lamps design with straw silk paper

Instructions No. 4031

Difficulty: Beginner

Working time: 3 Hours 30 Minutes

With a conical lampshade , you can create an atmospheric light fixture for your home in no time. The delicate straw silk paper creates a warm, natural look and gives the room a softer feel. Use napkin varnish to seal the surface cleanly and durably. Pearls add subtle accents, bringing texture and an elegant shimmer to the lamp's design.



Decorate the conical lampshade with straw silk paper and beads.
Place the lampshade in front of you so that you can roll it easily, and smooth out the straw silk paper on a clean surface.straw silk paper is a thin, slightly transparent natural paper with a fine fiber structure—ideal if you want to give your lampshade a warm, soft lighting effect.

1. Mark the straw silk paper for a precise fit.
Place the lampshade on the straw silk paper. and carefully roll it once over the surface so you can transfer the entire outline. Mark the outline with a pencil, leaving a small overhang all around. This overlap is important so you can fold the edge inward later—this gives the finish a clean, professional look.

2. Cut out with a clean edge

Cut out the straw silk paper along your markings. Work slowly and carefully to ensure the edge is as even as possible. If you need to make a minor adjustment in one spot, now is the best time to do it—any uneven edges will be more noticeable after you've applied the adhesive.

3. Applying the lampshade : Use napkin varnish as Adhesive and Sealer

Apply a thin coat of napkin varnish to the lampshade.

Napkin varnish is a special craft varnish that acts as both an adhesive and a protective sealant once dry.

Place the cut-to-size straw silk paper in position and smooth it out from the center outward to ensure no wrinkles or air bubbles remain. Then apply another thin layer of napkin varnish over the straw silk paper . This ensures everything bonds evenly, and the surface becomes more stable.Let the lampshade dry thoroughly—patience ensures a smooth, durable result.

4. Fold the excess material inward for a clean finish.

Once everything is dry, fold the excess material along the top and bottom edges inward. This hides the cut edges, and your DIY lampshade will look neatly finished even up close. Press the edge firmly all the way around so it doesn't come loose later.

5. Prepare the bead garlands.

Thread wax beads of various sizes onto Perlon thread.

Perlon is a transparent, sturdy thread—perfect if you want the beads to appear to "float."

Carefully knot the ends so nothing slips. Lay out several strands so you can distribute the decoration evenly across the conical lampshade.

6. Attaching Beads to the lampshade

Apply a small dot of hot glue to the top edge of the lampshade and secure the first pearl of a strand. Hot glue sets quickly, so work strand by strand and take your time positioning everything.

Align the bead lines so they fall harmoniously and the lampshade looks balanced all around. If you like, you can leave individual strands a little longer to achieve a lively, elegant look.

7. Finishing and Styling Tip:

Finally, check all the glued areas and press them down again if necessary. Let the hot glue cool completely before placing the lampshade on the lamp.

The straw silk paper provides a soft, warm light, and the wax beads add subtle accents to the lamp's design—ideal as a homemade decoration for the living room, bedroom, or a cozy reading nook.

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Height: 15 cm
Material: Paper, Metal

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Article information:

Article number	Article name	Qty
29750	VBS Lampshade, conical, Ø 20 cm	1
706605-02	VBS Straw silk, 50x70cm, 3 sheetsIvory	1
29748	VBS Lamp base “Grooves”, approx. 12 × 12 cm	1
640886-82	VBS Wax beads, Ø 8 mm, 32 pcs.Wax White	1
640831-82	VBS Wax beads, Ø 3mm, 125 pcs.Wax White	1
27545	VBS Napkin varnish "Matt"100 ml	1
120272	VBS Napkin & Decoupage brush, set of 3	1
607605	Perlon thread, 0.25 mm thick, 100 m long	1
21904	VBS Scissors "Soft-Grip", set of 2	1
671262	Pearl stringing needle, 11,4 cm	1
29949	Beading board "Dachshund"	1
13417	Bosch hot glue stick GlueyEvergreen	1