

Iron out your own decorative fabric!



Angelina fibres are a new way of making your own fabric - no loom required! Just place the hair-like fibres between two sheets of baking parchment and press with an iron.

The fabric can be made into beautiful backgrounds for cards, but why not go one step further and make a card decoration that's also something to wear? This project would be ideal for a young girl's birthday.

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1 Trace the two positioning diagrams. Place Purple Flash fibres all along the upper wing strip and then some Desert Sunset Sparkle in the middle as shown in the photograph. Repeat with the lower wing strip using Peacock Green Flash and Lemon Sparkle in the middle. Pat down with a hand.

2 Carefully slide one of the fibre shapes onto a sheet of baking parchment which has been placed on an ironing board. Place another sheet of baking parchment on top and set your iron to the silk setting. Press quickly all over the parchment - the fibres bond very fast so this will only take a few seconds. Repeat with the second wing and leave to cool.

3 Place the now flattened and bonded fibre shape on top of the relevant positioning diagram and trim to shape with scissors. Repeat for the



other one. Fold along the folding lines and lap over the two seam sections at the back and stitch - I used a sewing machine but hand sewing will work as well.

4 Now make three rows of long running stitches close to each other and pull to gather, knot threads and finish off. Repeat with the other wing. Scrunch both wings together, arrange in a butterfly style, then wrap a short piece of black seam binding around and stitch. Place the bow on the hair barrette and then sew another piece of the seam binding to attach it to the slide. Stitch the stone on top for the body.

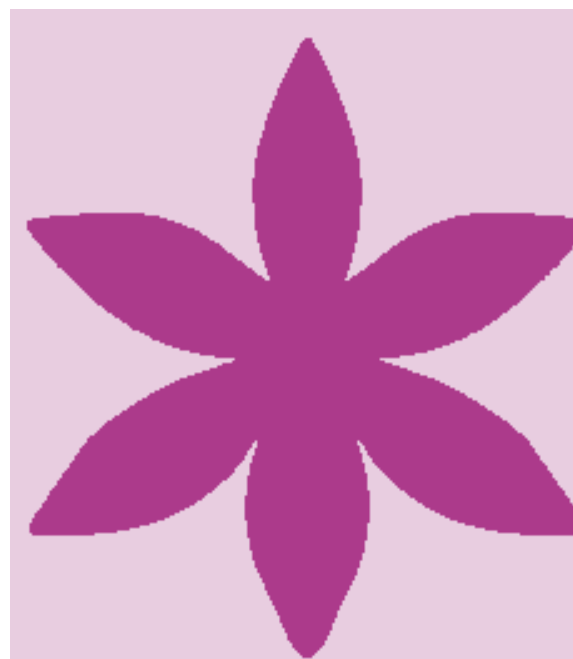


5 Score a line down the middle of the white card and fold to make a 12.75x17.75cm (5x7in) base card. Cover the front with blue shaded paper for a background.

6 Cut out some thin strips of green shimmer paper for stalks and stick them down; punch out some leaves from the same paper. Use my arrangement of the flowers as a guide or make up your own. The large flower shapes combine with the punches to make the card - which will still look pretty when the barrette has been taken off!



7 Position the barrette and press down hard to make marks. Cut small rectangular slits in the card with a sharp knife and then attach the barrette.



TECHNIQUE:
Making fabric

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GET READY...

- ✓ White card 17.75 x 25.50cm (7x10in)
- ✓ Blue shaded card
- ✓ Shimmer paper in green, yellow, mauve, magenta and pale pink
- ✓ Angelina fibres in Lemon Sparkle, Desert Sunset Sparkle, Peacock Green Flash and Purple Flash
- ✓ Black seam binding
- ✓ Black sewing thread
- ✓ Fine needle
- ✓ Domestic iron on silk setting
- ✓ Two sheets of baking parchment
- ✓ Assorted flower punches and a large leaf punch
- ✓ Hair barrette
- ✓ Pritt glue stick
- ✓ Solvent glue to stick back to card



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Lower wing

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Upper wing

SOURCE

Angelina Fibre from Ivy House Studio (Tel: 01502 740414) or Simply Creative (Tel: 01722 744056).

Most other items widely available but in case of difficulty shaded card and shimmer paper can be obtained from Cardcraft Plus Ltd (Tel: 01772 272572) and jewels from Puddle Lodge Crafts (Tel: 01400 263111).