

Garden of Angels

Supply List (Approximately 8-1/2 x 11 inches)

Material: Unbleached muslin

Embroidery Thread: Brown, red, green, purple, and blue
5 inch doll needle

Colored Pencils: Brown, red, green, purple, and blue

Stuffing

Paint: Black, antique white, barnyard red

Mechanical Pencil/disappearing fabric pen

Cheesecloth

Safety pin

For Staining - instant coffee, vanilla extract, fragrance oil.

Sponge brush

Sunny window or Light Box

Paper towels and paper plates

Card Stock (for printing cheesecloth pattern & for tags)

Basic Sewing Supplies

Optional - old cookie sheet, glass jar with lid, wax paper, pliers, long beading needle
(see #1 of face instructions)

Suggested shopping for fragrance oils -

The Chemistry Store - <http://www.chemistrystore.com>

From Nature With Love - <http://www.fromnaturewithlove.com>

Save on Scents - <http://www.saveonscents.com>

Bramble Berry - <http://www.brambleberry.com>

To Die for Soap - <http://www.todieforsoap.com>

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Read through all directions before beginning.

For illustrations of the different steps and techniques as well as the stitches visit my "Stitch 'n' Stuff" page on my website at <http://www.lilliemaescrafts.com>

Preparing Pattern:

1. Print out pattern.
2. Your pillow pattern is going to be an 8-1/2 x 11 inch cardstock. So trace onto a double piece of muslin your 8-1/2 x 11 inch cardstock.
3. Lay your printed Garden of Angels pattern up to a sunny window or on your light box. Lay one layer of the muslin onto of the pattern for tracing and center. TIP: To be sure the pattern doesn't slip while you're tracing it, pin the pattern to the muslin.
4. Trace your pattern, with a mechanical pencil, onto the muslin. TIP: I used to use a disappearing fabric marking pen or Mark 'b' Gone fabric marking pen for my stitchery's but found the following; when using the disappearing fabric marking pen the mark did not always disappear and both the disappearing marking pen and the Mark 'b' Gone pens leave a wide line when tracing sometimes making it difficult to follow the pattern exactly. However, with using a mechanical pencil I discovered that when tracing my stitchery patterns the line it leaves is thinner making it ever so much easier to follow the patterns exactly and, because the lines are so thin, they are completely covered when embroidering over them so there is no trace of the lines left to see.
5. After you have traced your pattern, place the second layer of muslin back underneath the first and pin.

Embroidering:

1. Embroider the letters with brown using a double layer of brown embroidery thread and a small thin embroidery needle. TIP: I have discovered, when embroidering circles, curves, etc., it is easier to follow the pattern exactly if you embroider these parts with very small stitches.
2. Embroider the stems with a double strand of dark green embroidery thread.
3. Embroider each follow with appropriate colors of red, purple, and blue using a double strand of embroidery thread.
4. With a single strand of brown embroidery thread, embroider their eyebrows, eyelashes, and mouth. Embroidery their noses with a double strand of brown embroidery thread.

Cut Back of Pillow:

1. Cut another pattern of your 8-1/2 x 11 inch cardstock on double muslin for the back of the pillow.

Stain:

1. After embroidering your pillow it is time to stain the front and back pillow pieces. TIP: I like to stain my pieces after embroidering because I love the way the stain affects the embroidery thread. Some prefer to stain their muslin before tracing the pattern...the choice is yours.
2. Combine $\frac{1}{2}$ cup instant coffee, 2 cups hot water, 2 Tablespoons Vanilla extract and $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon fragrance oil (Some of my preferred scents are cinnamon bun, sugar cookies, and vanilla) in a glass jar with lid. Shake for few minutes until thoroughly mixed. (See the supply list on back of pattern cover for some suggested places for purchasing fragrance oils.) If the scent is not strong enough for your preference, add another 1/8 teaspoon of fragrance oil and continue this until the scent is to your liking. However, I would suggest only adding 1/8 teaspoon of fragrance oil each time because if you add too much and the scent is too strong for you, you will have to start over.
3. Line an old cookie sheet with old rags and lay your pillow pieces here.
4. With a sponge brush, thoroughly coat your pillow pieces being careful the back of the pillow (both pieces) do not separate while brushing on the stain. Bake for 10 minutes at 200 degrees. Check often as this can catch on fire. If you have to bake longer, only bake at 5 minute increments and always KEEP checking the oven. TIP 1: DO NOT turn your pillow pieces over while in the oven...unless you want big black splotches (of course some prim crafters might want these) on the front of your pillow. I know this from experience. TIP 2: You can always put your stain

in a spray bottle, but my spray bottles always get clogged so I usually use the sponge brushes. TIP 3: When staining dark embroidery threads, to be sure the color doesn't bleed onto the rest of the fabric, dip your sponge brush into the stain and "dab" onto the dark embroidery threads...don't "brush."

Coloring:

1. Once this has dried, it's time for the fun part. Using your appropriately colored pencils, color in all sections of your pillow. TIP: To prevent up and down and sideways marks made by your colored pencils, color in a circular fashion.
2. Color the letters with brown.
3. Color stems with dark green.
4. Color flowers with red, purple, and blue.

Pillow:

1. Lay the back of your pillow (both pieces) down; lay the front of your pillow, embroidery side down, on top of the back pieces and sew using 1/4 inch seam allowance. TIP: Some prefer to leave a "turning" opening at the bottom of the pillow. I prefer to sew completely around without leaving an opening and then cut a small opening in the back for turning. This does leave, of course, the sewn closed marks on the back of the pillow, but it leaves the front of the pillow completely intact without an "opening" showing. The choice is yours. If you choose to leave the opening at the bottom, disregard the next step.
2. Cut a small "X" opening in the center of the back for turning.
3. Turn and press.
4. Stuff your pillow and sew the opening closed.

