



Creating an Alebrije

Out of Paper Mache

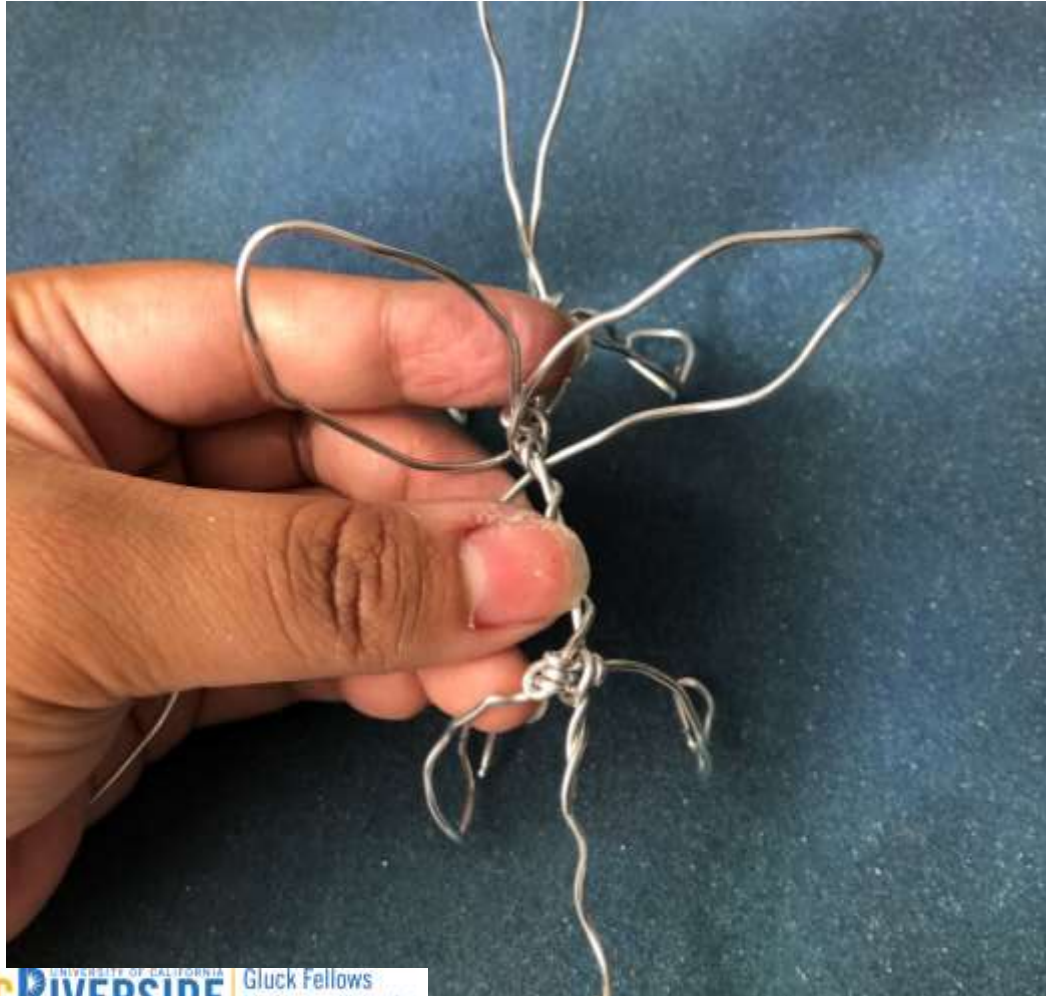


Materials you will need.

1. Wire – not too hard, you want to be able to bend it with your hands
2. Something to cut wire with – like pliers
3. Glue – Elmer's works best because you'll be dipping into it
4. Newspaper – cut into strips
5. Paint – white and whatever colors you want
6. Paintbrushes – whatever sizes



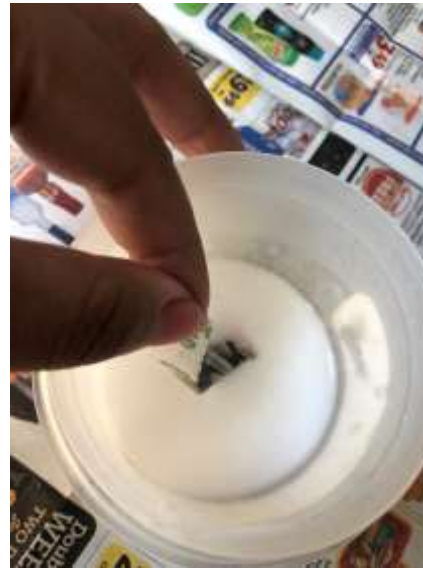
Create the skeleton of the alebrije



First thing, you want to shape the wire into however you want your alebrije to look like. Will it have a long tail? Wings? Four legs? Long neck? This is the basic skeleton of the alebrije and will be covered in newspaper.



Making the glue



Once the skeleton of your alebrije is done, it is time to cover it with the newspaper.

In order to glue the paper strips onto the wire, you have to create the glue.

Pour some glue into a small container.

Then pour a tiny bit of water, not too much because you don't want it to be runny.

Mix the glue and water.

You can begin to dip in your newspaper strips into the glue and wrapping them around your wire skeleton.

Glue newspaper until it is as big as you want it to be. You can add horns, tongue, eyes, etc. Let it dry after each coat of newspaper.



Painting Time

Once you have glued enough newspaper and have your alebrije looking how you want it to, it is time to start painting.

First, you must paint it white.

Sometimes you will have to give it 3 coats to make sure there is no color from the newspaper showing through.



Once the alebrije is all white, you can start adding the different colors!
Whatever colors you want to use and however you want to color it! It
is up to you!



You are done!

