

Flower Fairy

Quarter Inch Scale



Materials:

Wooden bead (3/16" approx.) for head

Ruler

White cloth covered wire – 6" length

Small green artificial leaves for wings (2)

Sharp scissors

Fake cloth flowers (not mini – lilacs are a good size)

Tacky glue

Bunka for hair – brown, yellow or copper

Fine tweezers

Black acrylic paint or fine line sharpie

Pencil

Fine point brush

Toothpick

Flesh tone or pink and white acrylic paint

Optional - embellishments such as tiny holeless beads, silk ribbon or glitter

Directions:

1. Assemble wire body:

- Glue head bead to ½" piece of covered wire, putting wire through to top of bead. Let dry.
 - Cut 2 ½ " covered wire for upper body and arms. Fold in half and at 3/8" bend at right angle for shoulders. Glue stem of head between shoulders.
 - Curl wire into tiny loops (1/16") for hands and dip in glue.
 - Cut 2" covered wire for legs and feet. Fold in half and slide into base of upper body. Make 5/16" loops for feet, flatten and seal with glue to keep the cloth fibers from being too bumpy. Let glue dry.
2. Paint entire head and body with flesh or light pink acrylic paint.
 3. Cut 3 blossoms from flower.
 4. Cut one blossom into one petal and two petal sections
 5. Glue one petal to chest of fairy for a bodice and glue a two petal section to the shoulders of the fairy.
 6. Add a skirt of two or more blossoms at the fairy's waist and glue with tacky glue underneath flower.
 7. Cut 5" length of bunka in color of your choice (or use snips of yarn if bunka is hard to find.)
 8. Tug end of bunka to loosen the braid and cut into tiny pieces for hair.
 9. Using toothpick, put a small amount of glue on head to create a hair line and cover head where hair (bunka) will go.
 10. Add bunka pieces slowly to completely cove glue on your fairy's head.
 11. Using a sharp pencil, lightly mark eyes (tiny dots) on the face of your fairy. If you are not happy with your first attempt to add the eyes, simply paint over the pencil and try again. When you like where her eyes are, permanent with a fine brush and black acrylic paint or a very fine black marker.
 12. Trim small leaves into wings and add to the fairy's back by gluing under the petals on her shoulders.
 13. Finish your fairy by gluing a blossom upside down on her head and embellishing the hole in the center of the blossom with a holeless bead, tiny bow or glitter.
 14. Optional – you can also add glitter shoes, paint colored wings and add accessories to your heart's desire.

This little fairy was inspired by the work of Cicely Mary Barker, author of many beautifully illustrated Flower Fairy Books from the 1920's.

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Body parts



Assembled Body



Flower petals



Flower petals/leaves



Examples of Bunka for hair