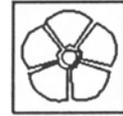


# Kitchen Utensil Hanger by Steve Bloom



Once you get done making your wife (or significant other) those ladles, spoons, and forks that you've been promising, there has to be some place to hang them (because if you make them as long as I do, they won't fit in a drawer!).

The following project uses standard techniques and is infinitely variable.

Start with 14" of 3/4"x3/16" flat stock. Form a centered point (Fig.1) and using a spring fuller, notch the stock 1.5" from the point. Smoothly taper back from the notch (Fig.3) and spread the end into a flame finial (Fig.4). Now is a good time to even the edges of the finial with a file and to correct any problems with the taper. Heat the stem of the finial and bend the finial through a 90 degree arc (Fig.5).

Quenching the finial before bending will help prevent distorting the finial. Repeat Steps 1 through 5 on the other end of the stock. Heat the stem of a finial, clamp it horizontally in your vise so that the connecting stock is perpendicular to the jaws, form a right-angle bend as close to the finial as possible, and then flatten the finial to the connecting stock (Fig.6). Repeat on the other end with the folds on the same side. Locate the mid-point of the stock and file a 3/4"x3/16" notch into its upper edge. File an identical notch 3" to either side of the center notch (Fig.7). Evenly heat the tapered section and swing the finial around behind the connecting stock so that the finial is the rearmost part (Fig.7). Punch screw holes into the center of the finials.

The hooks are made from the same flat stock (3" for the laterals and 4" for the center). Fuller a notch 1" from an end (Fig.8), draw the remainder into a 3/8" wide stem (Fig.9), and in the vise, bend back the last 1/4" into a right-angle (Fig.10). Form a small finial on the end of the stem and form a hook (Fig.11). Drill rivet holes in the body of the hook. Place each hook in the appropriate notch, mark the connecting stock through the rivet hole, drill those holes & rivet the hooks into place (Fig.12). Finish the surface in whatever fashion pleases you. In any event, it does look better than bent 16d



Fig.1



Fig.2



Fig.3



Fig.4



Fig.5



Fig.6

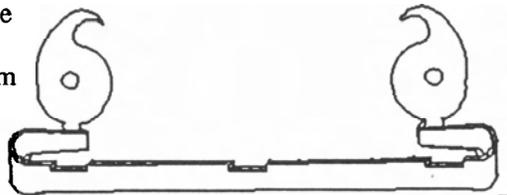


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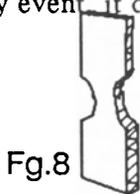


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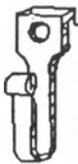


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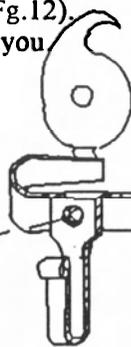


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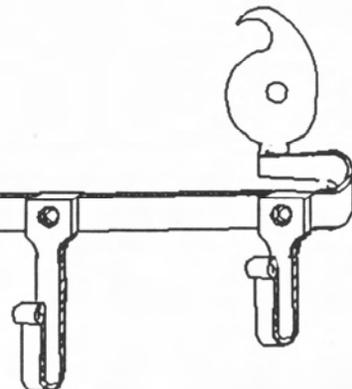


Fig.12

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