

Wing Tutorial!

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Due to popular demand, here is the tutorial for the **"Green Tea Party" Wings** that I put together for the HGTV website to correspond with my demo segments. Enjoy, and keep in mind that these steps are very simple and can be done by absolutely anyone and with infinite variety - it's all in the decoration that makes these so magical!!!

"Green Tea Party" Wings



MATERIALS:

Heavy-gauge wire, 2 pairs nylon knee-high stockings, assorted acrylic paints, flat-back crystals, assorted glitter, artificial flowers & foliage, decorative butterflies, assorted ribbons, assorted beads, fabric glue, electrical tape, invisible fabric pen, thread, needle, beading thread, hot glue gun, assorted artist paint brushes, tweezers, wire cutter

STEPS:

1. Cutting a four-foot length of wire, take one end and begin bending it into your upper wing shape, leaving three inches of the wire free at the beginning and the end of the shape.
2. Wrap the three inch pieces at the beginning and end of your wing shape with electrical tape to close the shape off.
3. Repeat steps one and two for opposite upper wing shape and both lower wing shapes, making the lower shapes slightly smaller.
4. Using one stocking for each wing shape, slide the stocking over the wire frame and wrap extra fabric around the wing base, taping the ends in place.
5. After all four wing frames are covered with stockings, go back over each wing and, with a needle and thread in a corresponding color, hand-stitch the nylon to the wire in any place where the natural stretchiness of the nylon causes it to pull away. This will insure that your fabric follows the design of your wire frame exactly.
6. Draw a design on each wing with invisible fabric pen.
7. Light an incense stick, and use the tip to singe small holes in the stockings wherever you'd like for a decorative, moth-eaten look.
8. Begin painting in your penned design with acrylic paints.
9. While paint is still wet, cover desired areas with glitter and shake excess off on a piece of newspaper.
10. Using tweezers to pick up crystals, use a dot of fabric glue to adhere each crystal to your wings for extra sparkle.
11. Wrap electrical tape around the four-inch wing centers to connect the upper and lower wings together, creating a four-wing wire frame. You can now curve the wings into a more natural shape if desired.
12. Wrap a wide ribbon around the base to cover it neatly, securing ends with hot glue.
13. Cut four lengths of ribbon about two feet each and sew two ribbons to the top insides of the upper wings, then sew the other two ribbons to the bottoms of the lower wings, leaving the ribbons hanging loosely.
14. Hot-glue an assortment of artificial flowers and foliage to your wing base.
15. Using beading needle and beading thread, string several inches of beads and stitch to bottoms of lower wings, creating a draped strand of beads. Repeat for two strands of beads if desired.

16. Hot-glue decorative butterflies to the wing base for the final touch.
17. Using the ribbon ties, tie wings onto your back wrapping the ribbons around your shoulders and tying in a bow at the front.

Please post pics of your creations!!!