How to Make

ANGELINA FIBRE FAIRY WINGS

First gather your equipment together

You will need:

- Angelina Hot Fix Fibres
- Greaseproof paper
- Wire
- Cutters / Pliers
- Iron
- Ironing board! ^_^

Plus any little extras you wish to add in with the fibres (gold leaf flakes, glitter etc)

Please forgive the photographs in this tutorial ~ my ironing board is spotty which did not make for the best background but it was the only way to take work in progress shots!

For this tutorial I am using Astral Blue Angelina Hot Fix Fibre and Iridescent Mylar Flakes.

Angelina Hot Fix Fibres and Mylar Flakes are available to buy direct from me at www.mylittlecustoms.com
First set up your ironing board!

Then cut 2 large squares of your greaseproof paper and set to one side. (or one large piece folded in half as I have done)

Cut and twist your wire into your desired wing shape. This can be as simple or as complex a design as you like!

Lay out your first sheet of greaseproof paper on your ironing board. Place your wire wing shape on top of the paper.
Take a little of the fibre at a time and gently place it in a fine layer on your wings, roughly following the shape of the wire if you can.

Don’t worry; we will be adding layers as we go along so don’t go too mad putting on lots just yet!

Plug in your iron and put on the lowest / coolest heat setting possible. Put your iron close by as you will need it within arms reach for the next part!

With the first layer of fibre in place and your iron heating up, CAREFULLY place your second sheet of greaseproof paper over the wings.
Put your hand on top to keep everything steady and in place. The fibres are very soft and can easily be dislodged by the top layer of paper if you do not keep it still for this first step.

With your iron ready to go, carefully run the iron over the paper. Do not stay in one place for too long! Too much heat will cause the fibres to discolour. Keep it slow and steady.

After 30 seconds check your fibre by peeling back a corner of the top layer of paper. Don’t force it as the fibre will be stuck to the paper and NOT to your wires. The wire will be loose but don’t panic!

Don’t peel all the paper off, just a little bit so you can check the fibres have fused. If they haven’t, go back over with the iron for another 30 seconds. You can repeat this process if needs be.
Once you are happy, put the section you used to check the fibres back, press the top layer in one hand and the bottom layer in your other and flip your entire “sandwich” over so the bottom layer becomes the top.

This gives the fibre chance to cool down so you can carefully remove the layer of greaseproof paper. Do this slowly as the wires will not yet be attached to the fibre.

You may find that the fibres from your 2 separate wings have fused together, don’t worry at this stage, we will fix that later.

Don’t be tempted to prise them apart just yet!
Now is the time to add in any extras you wish to trap within your wings.

(If you don’t want to add anything then that is fine)

I am using iridescent Mylar flakes.

Sprinkle your flakes over your wings and then it is time for another fibre layer!
Tease out some more Angelina fibre and apply in the same way as before, following the wing shape.

Replace the greaseproof paper and iron again.
Check you are happy the fibres are fused by peeking in a small corner.

If you are happy, wait to cool before removing the greaseproof paper layer.

Slowly peel back the top layer of paper and you will see that now the 2 fibre layers have fused together trapping your wire in between.
Here you can just see that my 2 separate wings have fused together in the middle, by the wire twisted sections (the part you put into your sculpture / pony / doll!)

Gently peel your wings off the greaseproof paper
I like the spider web effect and so have left my wings with just the 2 simple layers but you can add more layers if you wish by repeating the above steps until you are happy with how your wings look.

Now onto the finishing!

Cut any fused fibres that may be causing your wings to stick together.
There — phew! Your wings are now successfully separated ^_^

On to the final steps!
Trim any excess fibres off to get the shape you desire.

I like to add on some unfused fibre as a pretty finishing touch with a dab of Fabri-Tac to the base of the wings along with any other little embellishments you want to add.
Angelina Fibres are incredibly versatile and can be hand washed so the possibilities of how you can use them are endless! You can mix different colour fibres together to produce amazing effects :D

There are lots of different techniques, this little tutorial covers the simplest and most basic way for making Angelina Fibre wings and yet even the most basic method produces incredibly delicate yet resilient beautiful wings.

The best advice I have for you is to have fun and just experiment!

Robin x