

SAINT LOUIS ART MUSEUM

Art Quest: Wearable Treasures

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The works of wearable art linked above feature animals or creatures. Explore wearable objects from the Museum's collection that were made centuries ago, and then make your own pendant inspired by your favorite creature.

Creature Pendants



Suggested materials

Thick paper or cardboard, white paper, glue or tape, scissors, aluminum foil, pen, pencil, and string or yarn.

Instructions for making your own creature pendant

Take a small piece of white paper that is between four and six inches wide and long. Sketch an outline of your creature on the paper, and fill in all the details you would like to add.

Take a piece of aluminum foil that is at least 12 inches long. Make hamburger folds at four and then at eight inches to form a trifold or threefold. Now you should have a piece of aluminum foil roughly four by six inches in size that is three layers thick.

Place the animal drawing on top of the aluminum foil. It will be helpful to have a pad of paper or a magazine underneath the foil. The cushioning will allow for all your details to show.

Trace your animal using a dull pencil or pen, gently pushing down on the piece of paper and foil as you trace.

When you are finished tracing, remove the piece of paper and turn over the foil to see your creature.

If you would like to wear your repoussé creature as a pendant, punch a hole in the top center of your finished work. Cut a piece of yarn or string and thread it through the hole and tie the ends.

Your artwork is now ready to be worn as a pendant.

