

Homemade Lamps Made Easy

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At this time of the year when our bank balance has been stretched to the limit but we still want to make updates to the home, its time to get crafty. Look at items around the home that may need a little TLC, or pieces that have seen better days. Instead of throwing them out find clever, quick and in-expensive ways to bring them back to life. I've focused on Lampshades to upcycle, as the nights draw in even earlier, this is the time of year when we use them the most. Jacqui Joseph brings you the best homemade lamps this January...

Silver Beaded Lampshade

Decorative Silver beads are normally reserved for adorning our Christmas trees or perhaps to add sparkle to wedding decor.

But there is another use for them and it's brilliantly cost-effective. Yes, you've guessed it: upcycling a lampshade! The result looks stunning and it's super easy to do...In 3 easy steps



What you'll need:

Lampshade

Strong adhesive – I prefer to use a glue gun as it dries quickly and bonds really strong.

String beads – any colour you desire (I opted for silver).

Steps:

1. Protect your surface with either a glass mat or an opened cardboard box will do.
2. Start on the inside of your lampshade, add a blob of glue and attach the start of the garland.
3. Work your way up and over the lampshade adding a blob of glue here and there to secure the garland...and it's done!!

Flutterby Lampshade

I'm an upcycling/repurposing/revamping geek and never happier than when I have an item that I can turn from drab to fab for next to nothing. Charity shops are great places to find pieces that may need some TLC. Here's where my large lampshade comes into play... I found this shade for £2.50 at my local Charity shop and it's been sitting under my desk for ages waiting for inspiration to come along. If you have a lampshade that is in need of a new lease on life, this could be the perfect upcycling project! It's so easy that there are only 2 steps!



What you'll need:

Lampshade

Glue/Hot Glue Gun

Butterfly Shapes

Steps:

1. Using your Die-cutting machine Die-Cut all manner of shapes and sizes of butterflies using your Dies and a myriad of colourful decorative and plain card and papers. If you don't have a Die Cutting machine there are loads of Butterfly templates to be found online or just draw out butterflies on colourful papers!
2. Using a hot glue gun simply stick your cut butterflies onto your lampshade. Stick them at different angles and let them overlap the top and base of your shade to add even more drama. Let there be light!

Feather Boa Lampshade

Perhaps you've got that Feather Boa draped over the bed head or hanging on the door handle that you used at a Fancy dress Party or as an accessory for your Christmas/New Year outfit, and you're thinking: "when am I going to use that again?"

Well, this quick and easy upcycle could be perfect. If you have a tired looking lampshade and fancy a soft free flowing look for the lighting within your home for next to nothing, then this quick, easy and money saving re-invention couldn't be easier. It's



decadent and fabulous, a real standout, unique piece for the home. Use whatever colour feather boa you desire to suit your style and room, in 3 easy steps!



What you'll need:

Lampshade

Glue/Hot Glue Gun

Feather Boa

Steps

1. Make sure your Feather Boa is long enough to cover the size of your lampshade or if like me you have a large shade just use 2 Boas.
2. Grab your glue and just add blobs every now and then to secure your feather boa to the shade.
1. 3.Sit back and enjoy!

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