

Duck Ornament Directions

Supplies Needed:

- 1 Clear ornament (Glass or plastic. Please ask a grown up for help when using Glass ornaments)
- Multi-surface acrylic paint: Dark Green, Buff, Yellow, White
- Paint pens: White and Black
- Sculpey Clay (or any non-toxic clay that can be baked in your oven)
- Hot Glue Gun or Gorilla Glue (if using a Glass ornament, you will need a strong glue that will bond the glass and clay piece together)

Instructions:

1. Take your ornament and remove the cap (paint the cap with Dark Green paint and set aside to dry). Pour the Dark Green paint into the inside of the ornament (You do not have to fill the entire ornament with paint. Only pour in enough that will help you get a good coat on the inside of the ornament).
2. Cover the opening of the ornament with a paper towel or a rag cloth. Use both hands to get a secure handle of the ornament, and then shake the ornament until the entire inside of the ornament is coated with paint (Be careful not to drop the ornament, especially with glass).
3. Cut a piece of paper towel roll (cardboard) and rest the ornament with the opening facing down. This will help drain the excess paint that is inside the ornament. Let the ornament dry overnight.
4. Paint the bottom half of the ornament with the "Buff" coloured paint. You will need to paint on several coats until opaque and you can't see the green underneath. After each layer you paint on, let it sit to dry before adding another layer (you can use a hairdryer to speed up the drying process). When the bottom is fully covered and dried, use the black paint pen to draw the outline all the way around the ornament.

5. Building the Beak: With the help from a grown up, use a small piece of Sculpey Clay and create Duck's beak (use the ornament to help you determine how big you need to make the beak). Follow the directions on the package, and bake the beak in the oven so it will harden (Make sure an adult is assisting you with this).
6. When the beak is taken out from the oven, let it cool. Paint with Yellow paint and let dry.
7. Attaching the beak to ornament: When the beak is painted and fully dried, attach the beak to the ornament, using the hot glue gun (for plastic ornaments) or Gorilla Glue (for glass ornaments). If using the Gorilla Glue (or any other industrial strength glue) please have an adult assist you with this.
8. Painting on Duck's Eyes: Using the white paint pen, draw on Duck's eyes (remember, if you make a mistake, you can use nail polish remover). Paint them in with white paint (this may take several layers). When the paint is fully dry, use the black paint pen to draw in the pupil's of Duck's eyes, and to also outline the outer edge of the eyes (you will not be able to use nail polish remover at this point to correct any mistakes, so make sure to use a pencil first to draw in the placement of the pupils in Duck's eyes). Let set to dry and then put the cap back on. Use an ornament hook and hang on your tree!