

Liquitex® Acrylic Wings

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Supplies

Fun wire – or similar wire- about 20 gauge.

Liquitex® Gloss Gel

Liquitex® Pouring Medium

Non-stick surface

Wire tools

Paint brush

Scissors



I've made these wings with Liquitex® Acrylic Mediums. They seem quite sturdy and only take a few days to make. It does require patience, but the steps are quite easy to do. There are many ways to use wire in wings and I'm just showing one way.

1. Determine the width you want your wings to be, add several inches and double that measurement. Cut two wires to that length.
2. Fold each piece of wire in half.
3. Leaving a loop, twist one folded wire together from the fold, twisting enough to attach to the body of your sculpture later. Refer to the photos. Don't trim the ends of the wires until your wings are finished.
4. Shape the wire ends as shown.

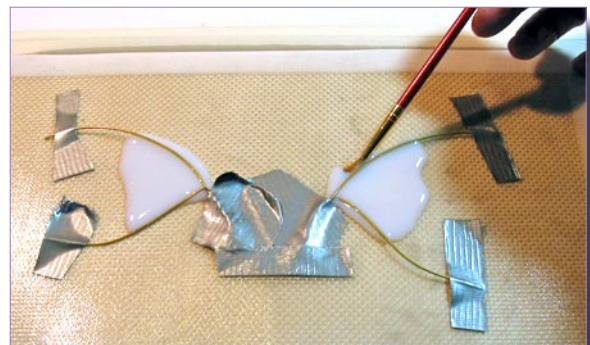


5. Trying to match the first wire, repeat with the other wire.
6. Tape the wires down to a non-stick surface. I'm using Silpat® in this demonstration. After taping, you may need to use weights to hold the ends so the wires lay flat on the non-stick surface.



7. Pour the pouring medium in the areas that you want to make the wings.

8. You can trim anything that's not where you want it... but you can also try not to waste materials. You want the medium to be all around each wire, but not too far outside the areas. Use a brush to move the medium back to the wing area.



9. If needed, add additional weights in the center so the liquid stays where you want it.

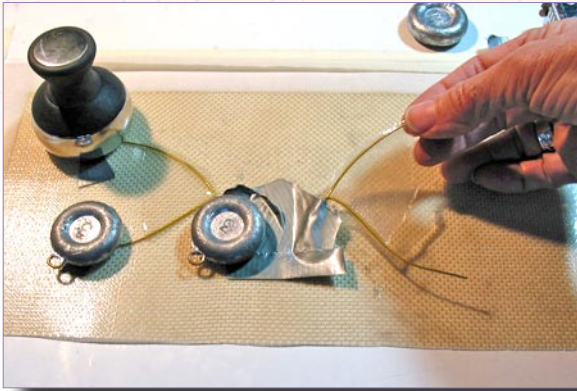


10. When you are happy with the shapes, let the wings dry overnight. They will go from cloudy to clear as the liquid dries.

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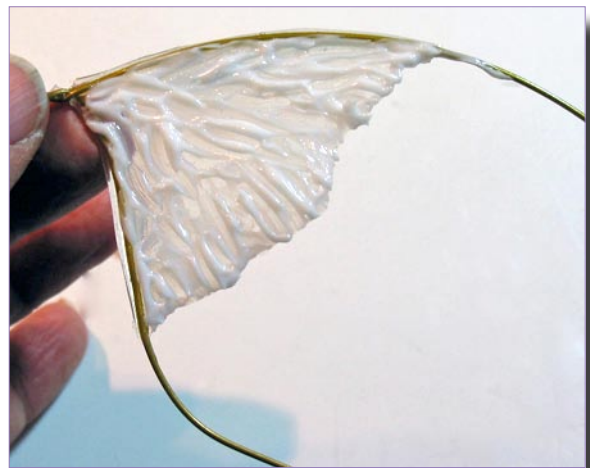
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11. When the wings are clear and dry, gently peel them off the non-stick surface.



Now it's time to trim the over flow of the medium, away from the wire.

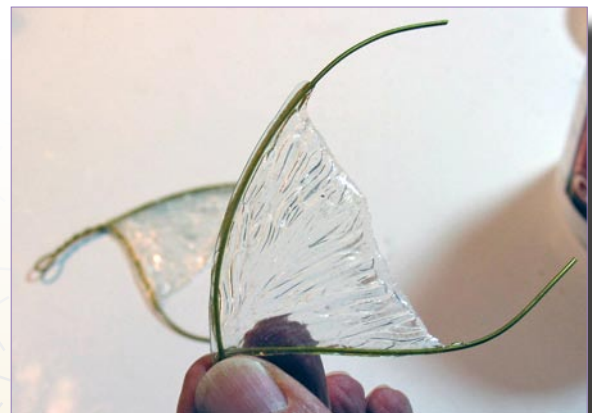
12. I use small sharp scissors.



14. This is how the wing should look. Brush each one and set them aside to dry. Again, they will dry nice and clear.

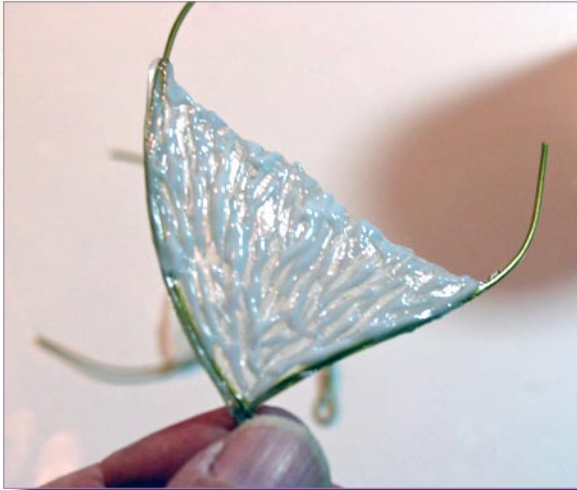
The next step is to add the Liquitex® Gloss Gel. I use a small paint brush.

13. Pick up gel with the brush and begin to paint one side of each wing. Start to play with the medium to discover the textures that are possible. I like the organic look you can achieve.



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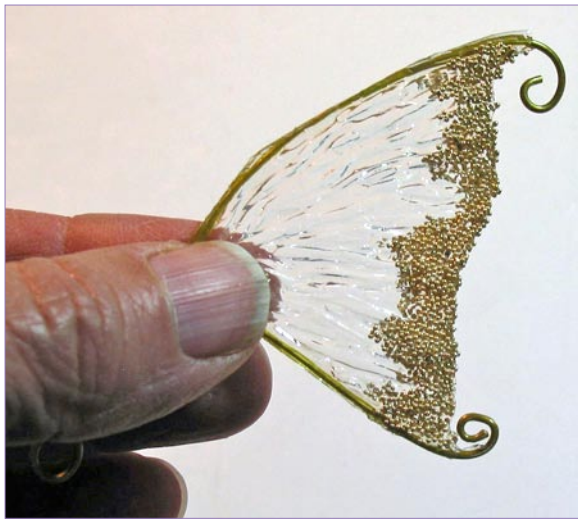
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15. When one side is done- add medium to the other side and dry again.

The whole process can take just a few minutes of work- but about 3 days time.

When the wing is dry you can embellish it in many ways. I've added tiny hole-less beads to mine. The beads were added with the gel gloss. Paint can be mixed with the gel gloss for color. Glitter is always possibility. There's no end to the possibilities!! Have fun!!



Here are the wings with the beads. I've also curled the ends of the wires.

You could add larger beads at this point.

A completed set of wings ready for someone- or something!!

