

Mizuhiki Creatures

Supplies

Mizuhiki paper cords in several colors
Spring loaded wooden clothespins
Black craft paint
Green interference acrylic paint
Brush
Redline tape ¼"
Craft cement
Wiggly eyes
Beads
Thin wire
scissors

Instructions

Grasshopper

1. Paint the clothespin black. Let dry and then paint a thin layer of green interference color. Let dry completely.
2. Cover the top and bottom of the clothespin with redline tape.
3. Lay Mizuhiki cords right next to each other and cover to completely cover the taped areas of the body.
4. Take four coordinating cords 8" long and glue them onto the underside curved area of the clothespin. These cords will be the grasshopper legs.
5. Bend the cords at about 1 ½" down towards the body.
6. Glue each section to the back-side of the clothespin to make the legs. Trim off excess cords.
7. Take a 4" piece of cord and pinch it in half. Glue to the top of the head area to make the antennae.
8. Glue wiggly eyes on top of the antennae.
9. Slightly curve the antennae upwards.
10. Glue a bead on each end of the antennae to finish.

Butterfly

1. Take four 6" cords and make a 2" finishing knot with an 18" cord. Trim all excess cords and leave two 2 ½" cords for the antennae.
2. Make two figure eight loops about 4" across and secure the middle with thin wire.
3. Connect the body and wing sections with the wire.
4. Make an intersecting finishing knot right over the body/wing area to secure and decorate.
5. Adjust the antennae and wings with your fingers.
6. Glue beads on the antennae to finish.

Resources:

Mizuhiki paper cords

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