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DIY Industrial Wall Sconces



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- 2x Bird cage style lamp shades
- 2x chord lights
- 2x white shelf brackets
- 4-6 sheets silver and gold gilding leaf
- Gilding glue or craft sealer (mod podge)
- 16x crystal chandelier beads
- Craft varnish
- Small foam brush
- Small paint brush
- 2x vintage style led bulbs



**Everything you
need only one
click away!**

STEP 1

Using a foam brush coat 1 or 2 sections of the cage with the glue. Let it set up for a minute, will be easier to work with as it gets tacky (foam brush absorbs more glue than a paint brush and allows for a more even thin application)



apply mod podge to 1 or 2 sections

STEP 2

Carefully tear bits of gilding paper and apply to glued areas. Using your fingers, gently press it into the frame and wrap around the spokes. At this stage, let it be ragged and loose, you will seal it in and finish it off in the next step. Don't worry if it looks like wrinkly tin foil at this stage, it won't stay that way for long.



tear bits of gilding paper and apply

TIP: keep a damp rag on hand to wipe finger tips to keep them free from glue.

REPEAT steps 1 and 2 until cage is covered. Let it be messy, uneven and let the metal leaf tear and rip and leave areas of the black cage exposed. This gives the crackled "fools gold effect". Allow the cage to completely dry (1 hour or so).



repeat steps 1 and 2

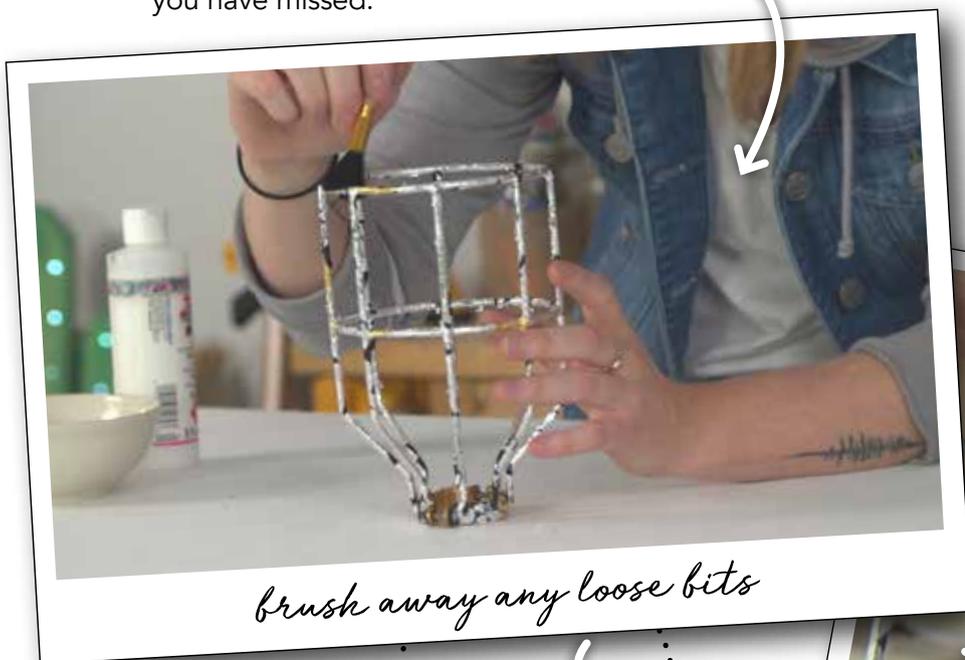
NOTE: I did not use the expensive gilding glue for this, since I was not going for a long set up time or ultra smooth finish that you would normally try and achieve on ceramics. I also didn't need the soft gilding brush for this project, so save your money!



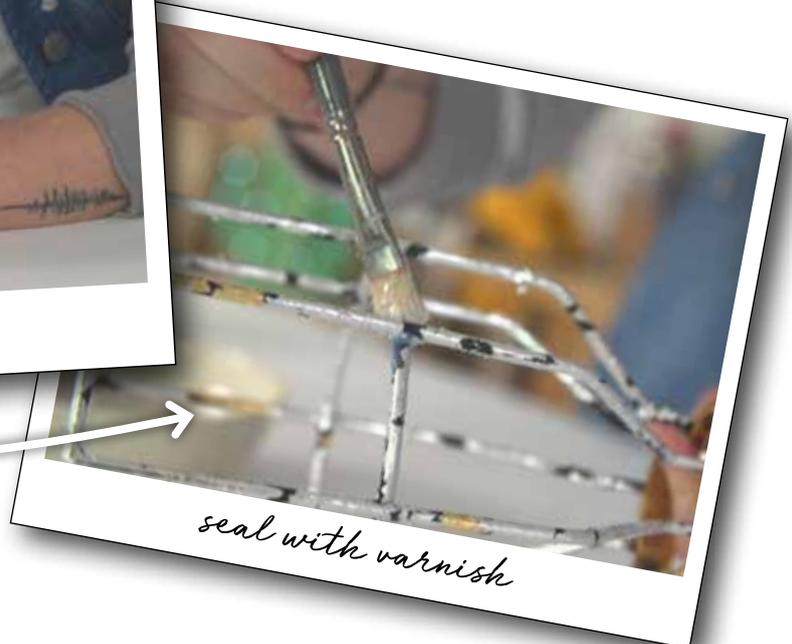
continue adding gilding paper

STEP 3

Take a small paint brush and start covering the gold leaf in craft varnish. Use your brush to push the leaf into the spokes and brush away any loose bits. The varnish will really seal the leaf and give it a smooth finished look. Repeat until the whole cage is covered. Let it dry 1-2 hours. Using a dry paint brush, brush away any leftover flakes you have missed.



