

# Week Four: Beaded Wire Sculpture

Inspired by Dale Chihuly



Dale Chihuly (American, b.1941)  
Gilded Silver and Aquamarine Chandelier with Putti,  
2000.  
Glass. 94 x 84 inches.  
Gund Gallery Collection, gift of Mr. and Mrs. Graham Gund '63 H'81,  
2015.2.6.

One of Dale Chihuly's works, Gilded Silver and Aquamarine Chandelier with Putti, part of the Gund Gallery's collection of public art, is on view in Storer Hall on campus. This sculpture hangs from the ceiling and is a collection of colored glass that spirals from its center in fun and unique ways.

## Instructions

With reference to this work, today, instead of molten glass, we will be molding pipe cleaners into abstract sculptures! Like Chihuly, we will bring in color, decorating the pipe cleaners with colorful beads.

### You will need:

- Pipe cleaners
- Beads
- Yarn



Art critics know a lot about art, and it's their job to analyze a piece of artwork. Try being an art critic and fill in the blanks below:

When I look at the artwork, I see:

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The elements and colors that stand out are:

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1. Think about the location you want your sculpture to be displayed. What are the colors in the room? What is the overall feeling of the space? You could display the piece on a base, but why not hang the sculpture using yarn? Would it look best in a window?
2. Start by pushing beads onto the pipe cleaners. Experiment with your colors and patterns!
3. Tie yarn to the sculpture. Can you make it balance?
4. Bend the wires into any shape or design that you want! Think about how it looks from every side.