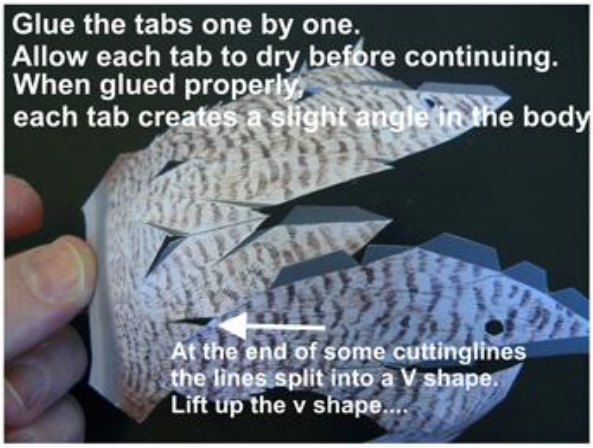
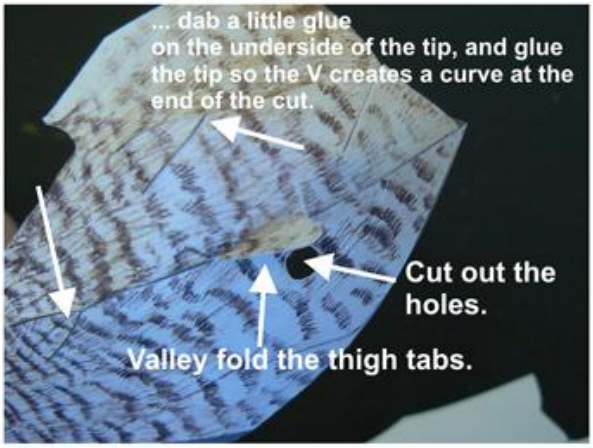
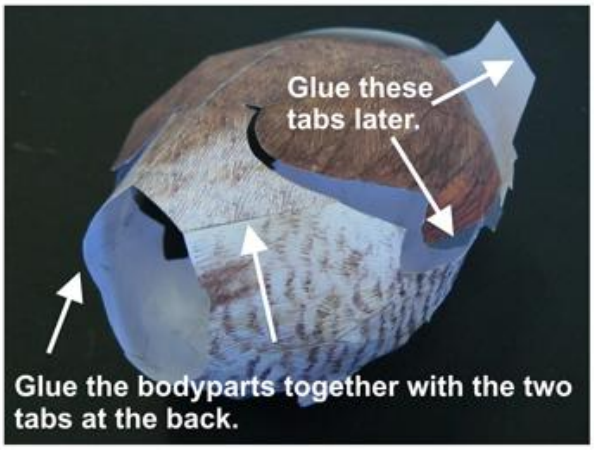
Tools you need:
-scissors
-paperglue
-skewers
-tweezers
-cardboard
-small knife
-ruler
-woodglue
-dull knife or paper piercer for scoring
-painting materials.

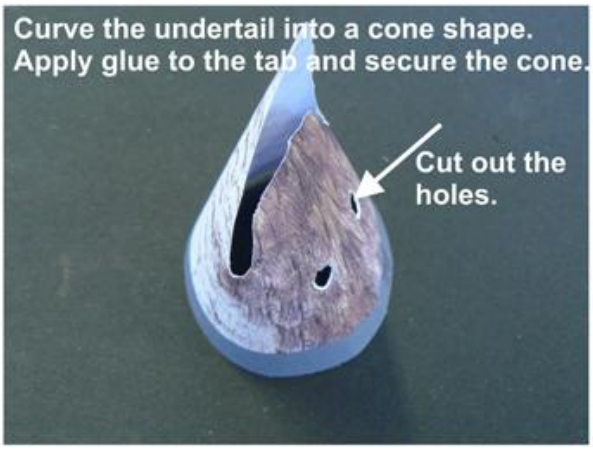
Print the templates without marge on 120 gr paper, non-gloss.
Cut out all the pattern pieces. Use small sharp scissors.

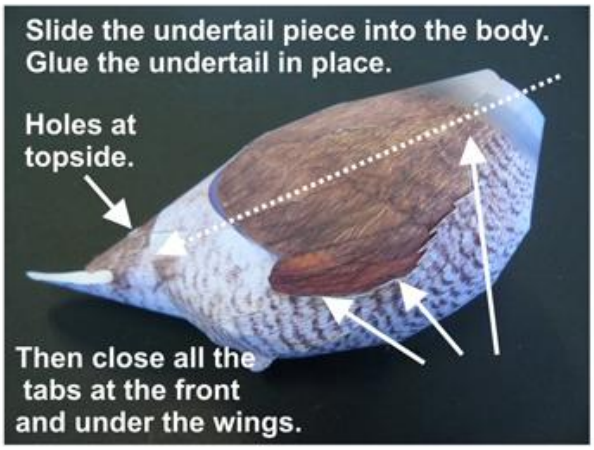

Glue the tabs one by one.
Allow each tab to dry before continuing.
When glued properly,
each tab creates a slight angle in the body
At the end of some cuttinglines the lines split into a V shape.
Lift up the v shape....

