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Suggested Materials


12" X 12" Pieces of 1/2" Styrofoam For Painting Fence Pieces


Model Glue
With Small Applicator Tip


1" \& 1 1/2" wide Blue Painter's Tape
(Most Hardware Stores)

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## Parts holder



This is my way of painting chain-link fence frames:

- Cut out a couple pieces of $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ foam insulation about 12 " wide x 12 " long to use as a part holder while painting your fence. Lay one of the pieces flat on your work bench.
- Tear off about 6 pieces of 1 " wide blue painter's tape that are about 3" long and tack them to the edge of your work bench.
- Tear off a piece of blue tape about $7-8$ " long and place it along the middle of the piece of insulation with the sticky side up. Using one of the short pieces of tape, tape one end down onto the insulation. Stretch the long tape across the center and tape the other end down with another short piece of tape. Tear off two more pieces of blue tape about 7-8" long and repeat the process, placing them parallel to the first piece and somewhere between it and the edge of the insulation.
- Now you have a sticky surface to hold your work while you paint.


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Painting



Begin sticking the base of your fence parts onto the blue tape. Be sure to leave some breathing room between each part so one part won't block another part from the paint spray. For those parts like gate section that are without bases, you can stick them flat on the tape or pin them onto the insulation with map pins. While painting the gates, mask off the hinge parts of the assembly and brush paint them carefully later. You don't want to get paint on the hinge pins or in the hinge holes.

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Painting



Put a disposable glove on your hand that will be holding your work so you will not accidently paint your hand too. Step outside or wherever you spray paint and give your fence parts a good coat of aluminum colored paint that bonds with plastic. I use Rust-oleum 2x Ultra Cover paint. Set your painted work aside and let it dry 20-30 minutes. Now you can prepare the next piece of insulation and add more fence parts to paint.

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Parts Removal



To remove your dried fence from the tape, pull off an entire strip of tape with the fencing attached. Carefully peel the tape away from each fence base. Otherwise, there is a chance of breaking off the base. Set the fence parts aside and prepare the insulation for more fence parts to paint as needed. Continue this cycle until all of the fence parts are painted with the aluminum colored paint.

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Tulle Cutting Board


Now that all of the fence parts are painted, it's time to prepare the chain-link wire mesh.

- Take a piece of scrap wood or MDF about 30" long and draw 2parrallel lines 24 " long x $11 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ apart with a straight edge and pencil.
- Start at one end of the parallel lines and draw 3-consecutive rectangles that are 8 " long, using the parallel lines as sides.
- Now you have a pattern/template to cut-out your wire mesh.


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- Cut-off 26 " of tulle ribbon mesh from its spool. Lay a long edge of the mesh along the closest parallel line to you and tape it down with blue painter's tape.
- Lay a metal straight edge over the rectangles with its edge along the furthest parallel line. Hold the straight edge down firmly and use a sharp Utility knife to cut the mesh into a 0.80 " wide strip. I'm lucky enough to have a work bench that allows me to clamp down my projects (as shown.) You cannot allow the straight edge to move while cutting.
- Inspect the edges for any rough spots and set the strip aside.
- Continue cutting as many mesh strips as possible from this original ribbon piece. You may get 3 or 4 strips from it. Anything less than $11 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ wide is scrap.
- Continue this process until you have enough mesh to cover all of your fence pieces. You can always cut more strips as needed.

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- Cut the strips you made on Page 9 to 8 " lengths.


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## Gluing Tulle Strips

Tulle strip


- Lay a fence frame on its side.
- Align one of the Tulle strips along the top edge as shown above.
- Set a pencil across the fence posts for ballast.
- Spot-glue the Tulle onto the fence frame.


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- Trim off the extra Tulle along the outside edge of the cups with pair of sharp scissors.


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- Cut-off end posts with a sharp utility knife as needed.



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- Use a drop of white glue to the bottom of each fence base and align the first section of fence to your layout, using the lines you have drawn. (Corner)
- Add a drop of model cement to each fence cup and then set the end of the next fence section onto the cup. Be sure to add a drop of white glue to the fence bases as you go.
- Continue in this manner for each fence section.

