

WORK PROJECT: ANGEL CHIMES

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Angel Chimes are a Scandinavian tradition. The photo is of my mother's chimes from many years ago. She was born in Norway and moved to the United States in 1923.

I tried to make a miniature of her chimes and I think it turned out just fine.

Materials:

- sequins for many parts
- head pins 2", cut to the size when finished
- a tiny washer to add some weight in the bottom
- gold velum paper
- mini gold brads
- gold nail polish
- scissors
- Gorilla Super Glue Gel or E6000

Directions:

1 Glue one large round sequin, the washer, the 2 tiny round sequins on the head pin followed by the other large round sequin. When the glue is dry, glue the flower shaped sequin on the bottom. The flower gives more stability.

2 Put 4 or 5 tiny beads on the head pin next. With a tiny bit of glue on the head pin, the beads will not move.

3 Next, take one of the head pins and cut a length of 1 1/4". This will be the "bell" holders. Put a tiny loop in the wire, then bend the 2 ends up 1/4". Put glue on the loop and add this to the head pin.

4 Add 4 or 5 more tiny beads with a tiny bit of glue.

5 Cut all but 3 "petals" from the sequin with 11 petals. (I bent the ones up that I wanted to remove.)

6 Leave 1, bend up 2, Leave 1, bend up 3, Leave 1, bend up 3. Cut the bent ones. This leaves 3 "petals" that sort of look like a propeller. This is what will hold the angels.

7 Put 3 more tiny beads on with dot of glue.

Angels Directions:

1 Using an angel punch with thin gold colored velum paper, fold a 1/2" strip in half and glue it together. This makes the angels a bit thicker but still punchable. Cut out 4, one for the top and 3 for the propeller.



2 Cut 3 pieces of a head pin wire to about 1/4" or a tiny bit more. Make sure the angels are all facing the same way then glue the wires to the back of the 3 angels.

3 When the glue is dry on the angels, put glue on the back of each angel, just above the wire and glue each to the "propeller."

4 Use 2 flat beads for the bells. Rolled a bit of tissue into a tiny ball and put it on the bead to look like a rounded top bell. This will need to be painted gold with nail polish.

5 Glue the bells on top of the wire with the loop you made in Ac3.

6 Use another 11 "petal" sequin for the fan at the top. With your fingernails, grab each petal and twist in sideways so it will look like fan blades. Put this on top of the last tiny bead.

7 Glue a flat round bead on top and glue the foot of your last angel inside that bead.

8 Glue 4 flat beads (jump beads here) on base of chimes or insert mini gold brads. These will hold the candles.

9 Candles are made by rolling tiny bits of polymer clay into a thin snake. Cut 4 a bit less than 1/2".

10 Cut 4 black pieces of wire about 1/4" and stick 1 in the top of each "candle". Bake for a few minutes till hard. Glue the candles into the 4 beads on the base.

