

● Genie Bottle Tutorial

What is a “Genie Bottle” anyway? Well let me tell you! A genie Bottle is a cute little gourd decorated so whimsically that any Genie would be happy to move in and call it home.



Items needed:

- Small gourd (large gourds are ok too, but for this tutorial we are using small gourds.
- Paint brushes
 - One, 1/2 “flat brush (used to spread paint on the gourd)
 - One, liner brush (used to make swirls and lines)
 - One, small round brush to make details
- Dotting tools
- Paints, ink dyes, alcohol inks, decoupage
- Embellishments: beads, rhinestones, beads, headpins, colored ball pins, jewelry findings, pieces of jewelry and clay sculptures. Yes, even egg shells! There is no restriction. If you can attach it to the gourd, use it.
- Glue
- Instant glue
- Dremel tool with thin bur, or awl to pierce the gourd to receive head pins.
 - (Note the ends of the gourds are very thick and hard, so I recommend using a Dremel with a thin burr.

Let's begin

Paint your gourd. Have fun trying metallic finishes.

- While the paint is drying, pick out beads and embellishments.
- Pick your beads. Make sure the legs and finial style match. I like to glue the beads to the head pin so they don't move around, plus the legs will have no rigidity to hold up gourd.
- This is how I make the legs. I used a gold head pin and beads. You can use any bead you like. If the bead holes are all large use a tooth pick, nail, or wire. Always think of how to keep the beads from slipping off. Using glue, a head pin, nail, or



sewing pins with colored beads on top are good. Also think about how long of a pin you need. Large beads will cover up pin quickly and there will be no length to go into the gourd.

- Add swirls, dots, and embellishments like rhinestones, to the gourd.
- Attach your legs. (Wait for final until the end.)



The Finial can be made with many different beads, pieces of metal. You just paint them to match your design. Make sure legs and top match style.

(Note: in photos B and C there is a black line. I would cut the gourd here to allow the bead to set into the gourd so it looks like it is one piece. The trick here is to make sure it is sealed so the innards don't come out when handled.)