brush away any loose bits



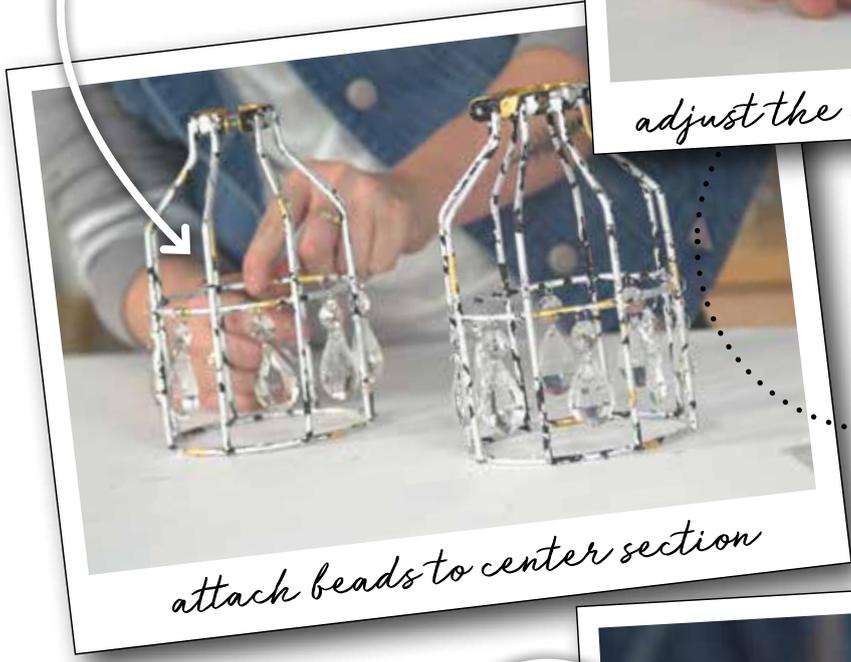
seal with varnish

STEP 4

Adjust the length of your chandelier beads (I took off one bead so it was the right length) and using the attached metal ring, carefully attach to each center section of the cage. If your beads do not have the metal ring, use clear fishing line instead.



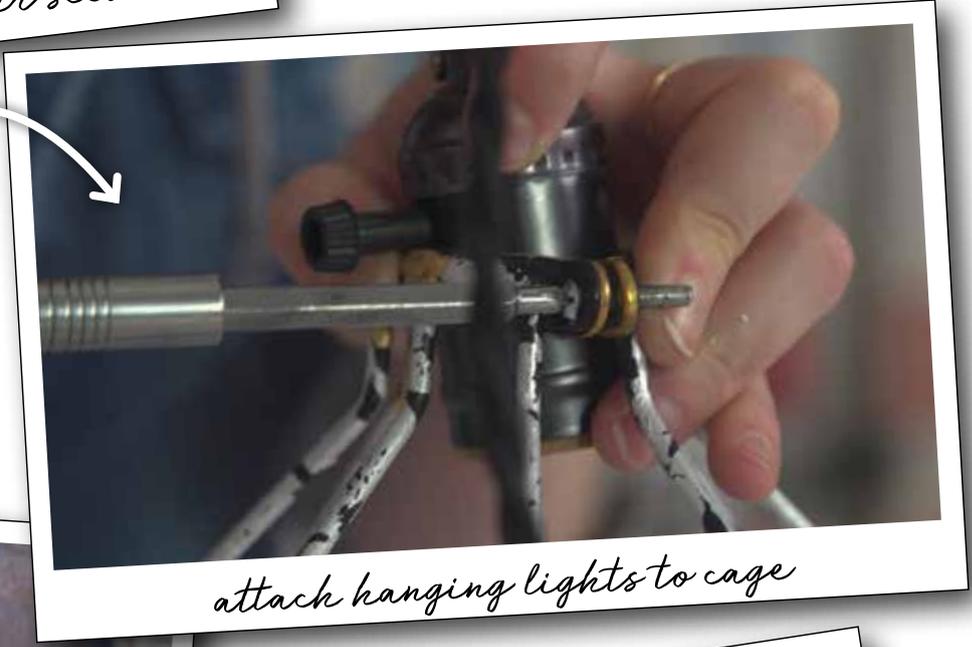
adjust the length of your chandelier beads



attach beads to center section

STEP 5

Attach the hanging lights to the cage, attach white brackets to wall and wrap light around, adjust to desired height and make sure the switch is within reach. Add your vintage inspired led bulb and **VOILA!**



attach hanging lights to cage



add light bulbs



wrap light cord around bracket



Voila! Let there be light.

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