



## Gamelan Ball Pendant

A Must Keep

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### Summary

This project is quite an advanced one, and is based around the gorgeous Gamelan balls. These are also known as harmony or dream balls, and are handmade in Bali in Indonesia. They are brass decorative balls with chimes inside that make a gorgeous delicate sound.

As they are unable to be fired, this project is about making them into a wearable piece of jewellery by making a gorgeous cage-like holder for them.

### Useful Tip

For step 1, make your mould 19mm for the smaller ball, and 24mm for the larger one.

When filling in your syringe work (step 5) try and make the syringe join itself and your flowers as much as possible. This is to reinforce your design and make it a much stronger piece. Try not to leave any large blank spaces, as these will be weak areas and might break.

### Materials

Moulding Compound  
Art Clay Syringe - 3 Tips

Art Clay Silver - 7gm  
Roller  
Spacers - 1mm  
Cutters/Straw  
Work Surface  
Anti-Stick Solution  
Craft Knife  
Sanding Pad  
Swivel Pin Vice  
Drill Bit - 1mm  
FS Wire - 0.8mm  
File  
Paint Brush  
Firing Method  
Fibre Shelf  
Art Clay Silver Paste  
Fibre Blanket



### Step 1

Using some moulding compound, make a half-sphere to use as a form (see sizes above). You could use a mould for this or just form it with your hands.



### Step 2

Using a syringe with no tip, extrude a line around the bottom of your form to make a frame. Join the ends with some water and a paint brush.



### Step 3

Roll out your clay 1mm thick. Using some cutters or a straw, cut out your desired shapes for decoration.



**Step 4**  
Arrange your shapes on your form.



**Step 5**  
Using a syringe with a grey nozzle, extrude in between your shapes, filling in all the gaps.

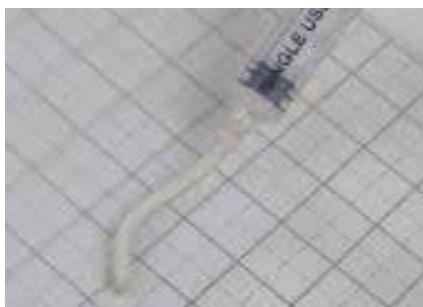


**Step 6**  
Make a bail using your syringe with a grey nozzle.

Repeat steps 1 to 6 for the other half of your pendant.



**Step 7**  
Cut approximately 4mm off the tip of an empty syringe using a craft knife.



**Step 8**  
Put approximately 1gm of clay into the empty syringe, and extrude a clay rope.



**Step 9**  
Cut the rope into 3 pieces, each measuring approximately 5mm in length.



**Step 10**  
Smooth the surface of the rope with a sanding pad and then drill a hole through the centre with a 1mm drill bit.



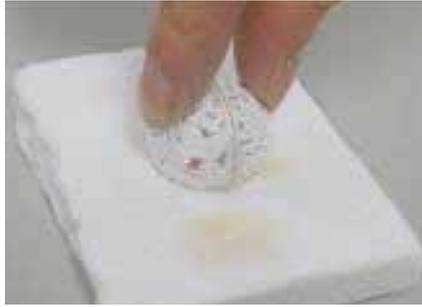
**Step 11**  
Sand the lengths of your three pieces of rope. You want all three together to be around 1cm in length.



**Step 12**  
Cut a piece of fine silver 0.8mm wire into a centimetre length, and rough up the edges with a file (this is just to make a better surface to surface contact when joining).

**Step 13**

Thread the wire through your three pieces of dried rope, and secure the two ends with some paste or syringe.

**Step 14**

Assemble your two half-spheres on a fibre shelf like above, make sure the bails are at the top. Fire this along with the hinge separately in a kiln at 800°C for 5 minutes.

**Step 15**

Once fired, support your piece on its side using some fibre blanket.

**Step 16**

Attach the hinge to your piece. Secure the middle part onto one half-sphere, and the other two on the other half-sphere. Re-fire and finish, and your ready to wear.

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