



COPPER BANDS

Getting Started...

Jewelry has always been a luxury that humans collected. The earliest peoples used jewelry. They gathered stones, shells and bones. The earliest metals to be used is thought to be copper.

Copper bands and copper jewelry are a popular product of the "Celt" theme as it is so easy to use. However, because copper is so easy to work with it has so many uses. Like copper plating to protect wood.

Plan

- As part of a planning exercise bring along some copper to show the six how light a metal copper is
- Give the six a chance to bend and shape the copper
- Talk about what could be done with the copper
- Let the Cub Scouts come up with suggestions

Do

- Depending on what the six came up with will dictate what form the copper comes in.
- It is very easy to make woggles from copper piping but then again it is also easy to make copper bands from sheets of copper.
- These can be easily cut to the size needed.
- Then try etching a name or initials on to the copper.

Review

- Gather the six and have a look at what each person made
- Ask each Cub Scout to say what they etched and what they thought of it
- Also find out what they could do in future to make things different

Resources:

- Sheet of copper/ copper piping hacksaw blade (use with adult supervision)

Top tips:

- Try to make copper bands to protect the sisal on an altar fire

