

Hand-Forged “J” Hook

This is a hook for hanging stuff on. You could even make 4 of them and attach them to a wooden board for a nice rustic coat hook.

One end is flattened with a hole drilled for mounting, and the other end is curled over and curved for hanging.

1. Start with a length of round or square steel. The diameter is up to you. 1/4” is a good starting point. Thicker diameter steel will produce a larger/stronger hook.

2. Heat one end and hammer it to a point.

3. Curl the point over using pliers or gently hammer it over on the anvil.

4. Once the end is curled, heat the section of steel that will become the hook. Round it over on the “horn” of the anvil, making sure that the curled part is on the outside of the hook. (If it is on the inside it will catch on whatever you hang)

5. Once you have bent the hook, cool the piece and then take it to the bandsaw for cutting. Cut the hook to the length you need it to be.

6. Clamp your hook in a pair of vise-grips so you can safely heat and hammer the end flat. Once you have flattened the end, use the drill press to drill a hole for mounting.

7. Use the wire wheel to clean up the hook.



Heat and bend the tip into a tight curl.



After bending J and cutting to length, flatten end.



Drill a mounting hole using the drill press.



A completed “J” hook.