Make a Fascinator

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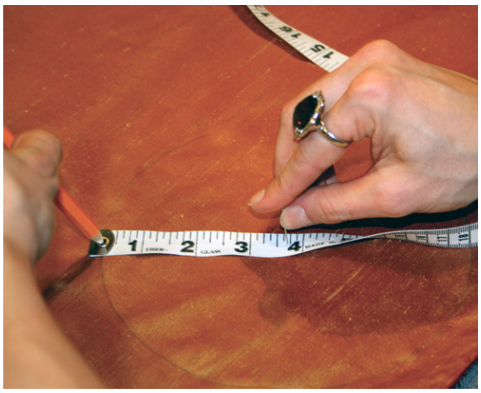
Here at BurdaStyle HQ, we've been feeling charmingly old-timey: we're obsessed with fascinators and bow ties! We've been pinning scraps of tulle and taffeta in our hair lately, and today we decided to make a real one. You make recognize the basic premise of making the circles from our How To Make Silk Flowers. For the fascinator, we'll shape the circles differently, and add some loose layers of tulle also. I really wanted to add some twigs with berries, but I didn't want to wreck our Christmas decorations! Be creative with these, perhaps try contrasting fabrics, add some silly decorations, use them as a corsage or top of a beautifully wrapped gift with one.

Materials

shantung or taffeta for the top layer, tulle for the bottom layer, hair accessory (bobby pin, barret, etc)

Step 1

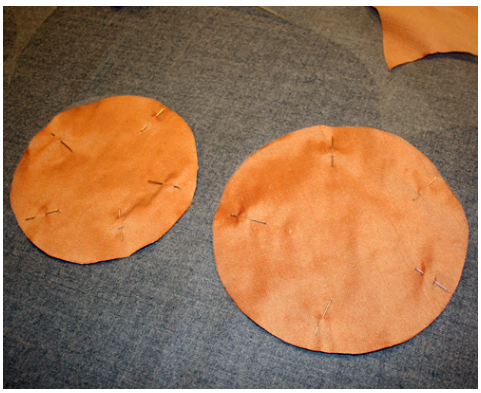


Mark two different sized circles on your heavier material (we did 3 3/4" radius and 3 1/4" radius You can try bigger, smaller, and/or more of disparity in sizes). You can use a compass, or you can use a measuring tape: put a pin at the desired radius point, and put your pencil in the hole at the end of your measuring tape, and spin it around until you've drawn a circle.

Step 2

Put a layer of tulle over the drawn circles, and pin as shown.

Step 3



Cut.

Step 4

Sew at 1/4".

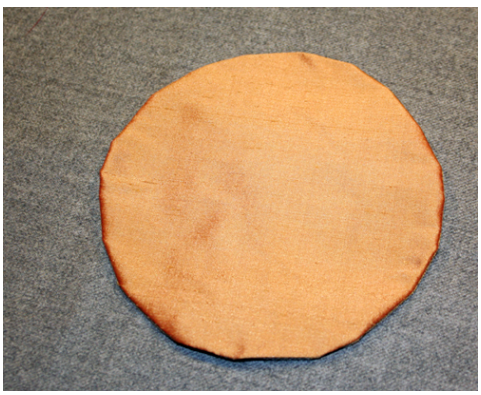
Step 5

Cut a slit in the center of the tulle layer.

Step 6

Pull the shantung through the tulle, flipping the circle right-side out. This will put the seam on the inside.

