



Make an Angel a Dragonfly? Top your Gift with another Gift!!

Its the Giftopper Kit!

You will need:

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| 18" Wire-edged ribbon | 18" 20 gauge wire |
| 180 glass seed beads in 2 colors | 1 Pin back |
| Glass bead "head" | 7" colored wire coil |
| 36" 24 gauge wire | |
| Wire wrapping tool | |
| Round nose pliers, Wire cutters | Glue (E6000 OR GOOP) |

To make your Giftopper:

1. Take the colored coil piece from packet and, holding ends between thumb and forefinger, gently but firmly pull both ends with even tension so coil is permanently stretched to about 12" long. Cut this coil into 1 to 1 ½" pieces with wire cutter, being careful not to crush ends. (You can purchase wire coil by the pack at www.notjustpartz.com)
2. **Make the "collar"**. Use 18" of 24 gauge wire [if you cut the wire first, make a small loop at the end to keep beads & coil from sliding off]. Thread coil and seed beads onto wire, alternating beads to make an attractive combination (coil, 6 or 8 colored beads, then coil again)... repeat until there's less than ¾" left on the wire end by making a small loop with round nosed pliers.
3. Wind the bead-threaded wire around the dowel, chopstock... to make a tubular design with "scattered" colored beads, ending in the coil. (you'll probably have about 2" of bead-walled tube-shaped wire). Using round nosed pliers, make a small loop at each end of the "tube".
4. Using about 8" of 24 gauge wire, thread the bead you just made onto the wire, making sure to run the ends of the wire thru the tiny loops you made in either end of the bead, and wrap again, using the same dowel. After about 2 wraps of the wire, push the "tube" up and wrap it around the mandrel, wrap tightly and snug the ends on the mandrel so the loops "spread out" into a fan. Feed the end of the wire back through the beginning of the wrap to make the collar shape hold and pull it back out through one of the loops about halfway around and wrap around the mandrel to finish off the collar. Pull bead off of mandrel and finish other side the same way. That's your collar.
5. Fold the wire-edged ribbon so that you get 4 complete loops. (4"). Pinching ribbon, carefully feed it through the center of the collar. Slide the collar so that the loops at the top are larger than the ones at the bottom. Using your fingers, separate and fluff out loops to make a bow look.
6. Take your 20 gauge wire and fold in half. Pinch the end tightly. Feed the wire, folded end first down through the collar and make sure it is in front of the ribbon. Leave about 3" at the top. Slide a ¾" piece of coil, then the large-holed "head" bead onto the wire and spread the two top ends apart. With pliers, make each wire antennae into a spiral.
7. **Make the body:** follow the same directions you did for the collar bead, but use the standard sized mandrel instead to make a smaller, more elongated wire bead. Slide this bead up from the bottom to snug just under the collar bead. (you may have to pinch the ends of the 20 gauge wire pretty tight to fit this bead on). Crimp the end of the bead with pliers to keep it in place.
8. **End with the "tail":** After you have put the second wire bead on the body, carefully twist the "tail" into a nice shape. Curls, spirals, whatever you fancy.
9. **Finishing touches.** On the underside of the body, "sew" on your pin back with 28 gauge wire or monofilament. If you prefer, you can make a loop for hanging this beauty as an ornament.
10. **Best way to use:** After wrapping gift, (or even using a white box) "pin" this giftopper to a 4" fancy-edged piece of paper. (you can also pin it to a card). Then tape the card to your package. This way, when the recipient gets their gift, they can peel off the topper and enjoy it immediately.

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