

# GRACEFUL FLAMINGO



Flamingos are graceful birds whose feathers change from gray to pink because of what they eat. God's grace can change us, too, when we have faith and allow His love to dwell within us (1 Timothy 1:14).

## YOU WILL NEED:

- Satin Ribbon in Pink, Dark Pink and White
- Mouliné Embroidery Floss in Pink, Black and Brown
- Floral Tape
- Aluminum Foil
- Newspaper
- Double Tape
- White Cardboard
- Awl
- Diagonal Cutters
- Hot Glue Gun



## DIRECTIONS:



**1.** Roll newspaper into a ball about 3" x 2". Wrap it with foil and mold it into an egg shape.



**5.** Cut off a 3" piece of ribbon. Unravel it by pulling out the cross threads up to about 2½" of the length.



**9.** Continue until all three pieces of ribbon are on the wire. Cut off the end of the wire, leaving about 1" of wire protruding.



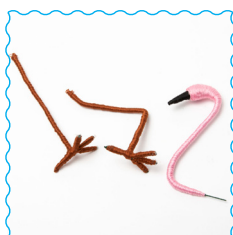
**2.** Bend 4 pieces of wire to make a leg. Make a second leg and bend it at the knee. Make the wire neck for the flamingo. Wrap all the wire pieces with floral tape. Wrap extra tape around the head to give it shape.



**6.** If you have difficulty unraveling the threads, cut a thin strip from the outside edges 2 ½" long, and then pull out the cross threads.



**10.** Make around 12 of these bundles for feathers. Make guide holes for the wire ends and insert them into the body. Hot glue in place. Bend the wire as needed to give it shape.



**3.** Wrap two layers of brown embroidery floss around the legs of the flamingo. Wrap black floss around the beak. Wrap pink floss around the neck and head.



**7.** Lay 3 pieces of prepared ribbon next to each other. Attach them together with a piece of double-sided tape across the top. Trim the ends of the three pieces of ribbon on a slight diagonal.



**11.** Using the remnants of the cross threads you pulled out, make little "pom-poms". Hot glue these to the body to fill in any bare patches.



**4.** Poke guide holes into the body for the neck and legs of the flamingo and hot glue them in place. Hot glue eyes.



**8.** Lay the end of a piece of wire at a 45 degree angle on the top edge of the long side. Start rolling the ribbon around the wire.



**12.** Hot glue the flamingo's foot to a small circle of white cardboard for stability.