

MAKING A WIRE TOASTER

You will need:

- 2 wire coat hangers, unpainted
- 3 inches of thin wire, such as picture-hanging wire
- 1/2 sheet of newspaper
- masking or plastic tape (not scotch tape)
- wire cutters

Cut the hook off both hangers, right below the twisted part. Straighten each wire into a long rod. (1)
 Take hold of the rod with both hands, about 1/3 of the way from one end, and make a right-angle bend. (2)
 About 2 1/2 inches up from the bend make another bend. (3) It doesn't matter if your corners are somewhat round. Make three more bends, keeping the wire as flat as you can. (4, 5, 6)
 Bend the other coat hanger the same way. Make them as alike and flat as possible. Lay them on a table or other flat surface to check. Smooth out the whole wire with your fingers.
 Put one wire on top of the other, with the bent ends pointing in the same direction. Fasten them together at the straight end by winding tape around them for about 6 inches. (7) Make a heat proof handle by folding the newspaper and wrapping it around the taped part of the wire. (8) Cover the paper with more tape. Make it tight and smooth so the handle won't slip. (9)
 Check that the bent wires are not tangled together. Shape them until they stay apart. Wrap a piece of thin wire in a ring around both coat-hanger wires, right below the first bend. (10) Don't wrap too tightly, it needs to slide up and down the wire. When you slide the twisted wire ring down towards the handle, the bent ends of the toaster will come apart so you can slip food in between them.
 Even children can use this cooking method. Make one for each family member. You can use it camping, at the park, or even in the fireplace at home.

