Clay Pot Angels

Instructions No. 4163

Difficulty: Beginner

Working time: 1 hour 30 Minutes

With " terracotta-" pots, you can quickly create charming Christmas angels. By painting, cutting, and gluing, you'll make delicate figures with wings and small details that will brighten up your windowsill, dresser, or table. Ideal for beginners who want to make their own decorative christmas decoration .



1) Prepare the templates and cut them out neatly

First, print out the included templates. Glue parts A and B, C and D, and E and F together to form complete shapes. Then carefully cut out all the templates. Clean edges are important here because you'll be tracing the outlines directly later, which will make the pieces look more uniform.

2) Make a felt star for the base

Place the star template on craft felt and trace around it with a fineliners or sublimation pen. Then cut out the star. For large terracotta-pots, you'll need larger stars; for smaller pots, use smaller ones—this ensures the "head" sits securely and centered later on.

3) Cut " feathers " from felt —for soft angel wings

Fold the felt in half so that you end up with several identical pieces. Trace the oval template multiple times and cut out the ovals. These ovals will later be used as "feathers " and, by overlapping, create a beautiful, three-dimensional wing structure.

4) Cut wings out of " corrugated board " and paint them white

Place the wing template on " corrugated board," trace the outlines, and carefully cut out the wings with a scalpel. Then paint the " corrugated board-" wings with white " handicraft paint " and let everything dry completely.

5) Glue on the felt feathers—front and back

Glue the cut-out felt-ovals onto the dried wings so that they overlap. It's best to start at the bottom and work your way up so that the "feathers " look layered. Repeat this step on the front and back of the wings so they look high-quality from all sides—especially since the angels will later stand on their own and be visible from behind.

6) Design the Head – Paint the " polystyrene ball " and Draw the Face

Paint the " polystyrene ball " with beige " handicraft paint " and let them dry completely. " polystyrene " absorbs paint well but takes a little time before the surface is truly dry to the touch. Then use a POSCA " marker " to draw a face.

7) terracotta pot as the body

If you'd like, you can paint the terracotta-pot white. This gives it a particularly festive look and makes it an ideal christmas decoration for bright interiors. Again, let the paint dry completely so that nothing shifts when you glue it later and no fingerprints are left behind.

8) Assemble the Figure – Attach the Star and Head

Turn the " terracotta pot " upside down so that the bottom is facing up. Use hot glue to attach the felt star to the center of the clay pot's bottom. Then secure the " polystyrene ball " in the center of the felt star. The star isn't just decoration—it also serves as a sturdy bonding surface between the pot and the head.

9) Shape the halo from “ chenille wire ”

Shape a chenille wire into a circle. Wrap the excess end spirally around the circle to keep it stable. If you want a particularly sturdy halo, wrap a second chenille wire around the circle as well. Then attach the finished halo to the top of the polystyrene ball. This will immediately give your angel its characteristic silhouette.

10) Optionally, add arms—for more character

If you want to give your angel more expression, attach arms made from chenille wire . To do this, cut chenille wire into suitable pieces and twist two pieces together to make the arms look a bit sturdier. Glue an “ wooden ball ” to one end of each piece to form a hand, and secure the other end with hot glue between “ terracotta pot ” and a felt star. This way, the arms stay securely in place without having to drill into the “ terracotta pot .”

11) Attach vellum paper as a “robe” or sheet of music

Cut a piece of “ vellum paper ” to the desired size, fold it once down the middle, and glue it to the “ wooden ball-” hands with hot glue. The fold automatically creates a beautiful, book-like shape—perfect if you want your angel to look like a singer or a storyteller.

12) Attach the wings and add finishing touches

Use hot glue to attach the wings to the back of the head and to terracotta pot . Make sure both sides are at the same height so the figure looks balanced. Finally, use a glitter pen to add small accents to the star or terracotta pot . Let the glitter pen dry completely before decorating the angel or giving it as a gift.

Now it’s your turn! Display your “ terracotta-” angels as “ christmas decoration ” on a sideboard, windowsill, or as table decorations—they create a particularly festive atmosphere when arranged in different sizes. If you still need matching craft paints, felt, chenille wire , or accessories, stop by the online shop and put together everything you need for your next Christmas craft project.

Article information:

Article number	Article name	Qty
347556	KREUL Disappearing ink pen	1
21904	VBS Scissors "Soft-Grip", set of 2	1
110372	Glue stick, 20 g	1
600224	Polystyrene ball, Ø 15 cm, 2 parts	1
701655	Vellum paper "Notes"	1
28503	VBS Glitter Pen, 30 mlGold	1
567749-07	POSCA Marker PC-5MBlack	1
650519-02	VBS Chenille wire, 10 piecesWhite	1
118583	VBS Glue sticks, Ø 11 mm x 20 cm, 1 kg	1
13424	Bosch Hot glue gun PKP 18 E	1
571647-18	Terracotta potsInside-Ø 18 cm, 2 pcs.	1
27511	VBS Craft paint, 230 mlBeige	1
27517	VBS Craft paint, 230 mlWhite	1
121262	VBS Priming brush "Size 3", 23 mm, 10 pieces	1
133319	Scalpel, approx. 15 cm	1
862110	Corrugated board blank, 2-flute	1
36202301	Prym scissors Professional tailor scissors	1
650137-38	VBS Handicraft felt, 45 x 500 cmWhite	1
571647-16	Terracotta potsInside-Ø 16 cm, 2 pcs.	1