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Jo Pearson makes bird cages that can be used as centerpieces or as a home décor.



Materials needed

Paper Mache Round Box
Liquitex® Gesso – Black and White
Scrapbook Paper – Design of Choice
Recollections™ Adhesive Tape
Crop-a-dile™
Wire, Lightweight
Wire Cutters
Headpin
Gems with Bail
Bead, Small
Flat Nose Pliers
Jump Rings
Paper Trimmer
Bird's Nest
Ribbons – Assorted
Scissors
Foam Brush
Paper Mache Bird
Words, Paper
Mod Podge®
Paper Flowers
Ink Pad – Colors of Choice
Low Heat Glue Gun

Instructions

Step 1 Take paper mache box apart.

Step 2 Paint lid and the bottom of the box with black gesso. Let dry. Set bottom aside.

Step 3 Turn lid upside down and punch eight holes evenly around lid with Crop-a-dile™ tool.

Step 4 Cut four pieces of wire to desired height of birdcage.

Step 5 Take one end of a piece of wire and insert into one hole, from outside in, and bend the end to secure. Arch the center of the wire over place where the bird will sit and insert other end of wire into the hole the same way. The wire will crisscross over the bird.

Step 6 Repeat Step 5 for four wires.

Step 7 Add a jump ring at the bottom of each wire.

Step 8 Cut a shorter piece of wire and bundle in top center, where all wires cross.

Step 9 Thread a small bead onto a headpin and then the gem. Repeat seven more times.

Step 10 Bend the headpin and attach one to each jump ring so it dangles along the outside of the cage. Trim excess.

Step 11 Cut scrapbook paper to width of paper mache box.

Step 12 Add adhesive tape to back of paper and attach around the box. The box will be upside down so be sure to add scrapbook paper with the pattern in the correct direction.

Step 13 Weave ribbon in and out of bird's nest as desired.

Step 14 Turn box upside down. Glue the birdcage to the top.

Step 15 Paint bird with white gesso. Let dry.

Step 16 Cut words out of paper and attach to bird with Mod Podge®.

Step 17 Add bird to cage.

Step 18 Rub edges of paper flowers with ink pads.

Step 19 Tie several pieces of ribbon around top of cage. Trim edges.

Step 20 Glue flowers to top.

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