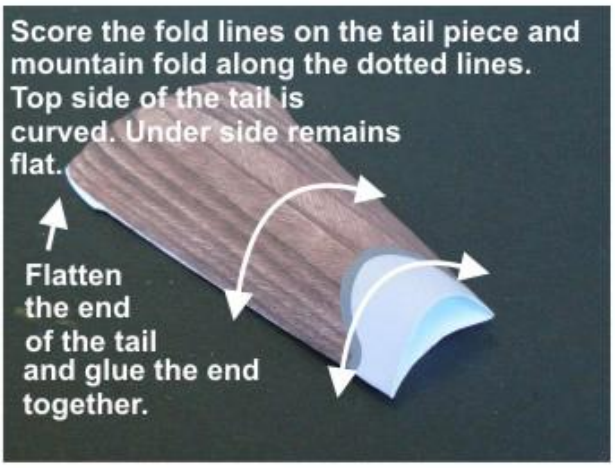

... dab a little glue on the underside of the tip, and glue the tip so the V creates a curve at the end of the cut.
Cut out the holes.
Valley fold the thigh tabs.

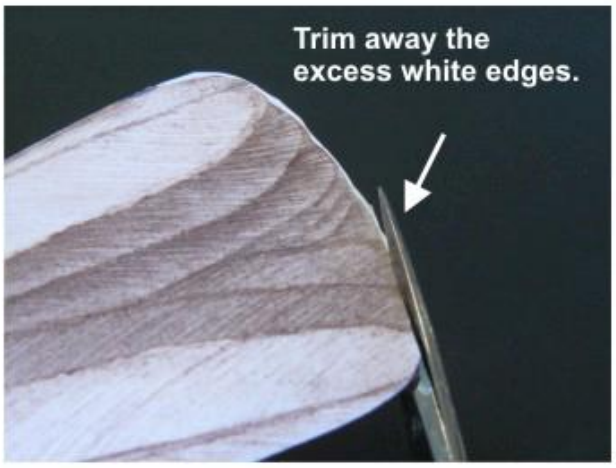
Glue the tabs of the upper body part.

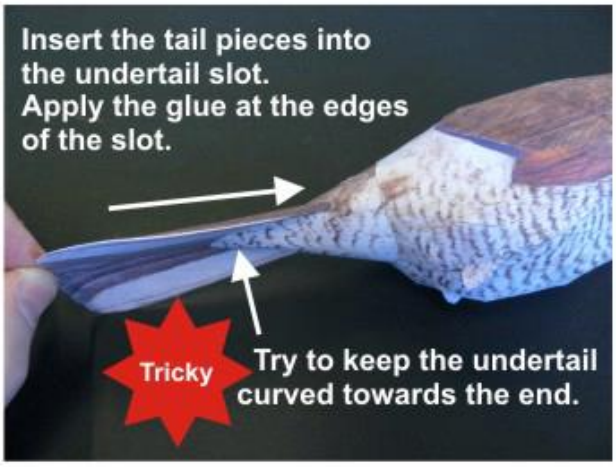

Glue these tabs later.
Glue the bodyparts together with the two tabs at the back.


Curve the undertail into a cone shape.
Apply glue to the tab and secure the cone.
Cut out the holes.


Slide the undertail piece into the body.
Glue the undertail in place.
Holes at topside.
Then close all the tabs at the front and under the wings.


Score the fold lines on the tail piece and mountain fold along the dotted lines.
Top side of the tail is curved. Under side remains flat.
Flatten the end of the tail and glue the end together.


Trim away the excess white edges.


