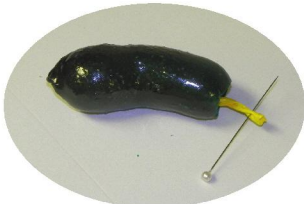


Gelatin Peacock

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Step 1:

- Use a long skinny balloon to shape a head and neck.
- Use a small water balloon to shape the body.
- Insert a skewer to use as a handle when making the knot in balloons.
- Prepare gelatin using ½ cup gelatin and 2 cups water, and desired color.
- Dip the balloons into the gelatin and spin off excess.
- Let sit 3-5 minutes until set, then repeat 5-6 times to get enough gelatin to evenly coat the balloons.
- Use the leftover gelatin to paint 2 bow texture sheets.
- The gelatin balloons need to dry for 3-4 days to be crisp and firm.
- Using a pin, pop the balloon and pull out thru the top.
(*If it cracks a bit, don't worry as you will use warm gelatin to connect the head/neck to the body.)



- Prepare gelatin using 1:2 ½ ratio.
- Divide, then add desired color to paint the feather sheets (Feather 1 & 2), and the large and small (Leaf 6 & 4) poinsettia sheets.
- Paint the large long leaf sheet (Leaf 5) with gold gelatin.
- Let these sheets dry, repeating 2 more times.



- After trimming the large feathers, cut thin slices up the sides next to the vein lines.
- Use vodka to LIGHTLY spritz the feathers so they bend and fluff.
- The large poinsettia leaves get trimmed and disco dust added on the edges.



- Using one of your two gelatin sheets, cut a large tear drop shape out.
- This will be used as the base for the tail feathers.



- Layer the feathers, starting with large first, working up to small, using warm clear gelatin as glue.



- Using pins to hold in place, let this dry laying against Styrofoam tiers so the tail has the shape you need.



- For the small feathers, use a small leaf paper punch and punch at least 36 out of one of the sheets of gelatin.



- Use warm gelatin to connect the neck and body.
- Then add the small poinsettia feathers to the body working up the neck with the tiny punched out feathers, using warm gelatin as glue.



- Cut a small right triangle from yellow gelatin.
- Wrap it like a parchment cone and glue onto the head with warm gelatin.
- Use vodka and petal dust mix to paint eyes and accents.



- Cut tiny hearts from gelatin sheet and glue onto 1" pieces of 30 gauge wire.
- Glue 5-6 together with warm gelatin, and poke a hole (with a pin) into the top of the head and glue the crest into the hole.