

SUSANNAH HEBERT - MARBLE MOBILES

Mobiles are beautiful art pieces that hang and move in the air, giving the viewer a beautiful piece of moving poetry. Mobiles can even assist with meditation and relaxation as you watch their calm movements.

Today, I will demonstrate how I make Marble mobiles. As a long time calligrapher, I love the beautiful, graceful, lines and flourishes created with a pen stroke. I attempt to create these same lines with the bends and loops I make with my wire. Marbles, glass, beads, and even paper are used to add more dimension and interest.

I use various round items to make my wire flourish; I use 36" aluminum wire rods and wind them around rolling pins and PVC of all sizes. Any round object that you can easily handle will serve this purpose. I use dowels to create tighter curls to nest various sizes of marbles in the design. For more complicated mobiles, I have added beads, glass (holes drilled with a dremel tool using a diamond bit in a water bath), and decorated papers on heavy board. The sky's the limit, and each mobile is original with its own personality.

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