Domino Keychain instructions, by Lisa McKew
Lmscraps@aol.com

Supplies:

1 domino
Dremel tool
5/64" or 3 3/2" drill bit (you may want to have a few on hand in case it breaks!)
20 gauge wire (12" is more than enough to work with)
assorted beads
sandpaper
Staz-On ink pad in black
heat gun
safety glasses
dust mask
ruler
pencil
rubber stamp(s)
water-based markers such as Tombow, Marvy, etc.
Krylon gold-leaf pen
Krylon spray matte or glossy sealer
split-ring key ring (usually found in the bead or leather dept of craft store)
wire cutters
round nose pliers
needle-nose pliers
hanging charm

1. Mark the center of your domino both at the top & bottom. Start drilling very carefully, just starting the hole at first, then proceeding when it drills without slipping. Start drilling, alternating ends from which you drill. Take your time. The drill bit will get very hot and you need to do a small amount at a time. Do not apply heavy pressure to the drill; let the drill do the work for you.

2. Continue drilling until your holes meet up at the center. If your holes don't seem to be meeting up in the center (you can test w/a piece of wire), use a slightly larger drill bit & drill through the whole thing again.

3. Lightly sand the surface of your domino just to take off the shine. Stamp your domino with desired stamp inked with Staz-On ink. You can use a stamp approximately the size of your domino or use part of a larger image. (Hint: Make a template for viewing portions of images by cutting a rectangle the size of your domino in a piece of cardstock.) Allow to dry completely. You can speed up the drying and set the ink w/your heat gun.

4. Color in your image as desired using the water-based markers. If your coloring looks streaky, you can smudge the ink with your finger for a softer look. Allow to dry completely. Set with heat gun if desired.

5. Color edges and back of your domino with the Krylon gold-leaf pen. Allow to dry completely.

6. Seal the entire piece with Krylon spray sealer. Allow to dry.

7. Determine the order you wish to string the beads and domino. Lay out your design. Working from the bottom of your keychain: With the needle-nosed pliers, bend the wire at a 90º angle about 3" from the end. Then, with round-nosed pliers, make a small loop, crossing over the bend (fig. 1). Thread your charm onto the loop. Holding the loop in one hand with the needle-nosed pliers, wrap the wire "tail" around about 3 times with your other hand, taking care to keep the coils close together (fig. 2). Cut off any excess wire with the wire cutters.

8. Thread on remaining beads and domino in desired order, repeating the loop at the top for the key ring. Make sure you leave some slack in the beading so you have room to coil the top wire.

Detail of loop after crossing over 90º angle. The angle turns into more of a 45º angle after crossing over.

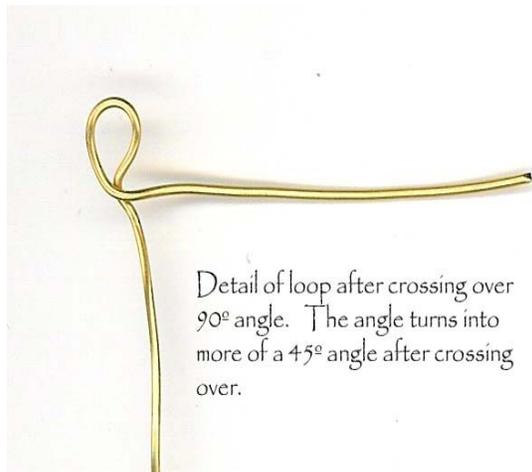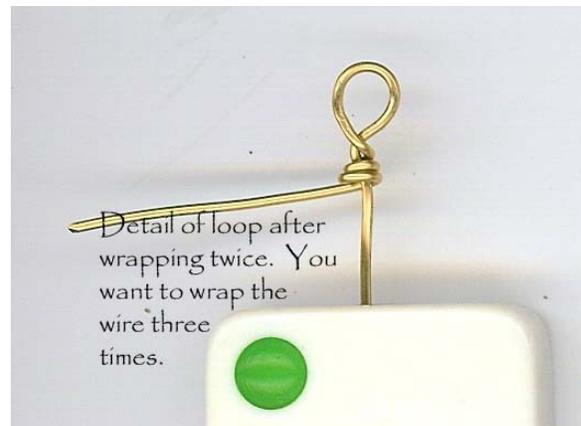Detail of loop after wrapping twice. You want to wrap the wire three times.

Fig. 1 (put your charm on at this point!)

Fig. 2