

Easy Flower Fairy Instructions

You will need:

Wooden beads for heads

Flower petals

Pipe cleaners or cloth-covered florist wire

Embroidery floss

Tube beads (perler beads)

Glue

Fine Sharpies (black and red)

Or acrylic paint

Or masking tape & colored pencils/pens

Scissors, nail clippers (if using wire)

Body

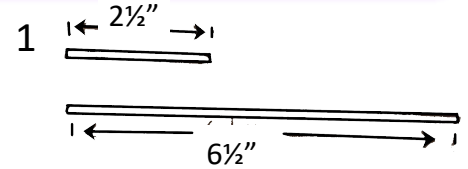
1. Cut 2 pieces of pipe cleaner or florist wire: one 6-1/2" long, one 2-1/2" long.

2. Bend a small loop on each end of the short wire to make hands.
(Tweezers can make this easier.)

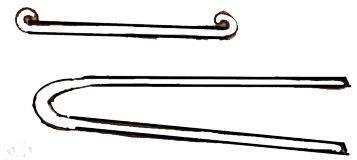
3. Fold the long pipe cleaner or wire in half.

4. Lay the short piece for the arms on top of the folded piece, about 1/2" from the top.

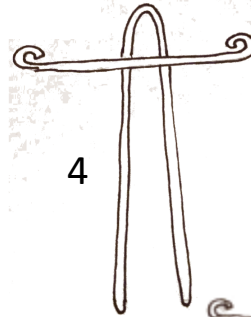
5. Fold the top bend of the long pipe cleaner/wire down over the arms, then wrap through the legs and back up.



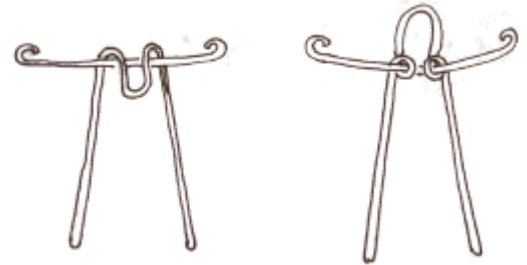
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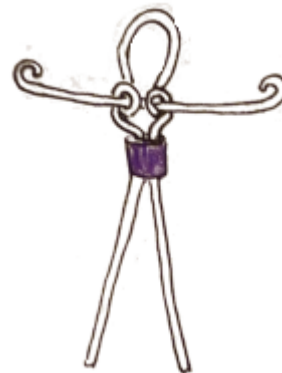
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Bodice

6. Put a dab of glue on the pipe cleaner just below the arms. Slide a tube bead up the legs till it's just under the arms.

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Skirt

7. For the skirt. Choose 2 or 3 layers of flower petals.

Slide the smallest one up the legs first, then follow with the next layers.

8. Put a dab of glue under the skirt and slide another tube bead up the legs under the skirt.

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Head

9. Make a face on a wooden bead. You can just make dots with Sharpie or acrylic paint, or you can get fancy. You can even draw the eyes and mouth on a piece of tape, and cut the tiny bits to stick on!
10. Add hair, or glue on a cap made with a flower petal or other decoration.

To make hair:

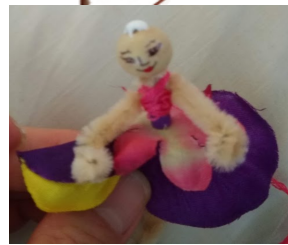
1. Wrap embroidery floss around your fingers 8 times. Loops can be long or short, depending on whether you want your fairy to have long or short hair. 3" works well.
2. Wrap the end once around the bundle and tie a knot.
3. Make another wrap around the bundle and tie it tightly.
4. Cut the ends of the hair, or leave the loops if you prefer.
5. Put some glue on the top of the head bead.
6. Stick on the hair, placing the knot to cover the hole. Dab some glue on the back of the head and spread the hair over to cover the glue.

11. Put a dab of glue on the top, folded part of the pipe cleaner and slide the bead onto it.

12. Bend the ends of the legs into little feet.

Note: If the pipe cleaner is too thick, use scissors to trim the excess fuzz.

You can also use cloth-covered florist wire; you will need wire cutters or nail clippers if you try this.



Now you have a flower fairy! You can make all different kinds, using flower petals for shirts or cutting petals and gluing them on for pants. Experiment! You can wrap embroidery floss, another piece of pipe cleaner, or a tiny fabric scrap around the bodice to make a colorful shirt. You can trim a flower petal or fabric scrap to make pants or a tunic. More supplies are available at Harmony Acres in Cobleskill and other art supply shops, and flowers are available at many discount stores.

We learned how to do this from the Klutz Press kit, *Fairies: Petal People You Make Yourself* by Rachel Haab, © 2001. This project is part of "Fairies and Gnomes - Imagine their Homes," sponsored by the Mohawk Valley Library System and member libraries for Summer Reading 2020.

A how-to video by Alyson Montione will be posted on www.518fairyhomes.com, the Mohawk Valley Library System Youtube channel, and the Schoharie Library Facebook page after July 13, 2020. Check out this website and the corresponding Facebook page and group for of fairy and gnome homes. Stop by the library gnome home out of natural materials! you make - join the 518 Fairy Home Facebook



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