





## beaded lampshade

Make the pretty lampshade from our winning room.

## You will need:

- Wooden craft beads with good-size holes you can pass a wool needle through
- Wool needle
- Assorted ribbon
- Resene testpots in colours that suit your room – we used Resene Pink Panther, Resene Princess, Resene Kermit and Resene Half Alabaster
- Hot glue gun and glue (get adults to help)
- Wire and wire frame or inside of a lampshade (you could recycle an old one)

## To make:

- Paint wooden beads in assorted coloured paint then set aside to dry (thread the beads onto a pipe cleaner to paint them for clean hands). Prepare the lampshade frame. You may need to add wire supports as shown.
- 2. Thread the first ribbon through the wool needle and start threading on beads in random size and colour order. You can adjust the spacing later.
- 3. Tie the ribbon end to the frame, then push a larger bead over to hide the knot and loose end. Start weaving the ribbon in and out of the frame by going under then over both the top and bottom of the

frame. Space the beads as you go.

- 4. At the top and bottom of the frame glue the ribbon onto itself, making sure the ribbon is taut but not so tight as to bend the frame. It should also hide the frame. Keep threading and weaving.
- 5. Change ribbon colour by simply tying together then push a bead over the join.
- 6. You might want to use some painted beads as legs on the bottom. Glue them on with the hot glue gun. Make sure you use a low wattage energy-saving bulb.

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