



Light Bulb Angel
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Materials

used light bulb
2" plastic foam snowball
3-1/2" white or gold angel wings
doll hair
5" x 24" tulle
white embroidery thread
ribbon
cording
28-gauge craft wire
46 pearl or gold 4mm beads
eyes
white, red acrylic paint
glue gun with hot- and low-temp glue sticks
Bond 527 multipurpose cement
rubbing alcohol
8 oz. paper cup
foam brush
natural-bristle brush
craft knife
large-eye needle
paint pen

Steps:

1. Clean bulb with rubbing alcohol and let dry. Note: Cut down an 8 oz paper cup and use as a stand for the light bulb.
2. With a foam brush, apply a thin layer of paint on the light bulb. You will see brush lines with the first coat of paint. Let dry. Repeat this step four or five times. Note: On the last layer, use a natural-bristle brush with a small amount of water and paint and apply a thin coat; this will help to soften the paint strokes and give a smooth look.
3. Hollow out the plastic foam ball with the silver part of the light bulb. Then cut out some of the ball with a craft knife--only in the area that the bulb was--and put the light bulb back in the hole in the ball. Press the bulb in the ball until the silver part can not be seen.
4. Once the ball and bulb fit together, remove the bulb from the ball. Apply a good amount of Bond 527 cement only on the silver part of the light bulb and insert it in the ball. Let dry over night. Note: You may hear cracking and popping; that is just the glue adhering to the ball and the metal on the light bulb.
5. With a foam brush, dab (not paint strokes) a thin coat of white paint to the plastic foam ball. For th first coat, use paint with a little water. Let that dry and then with only paint, apply up to three more coats of white paint and let dry. For the last coat, use paint with a little water. Let dry between coats.
6. Cut one piece of 28-gauge craft wire 12 inches in length for the arms. Cut another piece to 22 inches for the hanger.
7. Find the middle of the hanger wire and place it at the neck of the bulb under the plastic foam ball and wrap twice. Bring one wire up closely to the side of the ball (the head) and repeat on the other side; then bring the two wires together on top of the head. Twist the two wires together two or three times very close to the ball on top of the head. Take the two wire ends and form into an oval shape by taking the two ends and twisting three or four times around itself; bend the twisted area in half and twist again. Cut off excess.
8. Find the middle of the 12-inch wire for the arms. Place it around the neck and wrap twice. Bring each end to its side, in the appropriate place for arms.
9. With hot-temp glue, glue the arms and the hanger wire in place around the neck area and also the hanger wire to the side of the plastic foam ball. Note: This does not look great, but it will be covered up later.
10. Using a large-eye needle and white embroidery thread (using all six threads), sew a running stitch on the 24-inch side of the tulle. Don't cut the thread yet. Draw up the tulle on the thread, making it very ruffled and gathered. Tie the thread around the neck area right under the wires. Place the tulle all the way around the light bulb as the angels skirt, with the opening in the back. You may need to re-shape the bottom of the tulle with scissors.
11. With hot-temp glue, glue the wings to the back of the light bulb close to the neck on top of the tulle.
12. With low-temp glue, apply the hair. Put hair in the front, sides and back, around the area of the wings. This will help to hide wires and other things.
13. With low-temp glue, apply two rows of cording to cover the wires.
14. Make a bow with ribbon and attach it with low-temp glue to the center under the cording.
15. Put 10 beads on one arm. With low-temp glue, apply a small amount to one more bead (making the total beads 11) and put on the wire. Cut the end of the wire to about 1/4 inch from the last bead. and bend the end back into the bead hole. Repeat on the other arm.

16. Cut one piece of 28-gauge wire to 8 inches for the halo. Put on 20 beads and then twist into a circle. Put the hanger wires through the middle of the halo. Apply a small amount of hot-temp glue to the twisted wire and push it into the top of the head.
17. Attach the eyes with low-temp glue.
18. Paint the mouth and the cheeks.
19. Write on the back with a paint pen: "Merry Christmas" and the year.