

WOOL ANGEL MOBILE

Materials Needed:

- ◆ 15” length of high quality wool roving. This can be challenging to find. Try the internet, a weaving supply store, or a Waldorf education supply store.
- ◆ One embroidery hoop (size of your choosing) **or** enough covered wire to make a circle.
- ◆ Colored ribbons (Color scheme will vary depending on the project. For a baby gift you may wish to use pastels, for Christmas, you may use red/gold/green, *etc.*)
- ◆ Optional materials to decorate the hoop (*e.g.* Wire with shiny metal stars, music notes, ribbon, *etc.*)
- ◆ Gold thread for making and hanging angel.



Angel Directions:

1. Cut a 15”length of roving. Gently divide the roving into two sections that are approximately 1/4 of its thickness, and one other that is 1/2 of its thickness. The thinner strands will be used to make the arms and the wings, and the thicker strand will be used for the body of the angel. (Option: if you do not wish to make wings on your angel, divide the roving into 2 pieces, approximately 1/3 and 2/3 the width of the roving and omit any wing directions.)
2. Start by using the thick strand. Gently tie an overhand knot in the **middle** of the strand. This knot will be the angel’s head. Care should be taken not to pull too tight, as it will make a small face. Gently smooth down the “hair” around the face and fasten with a 13”-15”strand of gold thread—tying it at the **end** of the length. (Note: you will a long thread as it is going to be used to hang the angel in the middle of the mobile.)
3. Take one of the thin strands and fold it into thirds. Shape the bent ends into “hands” and tie a small strand of gold thread around each one.
4. Take the larger body strand and gently open it up and insert the hands and the additional piece of roving set aside for wings. Fasten a gold thread around the “waist” of the angel to secure hands and wings (being careful to avoid putting the wings in.)
5. Shape the gown of the angel and gently fluff up and spread out the wings so that they come above the top of the angel’s head and drape down in a heart shape around the angel. Because of the structure of wool, it will remain that way unless disturbed.

Mobile Directions:

1. If you wish to decorate your hoop with strands of wire stars, ribbon winding, seasonal trimmings, this is the best time to do it.
2. Than, fasten three or four equally long strands of ribbon to the embroidery or wire hoop. (For best results, cut pieces between 9” and 12”. These will be used to hang the mobile.
3. Gather all these ribbons plus the gold thread that is around the angel’s neck and tie securely into a knot. The angel should now be hanging freely inside the hoop.
4. Decorate the hoop with your choice of additional ribbons hanging down around the angel. (About 6-8 work well, in lengths of 8” –12”.)

Other Options:

1. If you wish to make this a project depicting the angel Gabriel appearing to Mary, you can also make a kneeling Mary figure out of tissue paper and hang that below the angel on the mobile. Just use a longer thread around Mary’s neck.
2. A similar project could be done for the angel appearing to Joseph or to Zacharias in the temple.