Iridescent Wing Transparency / Acetate Tutorial

First gather your equipment together

Equipment needed:

OHP Transparency paper for your printer ~ this can be bought from stationery shops, Ebay or anywhere that sells computer paper! Make sure you buy the correct paper for your printer.

Iridescent Wing Film ~ this can be bought from my website!

Craft Spray Adhesive

Sharp scissors or craft knife

Wire

Glue for attaching the wire ~ Fabric-tac is great glue for this

Pliers

Glitter, sequins, micro beads, rhinestones or any other pretty embellishments you wish to use

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First print off your desired wing patterns onto the transparency paper.

DON'T TOUCH THEM! Let the ink dry for at least 10 minutes otherwise you will smudge the wings.

Roughly cut out your wings.

Cut some iridescent wing film to the same size as the wings you will be making.

For this tutorial I am using Crystal Aurora wing film.

Place protective paper down on your work surface ~ the glue gets everywhere!

Lightly spray the rough side of the transparency paper (the side the image was printed onto) with the craft spray adhesive.

Wait 10 – 20 seconds until the glue is tacky.

Then carefully lay the film over the wings, smoothing out any air bubbles as you go. Press down hard! You want the film to stick really well.

Then cut out your wings!

See how lovely and transparent they are?

Now for the fun part, decorating your wings! I have used iridescent glitter on my wings but you can use anything you like!

This is also the time you could add a coat of liquid fimo on your wings and bake them for added protection; however, this is personal choice.

The great thing about these types of wings is that you can really go to town with your experiments!

Then all that is needed next is for you to attach your wire to your wings and they are ready for use!

Twist the ends together with your pliers ~ don't forget to leave enough wire so you can attach your wings to your fairy!

The only limit is your imagination!

I use a lot of pretty metal embellishments as a finishing touch to my wings ~ I get a lot of questions from people asking where I get them. I don't have one particular source! I just rummage around in my supplies box to see what I have ^_^

Please note, I attach these final touches AFTER I have attached the wire to my wings.

I hope you found this tutorial helpful ~ I would love to see some pictures of the wings you create!

Good luck and have fun!

Robin x

Here are some more wings I made using this method

You don't need to have an iridescent backing!

Just using the transparency printed wings can look very pretty on their own

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Got a question?

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