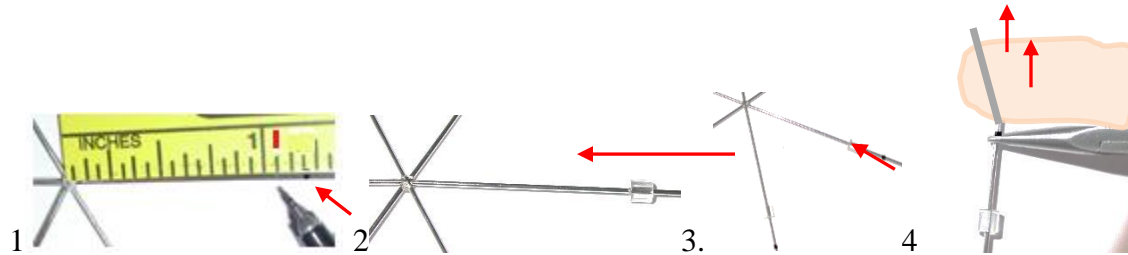


Votive assembly **WITHOUT EYE PINS**

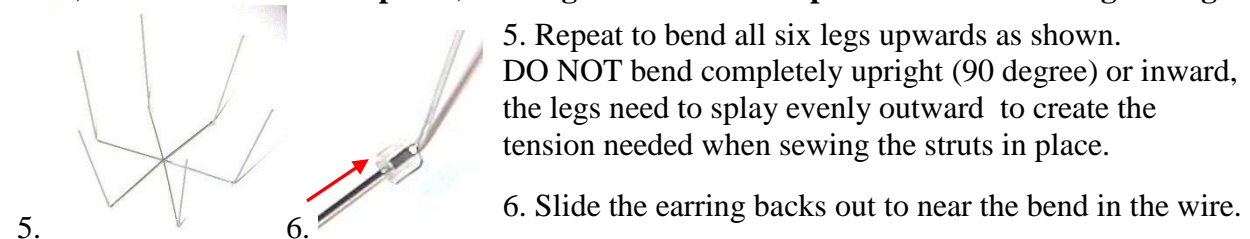
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For those who dislike curling wire loops Maureen shared that it is possible to assemble the votive frame without eye pins! The resulting structure is not quite as rigid or sturdy but just as pretty. This is my take on Maureen's description; please direct questions to me: beadpatterns@aol.com Complete the Beadwork for the votive as per original instructions adding the size 8 seed bead columns and stitching beadwork into a tube. (step #1 through step #14)

Prepare Frame using wire "snowflake" frame, 6 clear earring backs, marker, ruler & flat nose pliers. **Measure the "legs" to be sure each is 3" long from center.**

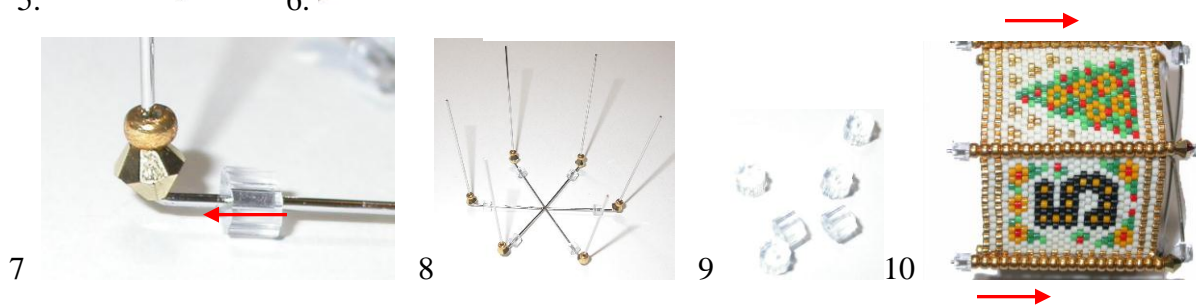


1. Carefully measure 1&1/16" (27 mm) from center out onto each of six wire legs and mark with fine line marker.
- 2 & 3 Slide one clear earring back onto each wire leg and push toward center past the marks.
4. Hold wire frame flat-ish on table, grasp one wire with pliers just inside (closer to center) of the mark, **hold wire down with pliers, use finger to bend wire upwards to 100-110 degree angle.**



5. Repeat to bend all six legs upwards as shown. **DO NOT** bend completely upright (90 degree) or inward, the legs need to splay evenly outward to create the tension needed when sewing the struts in place.

