

MAIL A MINI MOBILE

This anti e-mail surprise is a fun way to harvest bits of imagery from your scrap fabrics, drop cloths, and masking papers. I wanted to make sure it could be mailed, so I started with the envelope and designed the mobile to fit inside it. Be sure to write the words “Hand Cancel” on the envelope so it doesn’t get mangled in a mail-processing machine. Better yet, take it to the post office counter since it might take an extra stamp or two in postage.





YOU WILL NEED:

Scissors

Scraps from printing: drop cloths, scrap fabrics, and masking papers

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Sewable, lightweight iron-on, paper-backed adhesive

About 2 feet (.6 m) of red cord (cut from the spool in the cord and ribbon section at the fabric store)

Needle-nose pliers

Copper wire

Iron and ironing board

Kraft paper

Sewing machine with universal needle

Sewing thread in accent color

6 x 9-inch (15.2 x 22.9 cm) manila envelope for mailing

Scotch tape

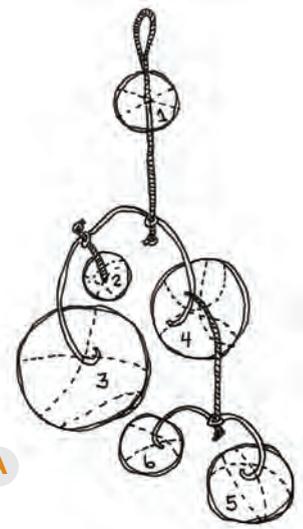
INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1 Cut out your favorite print scraps and arrange them back-to-back in five pairs according to the templates. On the back of one of the circles in each pair, attach paper-backed adhesive and peel off the adhesive's backing paper. Cut and knot the red cord according to the illustration. **A** Use the needle-nose pliers to cut

and loop the wire and pull the untied ends of the cord through the loops to the knots.

- 2 Sandwich the copper between the circles (see below). Iron them between scrap kraft paper to adhere all layers in place.

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- 3 Carefully stitch over the circles to better secure the layers. I recommend slowly moving the needle with the hand wheel as you pass over the copper wire to avoid hitting it and breaking a needle. Trim the sewing threads.
- 4 Artfully arrange and glue a few decorative scrap printing pieces on the envelope and mail it to your lucky recipient!



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