

materials:

- Recycled items
- Small piece 13mm hexagonal galvanised chicken wire
- Desk lamp plus wire frame of its lampshade
- Trim edging decorated with assorted birds feathers
- Heavy-duty gardening gloves
- Bent-nose pliers
- Wire cutter
- Long-nose pliers
- Fabric glue
- Small paintbrush
- Harlequin Rust It Activator (available at leading hardware stores)

instructions:

1 Using the ageing technique for the chicken wire and the wire frame.

Ageing:

You will need:

- Kettlebraai or outside fireplace
- Charcoal
- Firelighters
- Matches
- Metal objects
- Oven gloves
- Braai equipment

method:

a Make a fire with the charcoal, firelighters and matches! Place the metal objects directly over the flames or coals, one by one. (Objects lose their shape if they lie on top of each other.) Leave until all paint coatings have burned away. (Note: Galvanised paint takes longer than others.)

b Wearing oven gloves, use tongs to remove the objects from the fire. Take care not to drop them or place them on top of one another as they will easily distort while hot.

c When all the objects are cold, wash them thoroughly under running water to remove any traces of ash.

d Dry the objects with an old cloth. They are now ready for decorating.

2 Place the frame on its side in the centre of the chicken wire and cover it by pulling the mesh firmly around its edges. Wear gardening gloves to protect your hands.

3 Use bent-nose pliers to tighten the mesh over the frame.

Cut away surplus wire and work away any strands by folding them around the framework with long-nose pliers.

4 Paint fabric glue along the edge of the trim edging with a small paintbrush. Press it firmly onto the top rim of the newly made shade. Use washing pegs to keep the trim in position while the glue dries.

5 Use the rust activator and follow the manual instructions to age the lampstand.

6 Place the newly made lampshade on the aged lampstand and display. **CH**



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