Insert the tail pieces into the undertail slot.
Apply the glue at the edges of the slot.
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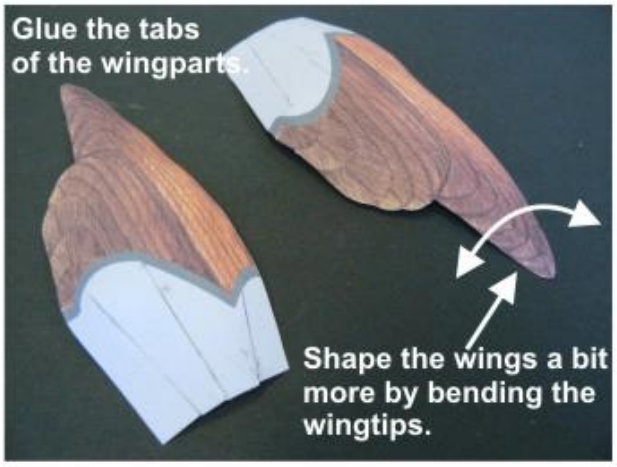
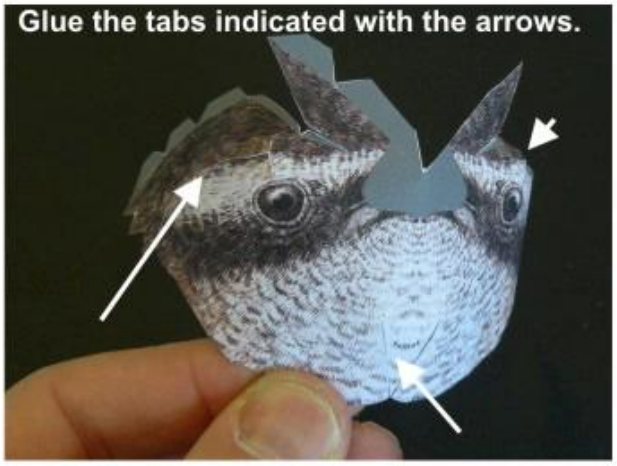
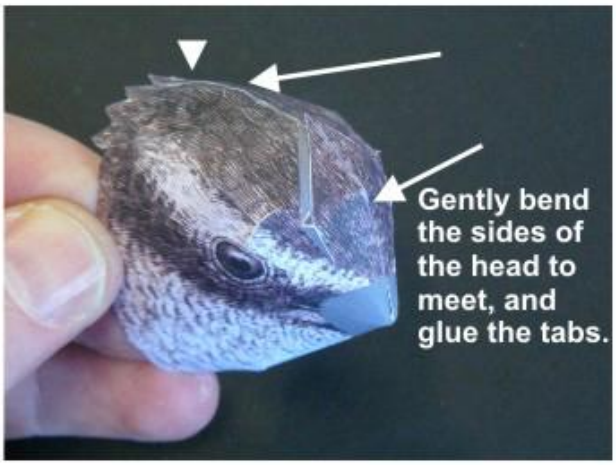
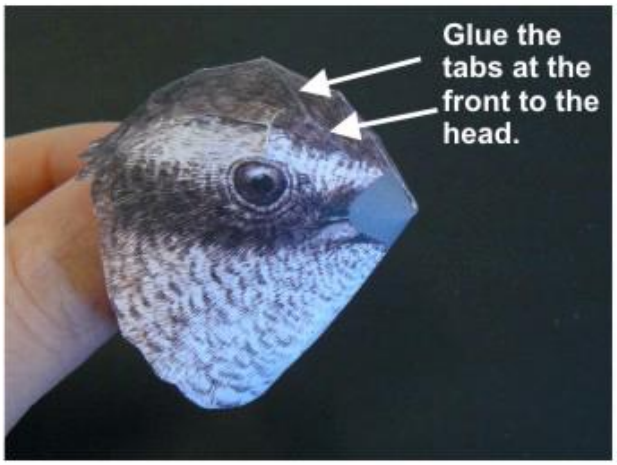
Try to keep the undertail curved towards the end.


Glue the tabs of the wingparts.
Shape the wings a bit more by bending the wingtips.

Slide the wings into place under the body feathers. Fit and glue them in place.

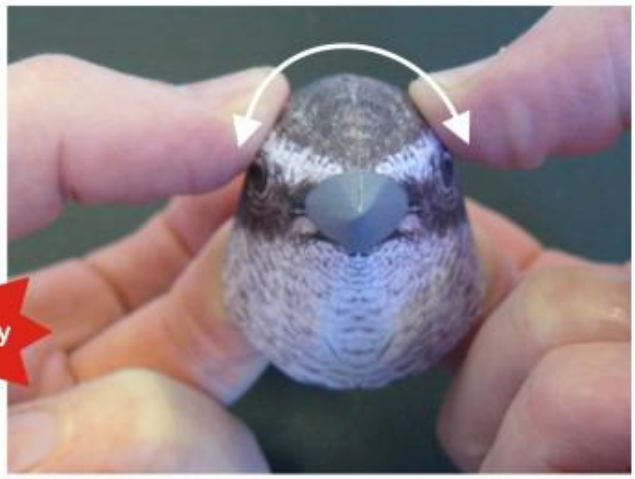

Glue the tabs indicated with the arrows.

