

Consistent Skewers



Start by cutting either 14 3/8 inch lengths of 3/16 square rod. (This equates to 10 pieces from a 12 foot length) or 15 inches of 3/16 round rod. Taper and scroll the end. Depending on your jig you may want to taper the square a bit more then the round to give you more room. See step 3.

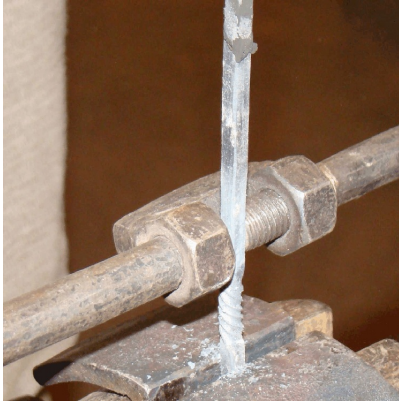
Taper the other end of the skewer.



The jig is made around 1 inch OD pipe welded to an angle. A short stub is placed about 7 O'clock. Heat a little over 3 inches of your skewer. Catch the scroll behind the stub, pull outward as you wrap the skewer around the pipe. When you clear the second hole (about 5 O'clock) insert the taller stub and bend the skewer back on it.

The twisting jig is designed to use in a vise, the spring holds the mouth open. Dropping the skewer until it touches the bottom of the tool allows for a consistent placement of the twists. Heat your skewer above the loop, using care not to burn it.





The number of twists is up to you start with at least one but no more than two.

See if your skewer is straight. You can use a wooden mallet on a block to straighten it or put it in a vise on the diamond and tighten the vise.



Finally clean it off, then wax or cooking oil it. If it is a gift and you don't know for sure do not use peanut or any other nut oil because of allergies, After it is oiled you can bake it in an oven to harden the finish.

