

CLINGING KOALA

Koalas hold tightly to the branches of the trees they call home. Let's hold tightly to Jesus and He will never let anything separate us from Him (Romans 8:38-39).

YOU WILL NEED:

- Black Permanent Marker
- Black Modeling Material
- White Modeling Material
- Cloth Covered Floral Wire
- 2 Glass Beads
- Quilt Batting, Fleece or Similar Material
- White Fleece
- Grey Fluffy Yarn
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- Floral Wire
- Gray Felt
- Scissors
- Threads
- Huge Needle
- Hot Glue Gun
- Wire Cutters
- Round pliers



DIRECTIONS:



1. Twist the wire into a frame for the koala, with the body being 5" long and the head 3" round, for a total of 8" long. Cut strips of batting and fill the inside of the framework for the head and body.



5. Wrap the leg with strips of batting.



9. Cut out four pieces of felt for the ears and an oval shape for the belly of the koala. Glue the ear parts together in pairs. Cover the belly with fluffy white yarn on one side. Cover the ears with yarn on both sides, using grey for the back and white for the inside of the ear.



2. Wrap the body and head with cut strips of batting to give them plenty of padding. Wrap over it with thread to give it strength.



6. Mold 5 black claws from the modeling material. Put the claws on the ends of the wire with a drop of hot glue.



10. Wrap the body and head of the koala with grey fluffy yarn. Glue the ends of the yarn. Glue on the ears and belly.



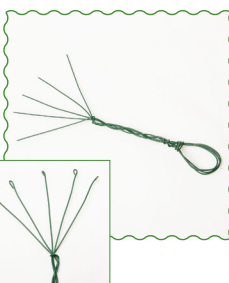
3. From the modeling material, mold the nose and muzzle for the koala. Color the two glass beads with a black marker to look like eyes. Outline the eyes with a thin strip of black modeling material. Let dry.



7. Cut 5 pieces of gray felt. Wrap them around the fingers, overlapping the top of the claws a little and then hot glue.



11. Fold thread over several times to make one strong cord. Thread the needle and attach right arm through the body around the inside wires until secure. Repeat sewing through the body and wires with the other arm and legs.



4. Cut five pieces of wire 8" long. Twist them together, leaving 2" free on one end and making a loop on the other end. Bend the free ends of the wire into the shape of paws.



8. Wrap gray fluffy yarn around the leg. Use small drops of hot glue to hold it in place. Make 3 more identical legs.



12. Hot glue the nose and eyes to the koala. Curl the fingers on its paws so that they can cling to branches. The clinging koala is ready to climb. Keep clinging to Jesus!