

Fabric Plastered Wings

Supplies to make the wings:

Fabric (can be bedsheets, cotton fabrics-2 yards), vintage fabrics and trims

Netting or sheer lace material for top layer of feathers

Joint compound

Craft glue and hot glue

Gel medium

gesso

Poster board (for wing template)

To paint the feathers (optional) oil paints- titanium white, raw umber, transparent yellow oxide. Those are the colors I used but you can use any color. You can also use acrylic paint as well if you don't want to use oils.

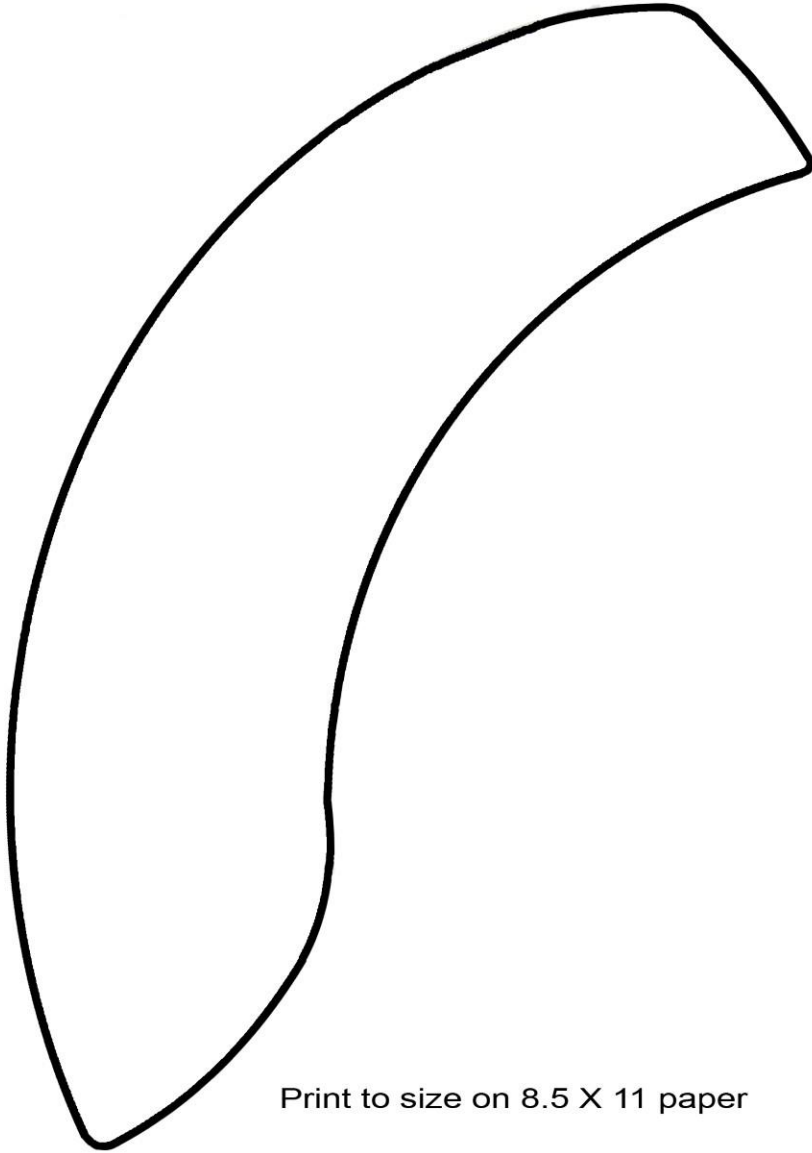
Some type of brackets if you are using the wings as a decoration.

Below is the templates needed to make these wings. You will need to cut two for the wings. You will need to make between 9-11 feathers of all the sizes for each wing. I have these wings sized to work with the size of the book 10.5" x 14.5". The wing width when the wings lie flat is approximately 30" including the space in the middle that wraps around the spine of the book.

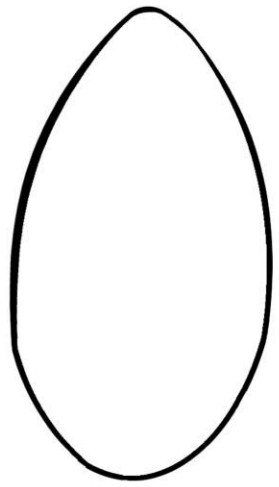
You can reduce these sizes if you want to make a smaller book.

So here are the written steps below to follow along with the videos

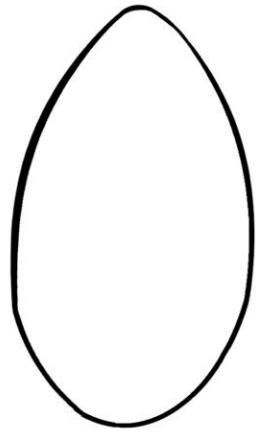
1. Make the plaster fabric. Watch the video for directions
2. Cut two wing templates, cut around 9-11 feathers of all sizes for each wing; 22 of each
3. Cover the wing templates with fabric back and front and attach with glue
4. Start attaching the larger feathers first, and layer with the 2nd and 3rd with glue.
5. As for the smallest feathers, I like to use a lighter feather. I take lace or netting and cut 22 of the smallest feathers with that. I apply plaster to them and attach them to the wings with plaster.
6. Make your strips to attach the wings. Make sure the width between each wing is wide enough to wrap around the spine of the book. I do use a glue gun to attach them
7. Rip some strips and ribbons to attach to hang down.
8. As far as the back goes, I cut 11 of the larger feathers and add a row on the back for aesthetic reason. That is optional especially if you are going to hang them.
9. Get brackets and glue gun them to each wing to hang for the wall hanging.



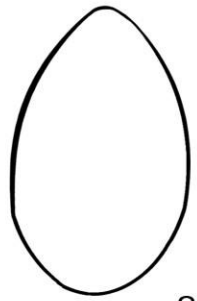
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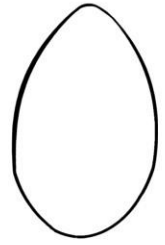
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4"



2.75"



2.25"