Butterfly Mobilé

Instructions No. 2214

Difficulty: Beginner

Working time: 3 Hours

Make a beautiful mobilé with butterflies and flowers from handmade paper. In this tutorial you will receive a practical motif template for the butterflies and flowers and a detailed explanation of how to make the paper.

This is how paper making works:

1. Cut pulp sheets into small pieces (one pulp sheet is enough for two papers). Put the shreds in a bucket of warm water for 1 hour and let them soak.

2. Use a blender to grind everything until you have a pulpy mass. Add a little cotton cellulose to the mixture and stir with a spoon.

3. Fill a large tub with about 10-15 cm of water. The scooping frame should fit into it and should also be able to be swivelled. Pour the paper mixture into the tub and stir a little.

4. Immerse the paper scoop frame, move it slightly back and forth and lift it slowly and straight up out of the water. The frame should drip over the tub for a few minutes.

5. Lay out 2x couching felt on a table.

6. Remove the outer wooden frame of the scoop frame and carefully place a piece of couching felt on the wet

paper. Then turn the whole thing over onto the felt and loosen the screen of the scoop frame.

7. Now place the second couching felt on the paper and roll everything well with the help of a rolling pin or a bottle.

8. Remove the top felt and leave to dry for several days.

9. After the drying time, the paper can be coloured as desired. To do this, simply mix a few drops of VBS colour concentrate in water and dab onto the paper with a sponge. Allow to dry.

Make the mobilé:

1. Spray the balls of the mobilé with Leaf Metal Effect Spray.

2. When dry, assemble the mobilé. The sticks can be fixed with VBS craft glue.

3. Print out the free motif template, transfer the motifs onto the handmade paper with a pencil and then cut out.

4. For a 3D effect, glue another wing or body to the butterfly or another flower centre to the flower.

5. Thread the butterflies and flowers with needle and thread and hang on the mobilé.