



Ribbon and Streamer Windssocks

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The original pattern came from a kit I bought long ago by Lynda Fenton. A search for Lynda led me to BJ's old website. That led me to ask Pat Bryner of Mini Minded Obsession if she knew her. They are sisters and both offered their blessing to this tutorial. Neither could remember whose idea it was so Pat just said to credit the Forgetful Sisters.



Supplies needed:

- 1/4" ribbon or striped paper (copier paper works better than cardstock - at least for me)
- 1/8" double sided tape
- Craft glue
- 1/8" Quilling paper
- Fly tying mylar for streamer windsocks
- 3/16" dowel or tubing for help shaping the tubes
- Gold thread for hangers cut in 1" segments



Ribbon Windsock



Cut (3) 3/4" pieces of ribbon and (1) 1" piece. Apply the 2-sided tape or glue to the 1" piece. Lay the 3 shorter pieces on the top piece starting at the right. Allow to dry. Cut long ribbons into fringe. With sharp fine

scissors, follow the color lines and cut to the top ribbon. Roll top ribbon on dowel and glue in a circle. Hold or clamp until dry. Glue a loop of gold thread inside as a hanger.



I have even made these using wider ribbon. Use one piece cut to length for streamers. And a narrow solid colored ribbon for the top piece. Same process, just cut the wider ribbon in streamers before rolling to create the windsock. Add a piece of thread to make a hanger.

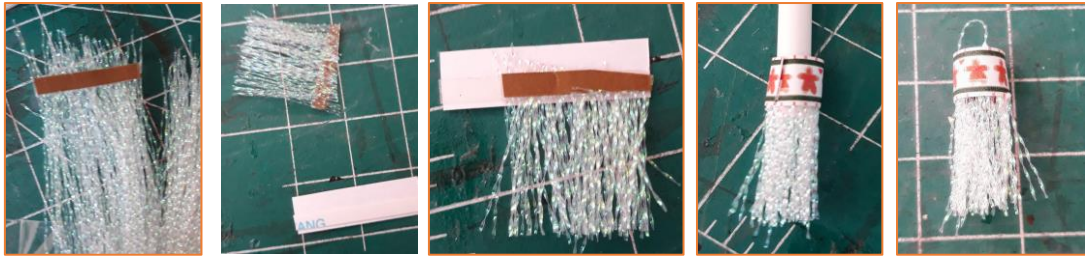
Streamer windsocks



Honestly these seemed so intimidating when Pat told me about them and offered to send me her supplies. I am hooked. Yes, they are messy but fun too. Pat sent me the sheet she used to make her windsocks. I sized it to give me approximately 1/4" tall strips.



I am going to just add a series of photos showing the steps and then describe how I made them. The process is similar to the ribbon windsocks with just a few more steps but not that hard.



Cut a 3/4" strip of quilling paper and a 1-1/8" piece of outside paper. Add 2-sided tape to both keeping the tape along the bottom of outside tape. Take the fly tying mylar out of the package. Lay the quilling tape down and collect as many strings as you can. Press well. Cut to desired length of sock and trim across the top. It doesn't need to be perfect. A few longer stragglers make it like there is movement in the air. Now lay the streamers down on the outside paper. This gives you another chance to capture any loose pieces. Press well. If you are using craft glue instead of double sided tape, allow everything to dry. Roll around the dowel into a circle. Hold or clamp until dry. Glue a gold thread or a piece of escaped streamer to make a hanger.

Pat suggested saving the cut off pieces to use for candies or decorations.

I just looked at a tassel of multicolored thread I have in my collection. It might be a good candidate if you can't find the mylar. I bought it to add piping to upholstered furniture.



Enjoy your creations. I hope to see some show up in your pictures. Feel free to e-mail me if you have any questions.

Believe me when I say it is hard to just make one!