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# Silk Butterfly Wings

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Cut wires to represent the veining in the wings. Arrange in order, cutting two of each. Cut out the silk wings, following close to the printed image. Using a tweezers to hold the wires, glue them onto the back side of the image. Be sure to leave a longer piece on the lower wing so you can attach it to the upper wing later. Also have a sturdy wire in the upper wing for strength. Once dry, apply glue to the upper wing and wrap the lower wing around it.



Wrap the wire from the lower wing around the strong wire in the upper wing. Let dry. Once the wings are dry, brush on a generous coating of Stiffy, a fabric stiffener, to both sides. Allow to dry. Don't lay them down to dry. They must be standing, or hanging. Sticking them into a piece of foam is helpful. You can sprinkle glitter onto the wet Stiffy now, or you can wait and glitter them when you're finished.



Once the Stiffy is dry, use the soldering iron to sear the edges of the wings. This gives them a more finished look! Apply a thin bead of glitter paint to the wires and then let that dry. These wings are not hard to make, but the drying time slows down the process a bit.



Once the Stiffy is dry, use the soldering iron to seal the edges of the wings. This gives them a more finished look! Apply a thin bead of glitter paint to the wires and then let that dry. These wings are not hard to make, but the drying time slows down the process a bit.



Once the Glitter Paint is dry, you can enhance the wings as you wish (the Glitter Paint also helps to anchor the wires in place and to each other). Apply a thin coat of Ceramicoat Matte Glaze and sprinkle on transparent glitter (Opaque glitter will hide the pattern too much). Also, when you apply the Stiffy, it helps to bring out the pattern on the “wrong side” of the wings and you

### **Supplies:**

*Printed Silk Wings*  
*Fun Wire*  
*16g wire*  
*Gem Tac Glue*  
*Glitter Paint*  
*Stiffy Fabric Stiffener*  
*Wire Cutter*  
*Tweezers, Scissors*  
*Soldering Iron*  
*Transparent Glitter*  
*Ceramicoat Matte Glaze*

**TIP:** If you can find one of these soldering aids, it was one of those great finds! I bought it from Amazon for about 15.00. It is cast metal and heavy and completely adjustable for holding the wings which they dry. It also has a magnifying glass attached to it.