

Forging a Christmas tree Christmas Ornament



Using a bar of 3/16 x 1 inch taper the end. I do not bring it to too much of a point as I want to drill a hole at the top.

Use your cross peen to fuller about three inches of the bar.



Using a spring fuller or a guillotine tool fuller the tree at about 3 inches. The one in the image is a bit long. It can be fixed by cutting or filing a new pointed end.

Lay out then cold cut your chisel marks. You may need to experiment to determine what is pleasing to your eye.





Then using a treadle hammer, a helper or a hold down hot cut the branches. You can leave them deep as illustrated or cut through it is a matter of personal preference .

Then lay out, mark and drill your holes. For this tree I used a 1/8 copper rivet for the star and drilled holes for the copper wire I used for a garland. The next step is to reheat the tree and use a swage block to shape it.



Then give it a final cleaning, if you are going to color it either by paint or Gilders paste do it now.



The final step is to rivet in your ornaments. I borrowed an asterisk punch for the star or you could use chisel to cut a design into it. More rivets could be used for ornaments in place of or with the garland.

