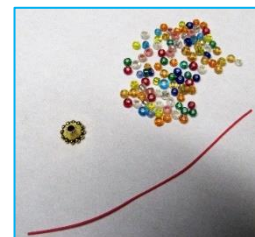




Wonky Floor Lamp
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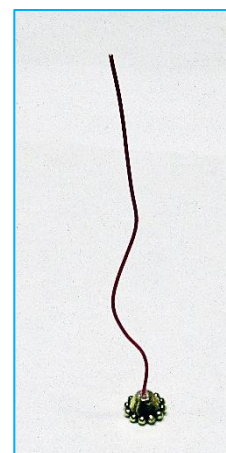
Supplies: A finding or bead for the base, seed beads, a small dab of air dry or polymer clay, and a 2" or so length of wire that's thin enough to thread the seed beads. Think floral, jewelry or electrical wire - the piece shown was snipped from a LED light.



Floor lamps vary in size. The sample to the left is just a visual aid, not specific to this project. It's just over 5 feet tall, so I'm trying for a lamp that's around 1 ½"

1. Use a bit of glue to hold your clay inside your base. Dip the wire in glue and insert it in the clay. If it's air dry clay let it dry, or bake it if it's polymer clay. When it's dry, you might need to sand the bottom a bit to make it stand level.

2. Do you want a curved/wonky lamp? If so, bend the wire a bit. Glue the first bead and let it dry. Then continue adding beads. I did a dot of glue every 4-5 beads. These are all blue, but mix and match would be fun. Don't cut the wire yet!



3. If you have a shade or a finding you want to use for a shade, good for you. If not, below is a method for making shades.

4. Thread the square with the hole onto wire and use a bead to secure it. Snip off the excess wire. Then add a bead of glue around the edge of the square and add the shade.

LAMPSHADES - PRINT ON CARDSTOCK

Glue one of the squares onto a scrap of cardstock and let dry. Then poke a hole in the center of the square, just large enough to thread your wire. Cut away the excess cardstock.

Use a small stylus or the back of your knife to score the fold lines on the shade. Then use your knife to cut away the inner area of the shade. Next, cut the edges of the shade (ignore those little notches at the edges of the fold lines). Crease and fold the scored lines. The flap is the smaller section at the top - glue it under the next section of the shade, keeping the lines straight.



When dry, you can massage the shade into shape and cut off any little pieces that stick out. Optional: for stability, paint the shade with a layer of glue. Paint the shade whatever color you want. Tip: To make painting easier, suspend the shade on the end of a paintbrush.