Completing Face:

1. With the end of a small paint brush, dip it lightly into your black paint and very carefully dot on the eyes.
2. Using the flat end of a straight pin, dip it lightly into your antique white paint and very carefully dot in the whites of the eyes.
3. Let this dry completely.
4. Using a Q-Tip, lightly dip it into your Barnyard Red paint and dab off onto a paper towel. Lightly brush on their cheeks.
5. Let this dry completely.

Tag:

1. Print out tags on cardstock.
2. Spray with staining mixture.
3. Stain as above and bake in 200 degree oven for 5 minutes. Take the same necessary precautions as above.
4. If not completely dry, remove from oven and let air dry.
5. With single hole puncher, punch hole where indicated on tag.

TIP: I give you several tags so that after staining you can pick out your favorite.

Rust Safety Pin:

1. Combine the following in a large plastic container, 2 cups white vinegar, 1/4 cup peroxide, 2 T salt.
2. Throw in the things you want to rust. TIP: Might as well stain several items since you're making the complete recipe. This recipe will nicely rust safety pins, jingle bells, or anything else you want to 'age' for your primitive creations. The most important thing to remember about rusting is that you will want to buy the cheap brand of pins, safety pins, bells, ect. that you can find. The more expensive brands have a shellac coating on them that you will have to sand off before rusting. Makes sure they are NOT brass either -brass will not rust. Do this outside away from children and pets.....the fumes are terrible!
3. Let them soak 4 hours.
4. Remove to paper towels and spritz with peroxide and spread salt on them.
5. Let them sit about 2 more hours. You will have wonderfully rusty stuff! You can do pins, bells, scissors, and just about anything your little prim heart desires!

Note: Make sure you use a fairly large container for the job. I have an old gallon pickle jar I use. DO NOT put a lid on it. This stuff foams up pretty wicked, and the first time I ever made this mix, it made one heck of a mess. So learn from my mistake and get a big container.

Caution: Do this outside away from children and pets.....the fumes are terrible! Do not throw the mixture down the sink- dispose of properly where no animal or child could come in contact with.

Bow:

1. Print out 2 bow patterns and tape together lengthwise; trace on single layer cheesecloth and cut out.
2. Stain as above and bake at 200 degrees for 10 minutes. Take the same necessary precautions as above.
3. Tie a bow and hot glue to top right side of pillow.
4. Attach tag to bow with your rusty safety pin.

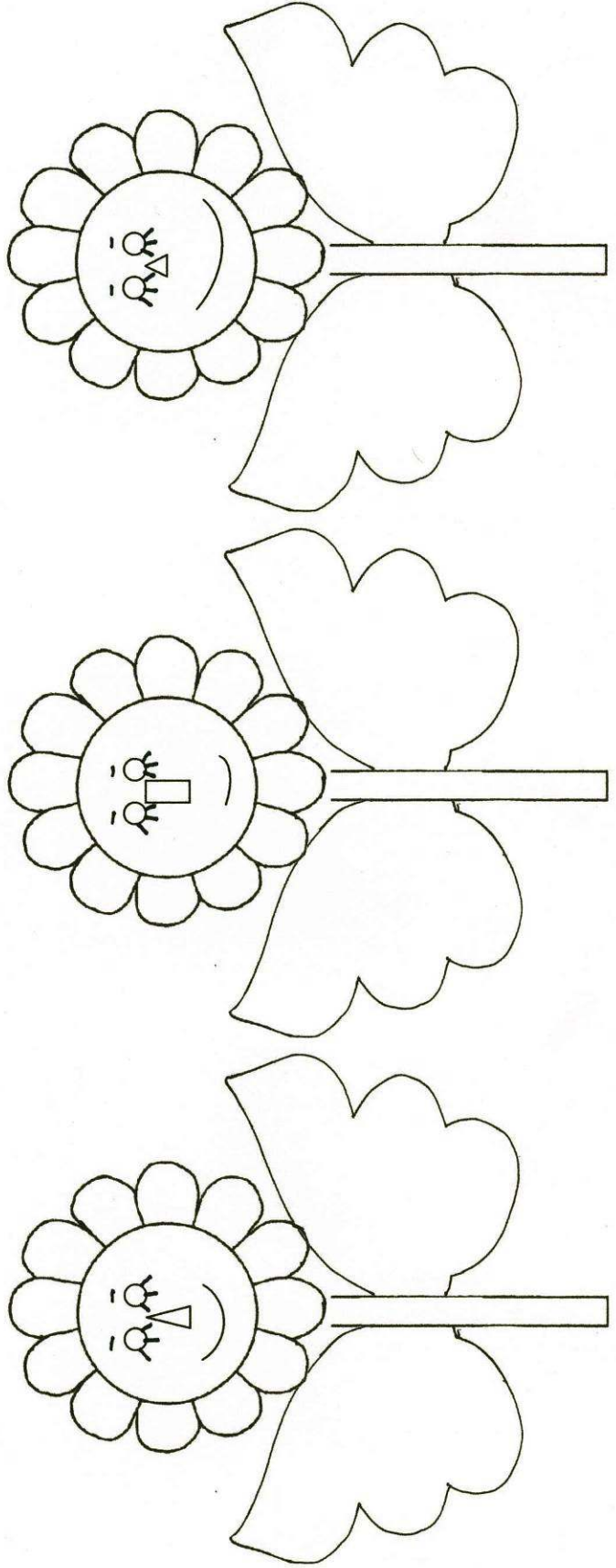
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