

Group Doll Wings

Forest Fae

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I had LOTS of fun experimenting with this one!

We'll do the armature first here – and then I'll go into what I did with it. – Being experimental (I made SEVERAL wings before I was happy with what I had) this tutorial isn't going to be as 'smooth' as it could be? **Grin** –

For the Armature you'll need:

20 gauge wire

Wire Cutters

Thin needle nose pliers

Patience

For the Wing Material you'll need:

Finished Armature

Cellophane: clear or colored, whatever matches your doll

Gallery Glass Any number of colors, I used three

Candle

This is what we'll use....



This is (about) where we're going:

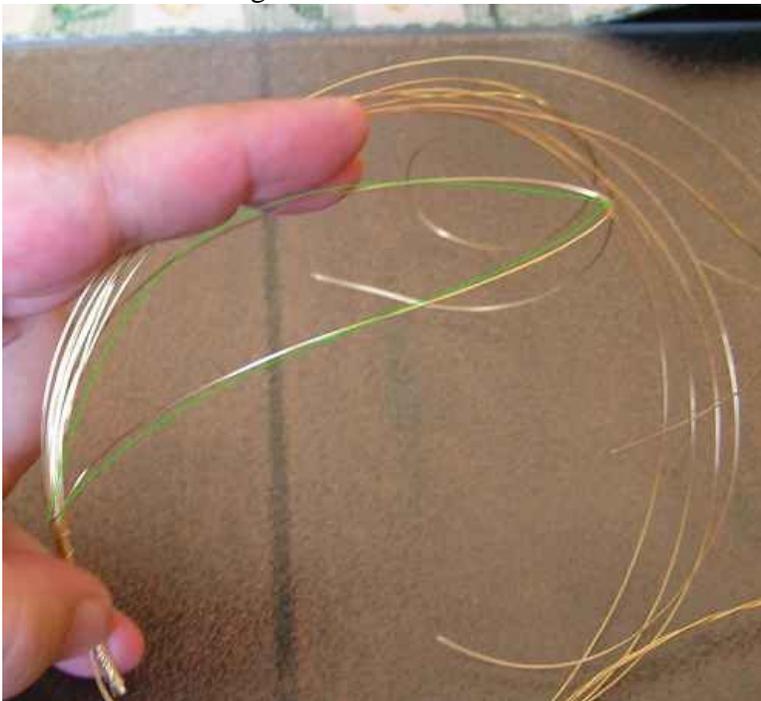


SO – Using your wire cutters (or a strong pair of scissors, doesn't matter) cut 9 pieces of wire. The first four pieces should be about 15" long, then drop the lengths down about 2" per cut... ie. 15", 13", 11" – yadda. The last piece only needs to be 3" or so.

Line up the ends and using your pliers twist them firmly together.



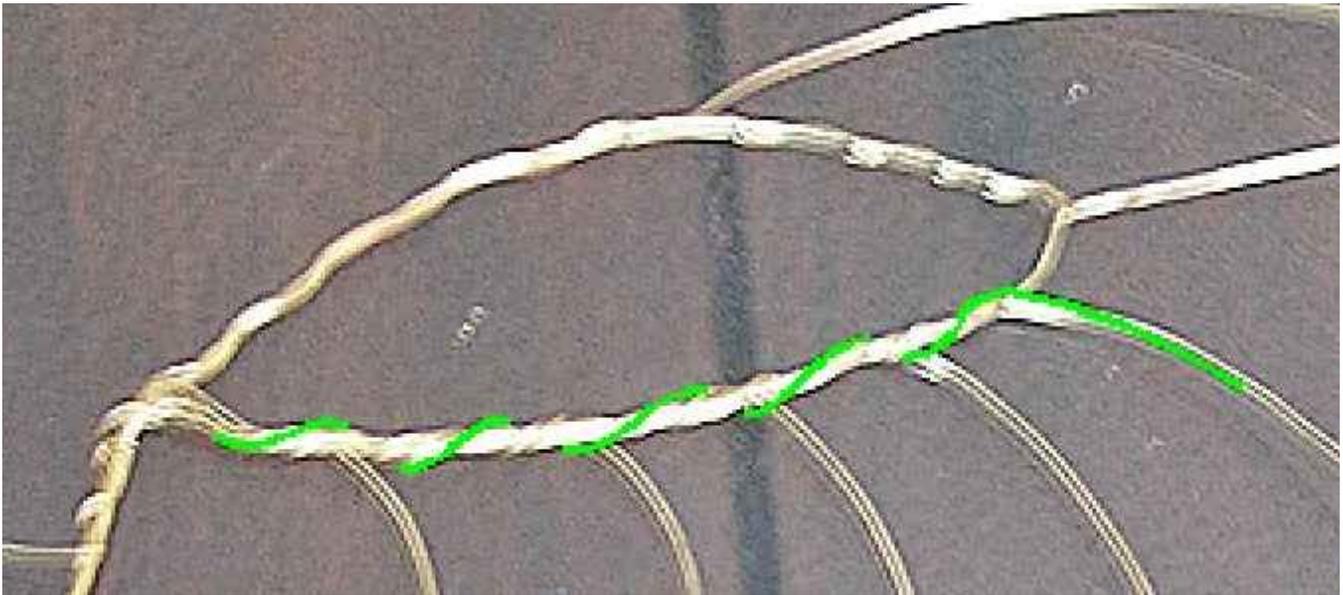
Form one of the longest wires into a loop and attach (wrap the loose end) it to the base where all the wires are twisted together



Separate your wires, with the two longest on 'top' and the others to the 'bottom'



Start twisting! *grin* ok, that was bad, but it's hard to describe? Look at the pic and I'll give it a shot below:



Starting with your longest wires, wrap the loose wire around your loop, keep wrapping until you get to where you want your vein to branch off. Moving from longest to shortest, keep doing it?

