

Fun With Feathers

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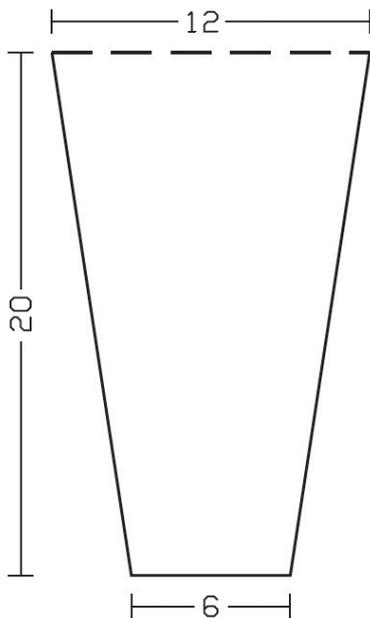
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Adorn yourself with feathers for a great party-time style. Turn your favorite accessories into showpieces.
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Step 1 — Prepare Fabric

Measurements in cm



Cut fabric into 2 pieces, each 15 x 45 cm (6 x 18 ins). Use fusible web to adhere pieces together, wrong sides facing. Make a paper pattern piece, following the pattern diagram or draw the shape directly on the fabric, with tailor's chalk. Cut out fabric piece, without adding seam allowances. Turn ends of ribbon piece under, 2 cm (3/4 in) wide. Pin ribbon to wrong side of fabric piece, along centre, and edgestitch long edges in place.

Step 2 — Lay Feathers



Lay the feathers on the fabric, to make a pleasing design. Then lay the feathers to one side.

Step 3 — Draw Guide Lines



Draw lines 2cm apart and mark the positions for the feathers with matching colored markers.

Step 4 — Sew on Feathers



Step 3 — Draw Guide Lines

Sew the feathers on so that they don't poke through the underside onto the petersham ribbon. Pull the bag strap through the band.

Step 5 — Feather Earring



You can wear this as a single earring - all the more striking! Materials: 2 feathers (approx. 8 cm/3 1/4 ins long). 1 French wire. 5 different beads. Eye pins. Silver wire. Neon thread. Side cutter and needle-nose pliers. Instructions: Take feather quills together and wrap them tightly with silver wire. Thread one bead onto the end. Run end of wire through loop of French wire and bend wire end in a loop, with needle-nose pliers. Now wrap quills again, with neon thread. Join the remaining beads with eye pins to form a "chain", running the straight end of each eye pin through the eye of the adjacent eye pin and bending it under. Attach bead chain to upper end of wrapped feather quills.

Step 6 — Feather Necklace



This knotted necklace with feather outshines the top underneath. Materials: 3 different cords, \approx approx. 1 cm (3/8 in): each 1.20 m (48 ins) long. 20 feathers, approx. 10 cm (4 ins) long, in various colours. 1 necklace clasp (Rayher). Cotton tape, 2 cm (3/4 in) wide: 0.20 m (8 ins). Approx. 25 gold-coloured rings, \approx 1.2 cm (1/2 in). Gold wire. \hat{A} –Sewing thread. Instructions: Lay the cords next to one another and mark the centres. Slide the rings over the upper cord and place the rings in the centre of the cord. Hand-sew the centres of the cords together, 10 cm (4 ins) long. On both sides of centre, knot cords loosely together, 3 times, leaving small spaces between knots. On each end of cords, wrap wire around all three cords, then \hat{A} –slide wire ends into wrapped end. \hat{A} –Attach necklace clasp to cord ends. Cut cotton tape into 2 equal pieces and fold each piece in half lengthwise. Lay upper ends of 10 \hat{A} –feathers into each folded tape, placing feathers next to one another. Sew feathers to tapes, varying the lengths slightly. Lay tapes with feathers \hat{A} –under centre of necklace and sew in place.

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