Step 7



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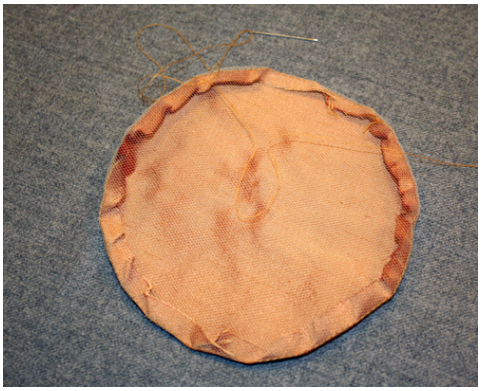
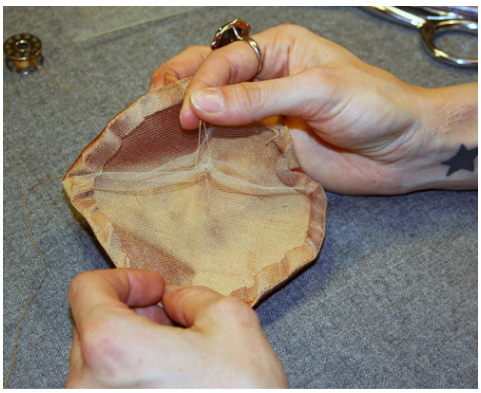
Step 8



… and the back. Now, take a needle and thread, and loosely stitch around the slit in the tulle.

Step 9



Now, pull the thread, gathering the center of the tulle, and tie off.

Step 10

Your circle will look like this. Gathering the tulle pulls the seam off the outer edge for a pretty effect in the end.

Step 11

Now, cut a couple of pieces of tulle to layer between the circles. I wasn't scientific about this—play around a little bit, trim here and there, until you have something you like.

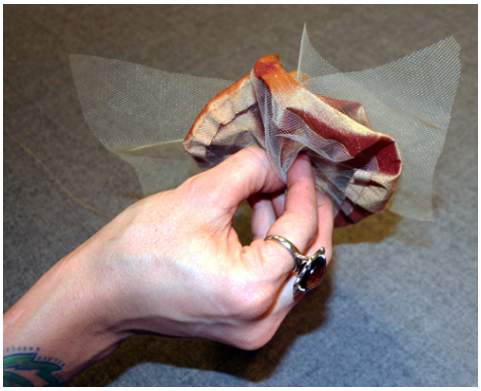
Step 12

Layer the big circle on bottom, then a bigger piece of tulle, then the smaller circle, then another layer of tulle. (See steps 14 and 15: pinch the layers together and hold up to your head in a mirror to check the shapes.)

Step 13

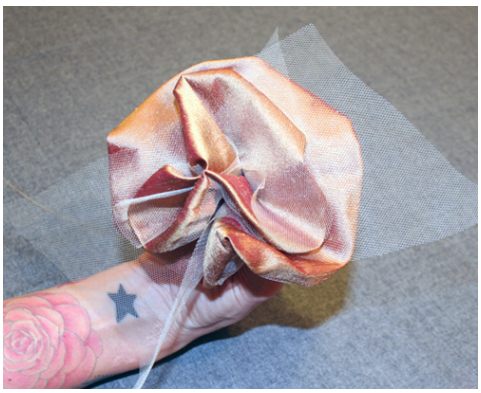
Handstitch all the layers together, in the center.

Step 14



Now, pinch the center. Here's a side view…

Step 15



… and a top view.

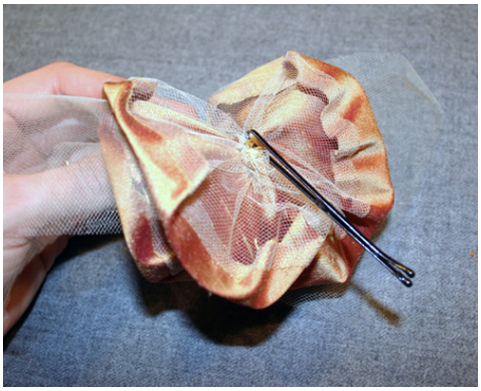
Step 16

Now, handstitch the pinch. This is also not scientific. Just give it enough stitches so it holds and looks how you want it to.

Step 17

Top view, post handstitching the pinch.

Step 18



Pick a hair piece of your choice. Bobby pins work best for me, but a haircomb, barret, or headbands other possibilities. Using double thread, secure your flower to it.

Step 19

Ta-da! Go be fabulous!