

REPURPOSED RUSTIC LAMP



YOU WILL NEED:

- 20 Gauge 1" Chicken Wire
- Cleaning Solution / Water
- Decorations for lamp shade
- Hot Glue Gun/Glue
- Lamp, with base and lamp shade
- Needle Nose Pliers
- Paper Towel
- Safety Glasses
- Spray Paint
- Wire Cutters
- Work Gloves



STEP 1



STEP 2



STEP 3



01

Gather your materials. The lamp used in this tutorial was found at a thrift store, but you can use any lamp and shade you already have on hand.

Take your lamp apart. Remove the shade and unscrew any parts that you do or do not want spray-painted. You should at least be left with the base of the lamp and the shade at minimum.

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Use painter's tape to mask around the areas of the base of the lamp that you do not want to be spray-painted.

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Using a cleaning agent and paper towel, wipe down the entire surface of your lamp and anything else you intend to spray paint.

Use an adhesive-removing product to get rid of any sticky residue left by price tags or stickers. Dry your lamp with a clean sheet of paper towel.

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In a well-ventilated area such as a garage or a backyard, lay out a piece of cardboard large enough to give you ample space around your lamp pieces. This will ensure that no excess spray paint will get on the grass or floor around you.

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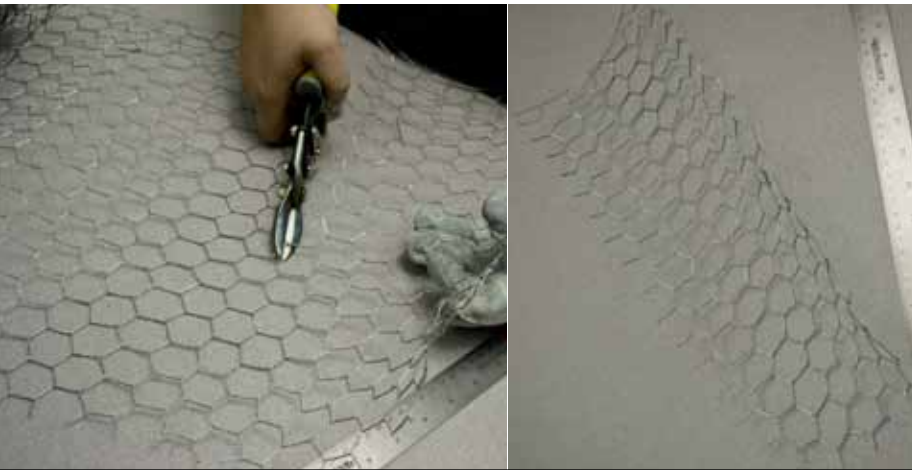
After shaking your can of spray paint vigorously for at least two minutes, start to paint your lamp base and any other pieces. Be sure to hold your can of spray paint at least 6 inches away from the object. Always move your can in a steady, constant motion while spray painting. If you hold your can in one place for too long, you will apply too much paint to an area and it will leave drip marks.

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Leave your lamp to dry.

Meanwhile, disassemble your lampshade. The lampshade in this tutorial was constructed with a vinyl material that was wrapped like a ribbon around the wire frame of the lamp. Use scissors if you need to in order to remove all the parts of the lampshade. You should be left with a wire frame.

