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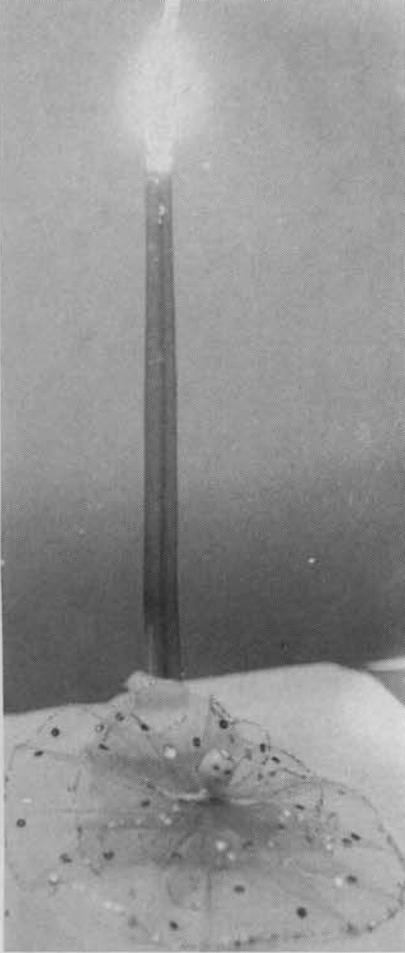
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Decorations:

Apply a small amount of glue on about 3 inches of the exact edge of the inner net circle. (If you do more than this the glue is likely to get too dry before you apply the glitter.) Then roll the glued area in a small dish of glitter. Continue doing this until the inner circle is finished, then do the outer circle. For extra sparkle use a toothpick to put drops of glue all over the skirt and apply small stars, sequins or spots of glitter.

After the glue is dry the angels are as charming and inexpensive a Christmas decoration as you can find.

To store angels keep them in a large box with tissue paper, being careful not to crowd them and crush the net. If glitter trickles off, touch it up with fresh glitter.



The body:

Bend a pipe cleaner in half and put the folded end through the hole in the wooden bead. The ends will be the legs. Just below the head twist another pipe cleaner to make the arms. Cover the part of the bead to be used for hair with glue and thoroughly cover this with a thick layer of glitter. Shake off the excess.

The two-tiered dress:

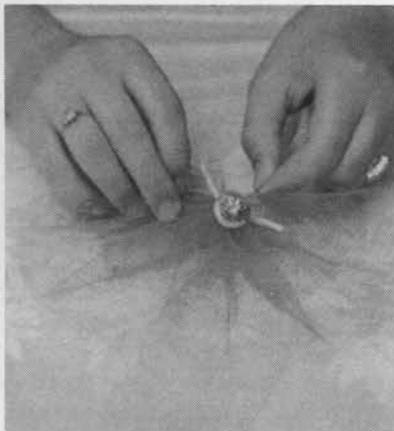
Cut a strip of nylon net 7 inches wide and 18 inches long. Make a 3-inch fold the length of the net and gather this up with small stitches on the fold line. (Use a heavy thread so you won't have to worry about its breaking.)

Tie the string around the doll. The net will stick straight out in a circle. Separate the two edges that have been formed by the fold. The inner circle is an inch in from the outer, lower edge. Now you're ready to start "sparkling" the angel.

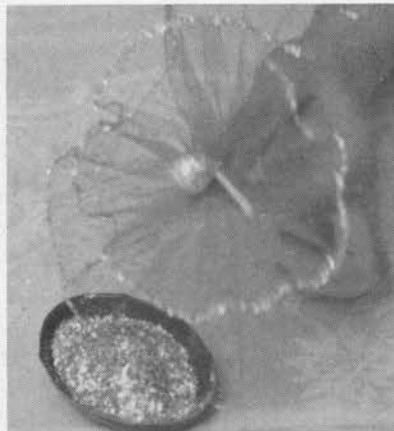
For Christmas table centerpieces, new ornaments on your Christmas tree or feminine appeal on gifts, make these wispy little angels that could easily have dropped from a cloud or floated in on a snowflake.

Use bright Christmas colors or pastels to use all year long.

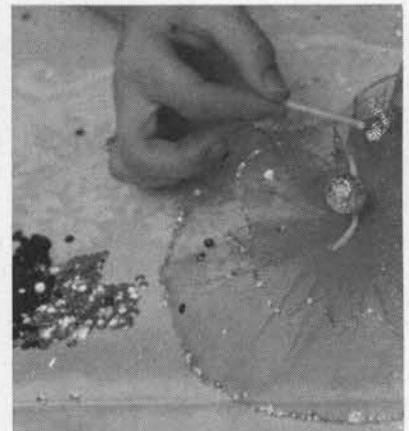
You'll need nylon net, glitter, pipe cleaners, felt, transparent glue, sequins and tiny stars. For the angel heads, use small unpainted wooden beads with holes through the centers. (Hobby shops and dime stores have beads the size of large marbles. Often they already have faces painted on them.)



Gather net around body . . .



Roll edges in glitter . . .



Apply sequins with toothpick.