a Peep, you can choose to shape the wire however you'd like.
2. Once you have the general shape you want, begin to refine the shape by hand and with your pliers.
3. Wrap either a second type of wire, or more of the same wire, onto the refined shape. This creates an interesting texture, and if you have another type of wire, it will add a different color to your garden art. You can choose to do this all over your wire art, or in specific places.
4. Bring your creation outside and stick the handle, or stake, into the ground at the desired location. Enjoy your zero waste art!



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