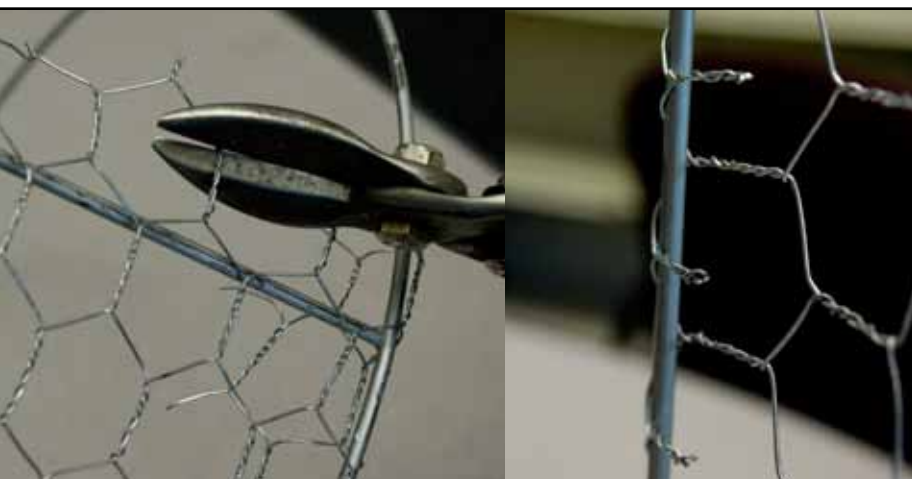
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The wire frame of your lampshade should have “panels” made by wire support bars. In this case, the lampshade has eight panels.

Measure the width and height of each panel. Cut your chicken wire to be just slightly larger than your measurements; about a quarter inch more on each four sides. You want to have enough wire to wrap around the support beams and frame.

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Center your measured chicken wire piece on top of the panel.

Lightly bend down the wire on the top and bottom for now. This keeps the wire sheet in place and will give you the support and stability you need to do the sides first.

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Starting with the sides cut away excess wire as shown.

Bend the wire around the metal frame of the lampshade. Make sure there are no pieces of wire sticking out and that they are all wrapped snugly around the wire frame.

Do the same for the top and bottom.

Repeat steps 7-9 for the rest of your panels.

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Revisit the base of your lamp and add a second coat of spray paint following the instructions in Step 5. Leave your lamp to dry once more.

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After your base is completely dry, reassemble your lamp.

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Gather any decoration materials you want for the lampshade. This tutorial utilizes burlap ribbon and burlap-esque flowers.

The flowers shown are actually hair clips – the clips on the back make it extremely convenient to attach them to the chicken wire on the lampshade – but you can use whatever you want.

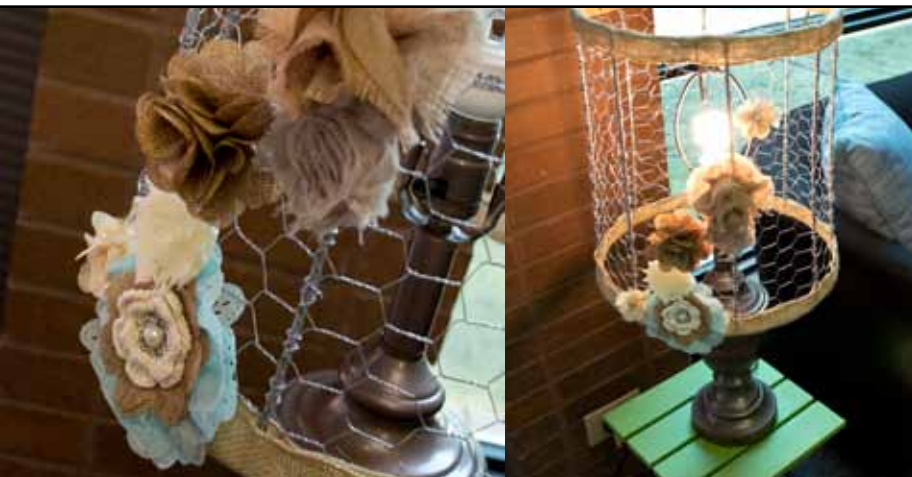
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Take your roll of burlap and wrap it around the top of your lamp, then snip it when the two ends touch. Do the same for the bottom.

Center the burlap strips on the top and bottom of the frame and fold them in.

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Using a hot glue gun, adhere the burlap strip to the wire frame and chicken wire.

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Clip on or apply any other decorations you have to your lampshade. Plug it in, and enjoy!

WARNING: Do not use decorations that are flammable or could catch fire. If possible, use lamp without decorations when lit.