

Online project:
Springtime Tussy Mussy

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A whimsical spring accent
for your front door to greet your guests,
but would look lovely displayed on a
peg rack or cabinet knob as well.

Materials

- STROFOAM Brand Foam
2" eggs, three
9" x 4" cone
- Creative Paperclay Co., one package
- DecoArt
Americana Acrylics in Burnt Umber and Light
Buttermilk
Staining/Antiquing Medium
Satin Varnish
- Cavallini & Co. Decorative Paper/Wrap, one sheet
- Gesso
- Flat and stiff paintbrushes
- Floral excelsior
- Small tree twigs
- Brown-coated floral wire
- Thin floral wire
- White or metallic spray paint*
- Fine sandpaper, floral scissors, scissors, decorative edge
scissors, scraps of lace, paper adhesive, paper towels

*Optional

For product information, see sources on page 77.

Instructions

1. Apply a thin, even layer of Paperclay onto each egg, and let dry.
 2. Sand egg with fine sandpaper until smooth. Wipe with paper towel.
 3. Using a flat paintbrush, apply a thin coat of gesso.
 4. If need be, fill in uneven spaces on egg with more Paperclay. Repeat sanding and gesso.
- Note:** Some unevenness gives the egg a natural texture.
5. Paint eggs with Light Buttermilk. Let dry completely.
 6. Insert 4" of brown floral wire into each egg, and secure with adhesive. Wire can be inserted where desired into egg; this will secure the eggs to the cone.
 7. Dip stiff brush into Burnt Umber. Aim and pull brush towards egg, creating specks of color. If needed, tap egg with more Burnt Umber, creating splotches



of color. While still wet, pat egg with paper towel; this will give the egg an antiqued appearance. Allow to dry.

8. Apply Satin Varnish to egg. Allow to dry.

9. Trace cone pattern onto Decorative Paper. Cut on traced line. Use decorative edge scissors to cut 1/4" off the top portion of paper.

10. Using a flat paintbrush, apply gesso randomly onto paper, removing excess with paper towel. Use gesso sparingly.

11. Mix Burnt Umber with Staining/Antiquing medium (1:3). Brush mixture onto paper and wipe off excess. Let dry completely.

12. Wrap painted paper around cone and secure with paper adhesive.

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13. Create a handle using brown floral wire. Insert handle into cone. Fill top of cone with floral excelsior and small tree twigs.

14. Arrange painted eggs into center of cone, securing in place using floral wire.

15. Adhere lace around the top of cone. Create a bow with lace and attach to handle with thin floral wire.

Optional: To give the excelsior a whitewashed appearance, spray sparingly with white or metallic spray paint before placing on top of the cone. ✿

Sources of Supply:

STYROFOAM Brand Foam
The Dow Chemical Company
(888) GO-CRAFT
www.styrofoam-crafts.com

Creative Paperclay Company
(800)-899-5952
www.paperclay.com

Cavallini & Co.
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