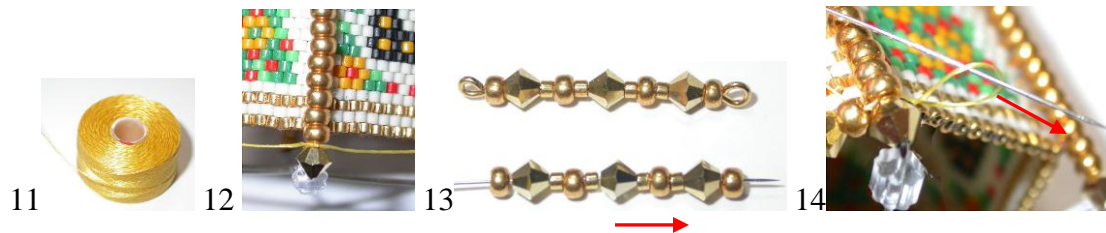
6. Slide the earring backs out to near the bend in the wire.



- 7 & 8 Position all the clear earring backs at the bends in the wire base. Slip 1 Gold bicone and one size 8 seed bead onto each of the wire frame legs (seed beads seem to come "fatter" and "thinner" - choose the "thinner" ones here) position them to sit on top of the bend.

9. Gather an extra 6 earring backs and 6 additional "thinner" size 8 gold seed beads.

10. Slide the wire legs into the seed bead columns on the beadwork (this still takes patience). When nearing the top of the wire as you insert into the columns you can "lock" each wire leg in the seed bead column by placing one gold size 8 seed bead and an earring back on the wire top when it pokes out as you work your way around the beadwork.



Bottom Round of struts:

11. Use gold color nymo or c-lon or s-lon or similar thread.

12. Cut 24" of thread, tie one end onto one of the wire legs above the bicone and below the seed bead using a square or surgeons knot.

13. Add a needle and string the strut beads onto the needle in the same order as onto an eye pin.

14. Wrap thread around the next leg to the right, again above the bicone and below the seed bead. Pull the thread tightly and wrap around wire leg again in the same place but this time pass needle through the loop of thread to make a half hitch knot before drawing wrap tight. Hold the 2nd column/wire leg securely and pull thread to snug the newly added beads between the wires. Continue around the votive adding the strut beads between sections. When all six bottom strut sections are added you can pass through all the strut beads a second time moving in a circle around the votive (this is a great way to tighten up any loose or sagging beads). Tie off to a wire securely. Hide the tail threads inside beads and trim.



Top Round of struts:

15. Tie a new thread onto a wire leg above the seed bead and below the top earring back. Repeat stringing the strut beads and passing around the votive, knotting to each wire as you progress. Be sure to draw these threads securely and knot between sections to bring the wire legs into 90 degree angles to keep the strut threads under tension.

16. When all six top struts have been added pass through the strut beads again moving in a circle and tighten any sagging or loose strut beads. Tie off securely and pass tails into beads and trim.

17. Use e-6000 or similar glue to secure each top bicone one at a time. Carefully twist off the earring back on top of a wire. Add glue to the exposed wire. Position bicone on wire/glue. Use tip of pliers to press down firmly to hold bicone in place a moment while the glue sets. When glue dries completely in a few hours trim the wire flush to the top of the bicone if needed.

Place battery votive light inside and enjoy! I like a lower profile (shorter sides) votive light with a white flame.

NOTE: Do not burn a real candle inside beaded votive