



WORKS of GLASS

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EYES for Animals

This technique gives the illusion of the eyes "following" you as you move around in front of it.

TOOLS AND SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR TEDDY BEAR EYES

- Thin white plastic cover from a cottage cheese container.
- Two brown Teddy Bear Eyes, (available from craft store).
- Dremel with a rounded bit about the size of the eye

How to:

- Foil and solder the entire head, but do NOT foil or solder around the space you left open for the teddy bear eyes.
- Put your piece, face down on a cushioned surface, like a double thickness of bath towels. Leave a space under the eye openings for the next step.
- With the Dremel, slowly grind the eye openings to receive the teddy bear eyes, using the rounded point. Grind deep enough so that the teddy bear eyes will fit just about flush with the back side, but don't grind through to the front side.
- If the plastic eyes have a "stem" on the back, snip it off and file smooth to remove the cut point.
- When you are happy with how the eye fits, set aside and finish foiling and soldering around the eye openings. Avoid foiling the ground surfaces that would keep the teddy bear eyes from fitting properly. You will need to trim with your Exacto knife to look nice.
- Glue eyes in place, using a tiny amount of glue so it doesn't leak through to the front.
- Cut two shapes from the thin white plastic (scissors work well for this) large enough to just cover each eye opening on_the_back.
- Carefully glue plastic into place. It's now ready to finish in your normal way.
- Be careful when you wash it ...just in case the eyes would leak! You don't want to get water into them. Then you will have to remove them and start the process all over again

I have not actually done this myself but thought it sounds good in theory. I read this in a pattern book. **Works of Glass** uses taxidermy eyes. Just remember if you are doing an eagle...they don't have eagle eyes...they are an endangered species. Use something close

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