

How to Assemble your 3D Angel

On your Angel plate you will find lots of different elements. You may be a little overwhelmed and not know where to start! So let's break it down to make it easier to understand.

The two smaller complete angel images can give you some inspiration and show what your finished 3D angel should look like when assembled. They are there for you to use on your Groovi cards as you may not want to make a 3D angel.

For your 3D angel, you have the base element which is a panelled skirt. You will find that all the panels are the same size but have different patterns within; this gives you the choice to make 7 different patterned skirts. Of course you can fill the spaces with whatever you wish from any of your Groovi plates. Grid work or needle tool work would be lovely alternatives!

You also have a choice of two upper bodies with wings. You can change the wings from one body to the other. There are some other smaller elements as well. For instance, there is a tiara in different sizes, some hearts and stars that you can place carefully in the angel's hands, and some extra decorations for the skirt. Don't be afraid to mix and match.

To make your 3D Angel

1 Skirt

You have a choice here: you can either emboss the whole thing as normal, on the back of the parchment. Or, if you want to give the skirt more shape, first emboss the six straight lines that divide the seven panels on the front, using the number 1 Groovi tool. Now turn your parchment over and reposition it so that the lines line up with those on the Groovi plate. Emboss the outline including the tabs with the number 1 Groovi tool. Choose a design for the panels and by moving your parchment along, emboss in the space.

Remove from the plate and cut out with a pair of ordinary scissors or perforate around the outer edges with a 2-needle perforating tool and picot cut. Gently fold in tabs a and b. These will be invisible when the skirt is assembled. Place a strip of narrow double sided tape on one of the tabs only. Do not stick the tabs together yet.

To get some shape to the skirt you can, if you choose, fold the skirt inwards along each of the six lines dividing the panels. Do one at a time, creasing gently. Open the skirt out and tease it into shape. When you are happy with the shape, make sure everything lines up nicely and then stick the two tabs together using the double sided tape. This will give you a cone shape.

2 Body and wings

Emboss the body and wings of your choice. Cut out as before. Fold back the four tabs at c and d. Add a tiny dab of Pega glue on each and wait until it's starting to go really tacky. Carefully stick the tabs onto the top of the skirt. Try to make sure the glue doesn't go on the rest of the angel's body. You may have to hold in place for a minute for the glue to dry a little. When completely dry, tilt the upper body forward a bit so that she doesn't look like she is leaning backwards. You can even curl the wings a little to give them shape.

3 To make a smaller 3D angel

If you look at the panel with the bows and dots, you will see that it is further divided by scalloped lines. If you use the middle set of scallops as the base of the skirt (on all seven panels) this will give you a much smaller cone. Then you can pair it up with the second smallest angel body. You would have to add your own tabs here.

4 Colour and Glitter

Always colour and apply glitter before assembly. Be very careful not to get dorso oil or glitter on your tabs or double sided tape as this will prevent them sticking. Add some ribbon to hang from the tree or place a battery operated tea light underneath. Never use a candle with a naked flame!

Enjoy

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