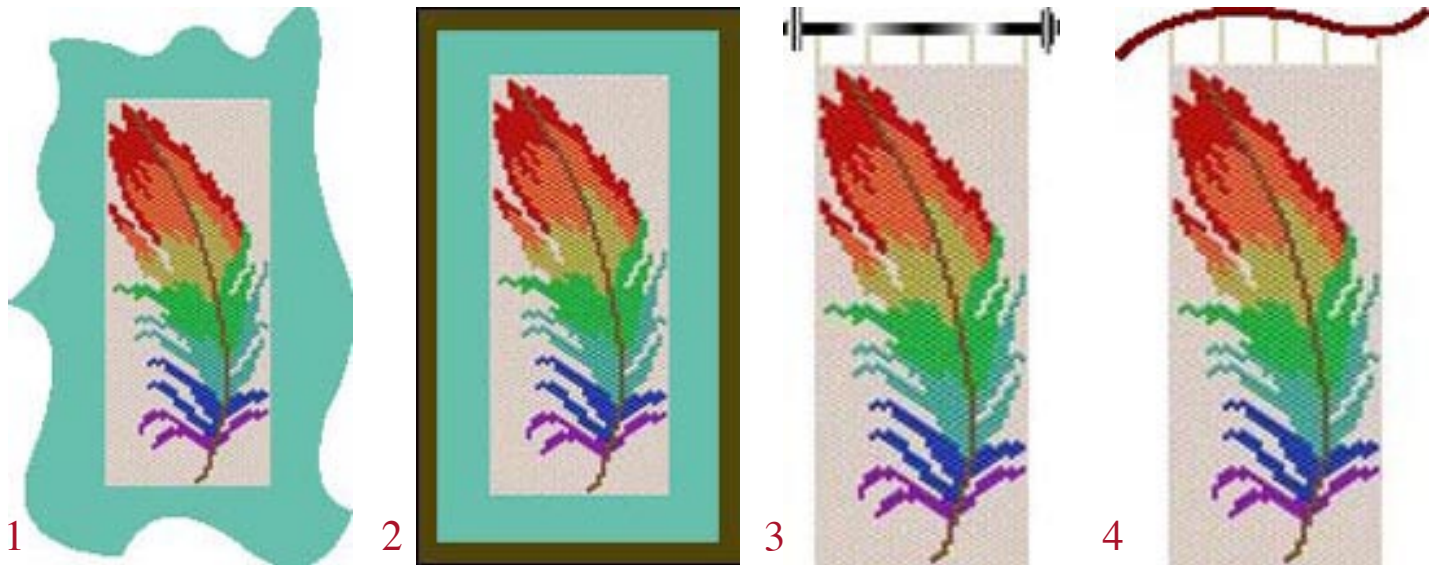


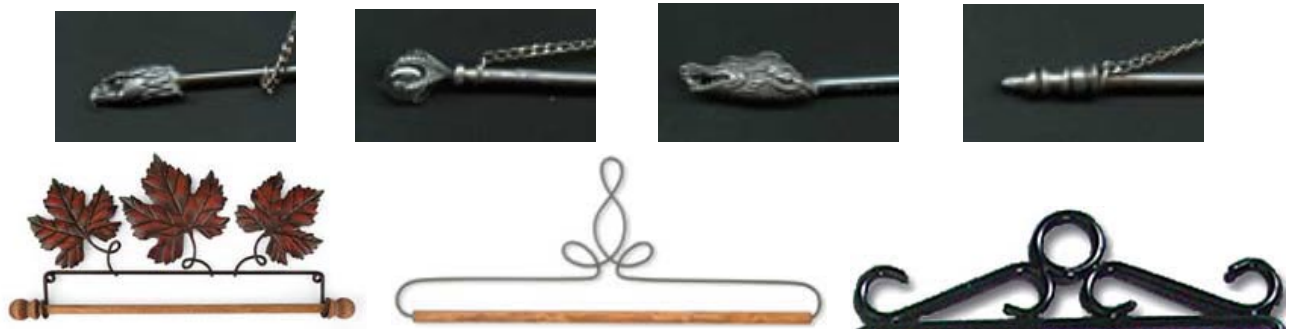
## How to display wall hangings and mini-tapestries!

Here are some suggestions to get your imagination working. Some of these drawings may be rather clumsy but they aren't meant to be high art, just good enough to give you some ideas.



#1 Beadwork stitched to a piece of leather. #2 Beadwork framed with a mat. #3. Beadwork hanging from a rod. #4. Beadwork hanging from a branch.

**HANGERS** I did a Google search for the following things and found that a rod by any other name will do to hang your beadwork: Quilt & Needlework Hangers, Needlepoint Hangers, Bell Pull Hangers, Craft Hangers and Mini Tapestry Rods. You'll find all manner of hangers. Some are elegant straight rods with decorative finials and some are just plain goofy! Here are a few I found.



**TABS** Add evenly spaced tabs to the top of your beadwork. The wider the piece the more tabs you will need in order to keep the piece from drooping. You can also sew rings to the top of your piece if you don't like the look of tabs. Yes, you're right loops of strung beads will work too. Slip the tabs, rings or loops over the rod you have bought or made.



I decided that a do-it-yourself rod would be pretty and inexpensive. The craft or hardware store should have everything you need. You can find metal tubing in various shades or you can use small diameter dowel rods. You can stain the wood or spray paint both the wood and metal. The finials shown in the illustrations below are upholstery tacks. These are like thumb tacks but larger. Use E-6000 to glue the first tack in place. If you are using a chain put the first end on the rod. Slip the beadwork tabs, rings or loops on the rod. Put the second chain end on the rod. Glue the second tack in place. When the glue is dry hang the piece on the wall and admire your

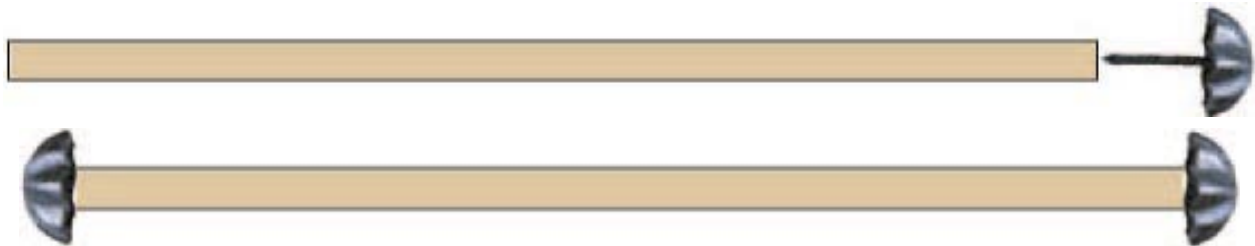


You may have to cut the metal tube to the proper length. This can be done with a jeweler's saw or with a "mini tube cutter". I found these on the internet ranging in price from \$4.00 to \$7.00.

Dowel rods are easy to cut but you will need to sand the ends. If you smile sweetly at the man in the hardware store he may cut them for you. Been there, done that!



Metal Tube



Dowel Rod



Sandblasted Manzanita branches make beautiful hangers. Most craft stores sell the branches. As you can see from the photo on the right you can make a lot of hangers from one branch.



I used a natural branch for this hanger.

As I was searching for hangers I found some interesting items on Erica's Craft & Sewing Center web site. These are mini-quilt stands that sit on a table. They should work for beads if the size is right. You can check them out here:

<http://www.ericas.com/quilting/tools/hangers.htm>

