

Supplies:



- * Silver coloured enamel paint (think model cars – those teeny tiny cans of paint)
I use the Revell brand, 14 ml., colour number 99
- * Double sided tape
- * Paint brush(es)
- * Piece of paper
- * Tulle or netting (I prefer netting because tulle is often stiffened)
- * Toothpick
- * Piece of coloured paper/card/whatever

For cleaning your brush(es) and hands:

- * Baby wipes
- * Baby oil

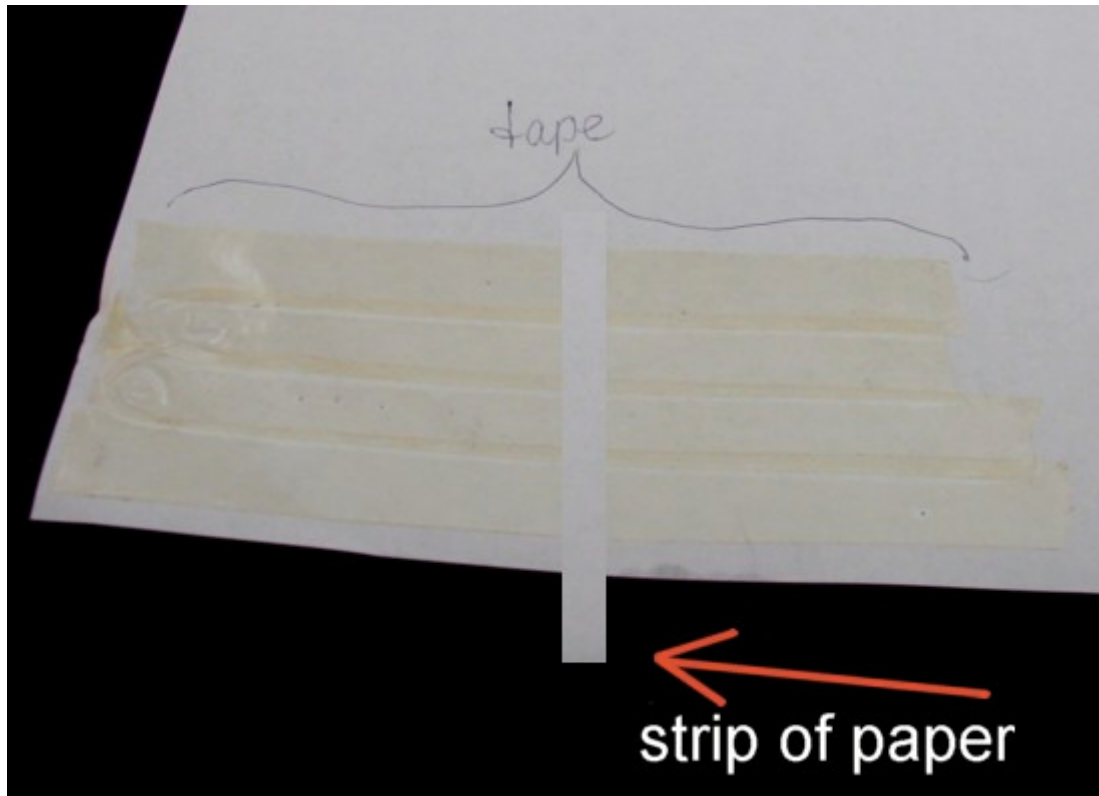
Cut out a piece of netting a bit larger than you need.

Take the piece of paper

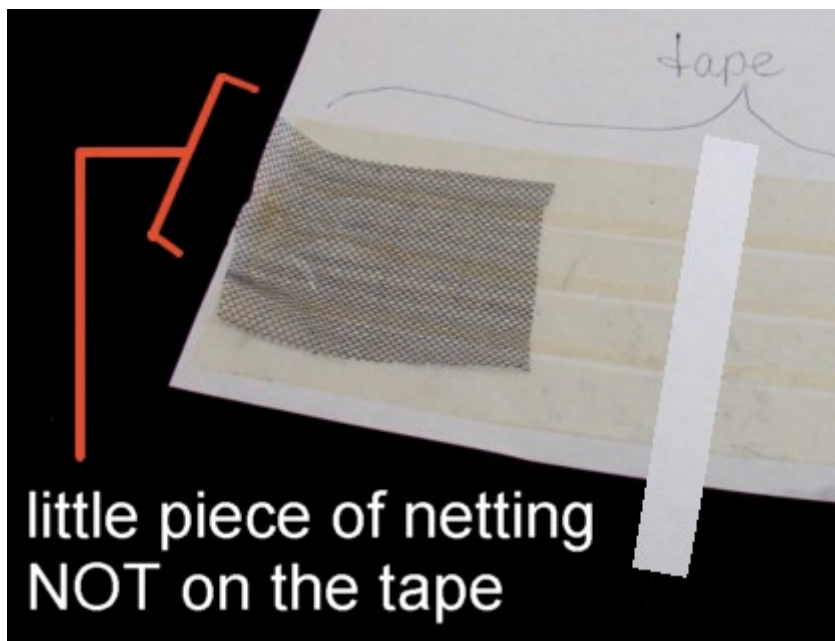
Tape a square of double-sided tape on the paper, twice the width of the netting you want to paint.

Make sure the tape connects/overlaps itself, you really need to have a whole square of sticky stuff.

Put a small long strip of paper in the middle of the tape from top to bottom.



Put the piece of netting on the most left or right side of the tape and let a little bit stick out so you have a piece to hold on to later. REMEMBER not to paint the piece that sticks out. Don't worry, we're not painting yet.



THIS PART IS VERY IMPORTANT:

Shake the paint while lid is still on. Do this for about 30 seconds or according to the instruction on the can.

Open can and stir the paint as well.

From here on you have to work FAST!

Put paint on your brush and paint your netting. Press/brush it on well. I do NOT dilute the paint.

Take off the painted netting and check if you have enough paint everywhere by holding it on top of the coloured paper.

(You can see this in the video – link at the bottom of this tutorial)

Not enough paint?

Put your netting on the clean piece of double-sided tape and paint it again.

Too much paint?

Take a 'clean' brush and go over the areas where a little cell of paint is formed in between the holes of the netting. You need a clean brush because that will take up the paint easily.

(You can see this in the video. I kind of 'dab' the brush onto the netting to pick off the paint.)

You're still working FAST. Please don't forget that.

Take your netting off the tape again and check again.

Good? Let it dry for at least 24 hours, maybe longer.

Not all covered? Still let it dry also for 24 hours and start the whole thing over again.

I don't paint the back (so glue will hold better) but if you want to, just let the whole piece dry very well, 24 hours or longer, and repeat the process on the other side.

Clean your brush first with baby wipes and after that with baby oil (or in any other way you prefer).

Have fun!

Video:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_TBicFAJpSI

On the next page is a huge close-up of the painted netting used with a tea-cosy. Don't you think it looks like metal? I do.



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