When you're done, it'll look something like this:



yes, yes, I know, it looks like a bizarre lobster.... Have patience? **Grin**

From here you can

EITHER - Trim the wires off and flatten the wing out, giving you something like this: (this one needs a LOT more trimming, but I wanted excess so I could tape the edges down)



OR – Starting at the outer tip of the wing, wrap the loose ends of the wires over and around each other until they meet back at the original twist (GAH, I’m no good at words?) – eh – like this:



I found that one to be a tad heavy, but I really liked the way it looked? – it would be great to support a heavier material (embossing powder, medium weight fabric, yadda)

Have fun?

Making the Wings!

(this is the easy bit, I promise?)

SO – you have an armature (any armature)
You've got your cellophane (or fantasy film)
You've got your Gallery Glass Paints.
Ready?

Superglue your armature to the cellophane, making sure you have a right and left hand wing:

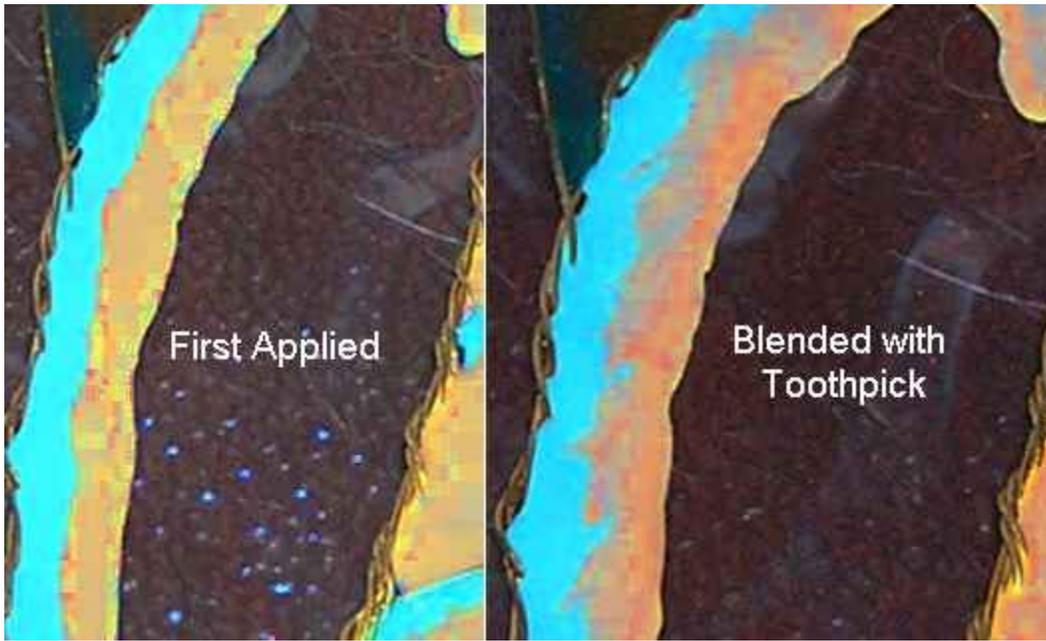


TEST your Gallery Glass colors – the 'finished' color bears very little resemblance to the color of the bottle!!!



If you're going to get enthused and use more than one color – do it in SECTIONS – the gallery glass dries fairly fast. Trace the outline with your accent color (in my case, Ivy Green), trace just inside it with your 'main' color (Cocoa Brown) and GENTLY blend them together with a toothpick.

The colors in this pick have been wildly altered so you can see what I'm talking about:



Once you're finished with the edges and IF you want to add highlights (you'll notice my ivory dried fairly opaque) add dots of your highlight color down the center of the section and blend with a toothpick



While the Gallery Glass paint is still wet you can add glitter or rhinestones or whatever you like.

Let the Gallery Glass paint dry, roughly trim off the cellophane, and do 'finishing work' with a candle flame:



Taaa Daa!



Bad, bad picture, they look more blotchy than highlighted.... I'm sure I'll eventually get good pics? **grin**

Alrighty – When they're dry.....

(and this step IS optional, really and truly it is?)

Flip the suckers over, and do it again? – I used gold glitter 'leading' to go over the armature, you can use anything you like as long as you end up with a slightly raised surface – I think fabric paint would work great, but almost anything would function? – Fill this side in with gallery glass just as you did before.



NOW I'm finished! LOL – you can burn holes, or add glitter (either while it's wet so it imbeds or after it's dry so it 'floats', pretty much whatever you like!

Have fun!

