

# DIY Cotter Pin Angel Ornament



## INSTRUCTIONS

### Step 1: Create the Wings

1. Glue gems to your retaining ring, leaving a space in the middle without gems. This space will allow the ring to slide onto the cotter pin. Let dry completely.

**Pro Tip:** Arrange gems before gluing to ensure even spacing and symmetry.

### Step 2: Prepare the Halo

2. Apply glue to the finishing cup washer and cover with your chosen glitter. Let dry completely.

### Step 3: Form the Angel

3. Position the cotter pin with rounded portion at top. Gently spread the bottom prongs apart enough to slide the retaining ring up into the pin, with opening facing up to form wings.

### Step 4: Add the Halo

4. Glue the glittered finishing cup washer to the top rounded portion of the cotter pin. Allow to dry completely.

### Step 5: Create the Skirt

5. Create your angel's ethereal dress using the cotter pin prongs as your foundation:

- Start where the cotter pin meets the snap rings - this is your angel's "waist"
- Using a fine-tip applicator, apply a thin line of glue at the split point
- Begin with narrower ribbon (1/4") at the top
- Create small, delicate loops, wrapping around both prongs
- Gradually increase loop size as you work down
- Layer slightly wider ribbon (3/8" - 1/2") for lower tiers
- Allow each layer to set before adding the next
- Keep loops airy and light for movement

### Step 5: Final Touch

Thread gold ribbon through the finishing cup washer and tie into a bow for hanging.



**Difficulty Level:** Easy

**Time Required:** 30 minutes  
(plus drying time)

**Cost:** Under \$15

## MATERIALS LIST

Hardware:

- 3/16" x 2-1/2" Stainless Steel Cotter Pin
- 1-1/2" External Retaining E "Snap" Ring
- 1/4" Brass Finishing Cup Washer

Decorative Materials:

- Gold ribbon
- Gems or rhinestones
- Gold, silver, or white glitter
- E6000 glue or Gorilla Glue

Skirt Materials:

- Metallic or shimmer ribbon in ivory, gold, or rose gold (1/4" to 1/2" widths)
- Medium-width paintbrush for glue application