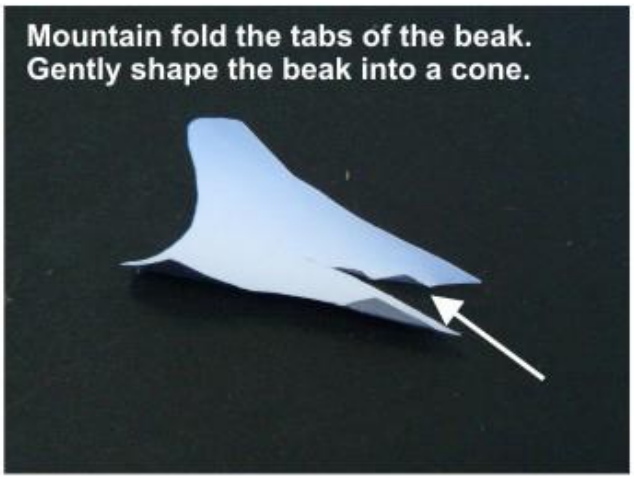

Gently bend the sides of the head to meet, and glue the tabs.


Glue the tabs at the front to the head.

Gently round and shape the head
as you glue.

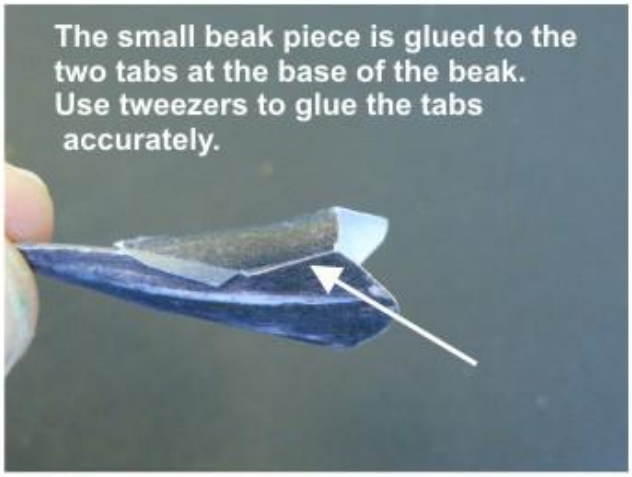
Tricky

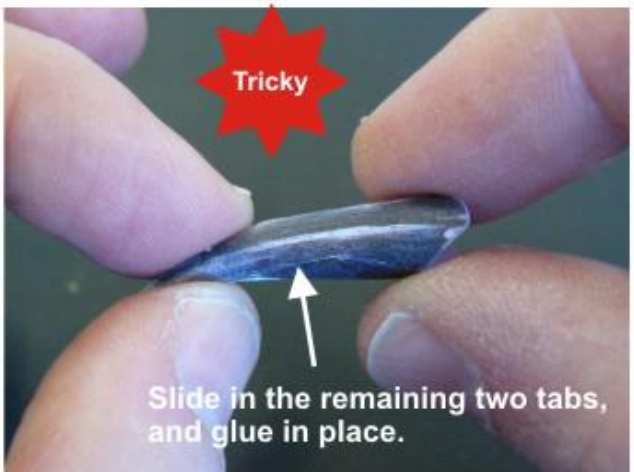



Mountain fold the tabs of the beak.
Gently shape the beak into a cone.

Glue the tabs at the tip of the beak
to the other side
to secure it.

Glue this tab to the other side.


The small beak piece is glued to the
two tabs at the base of the beak.
Use tweezers to glue the tabs
accurately.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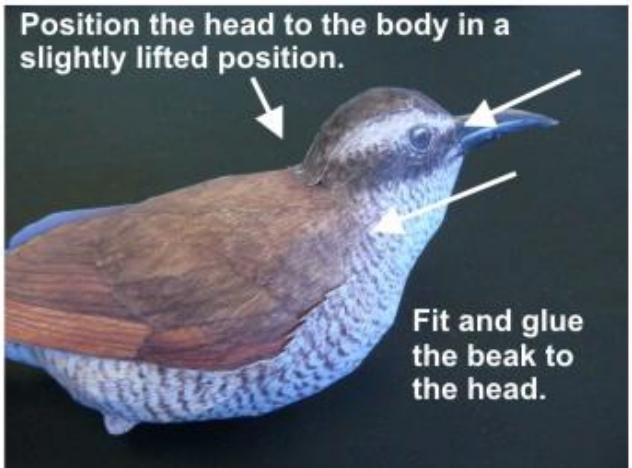
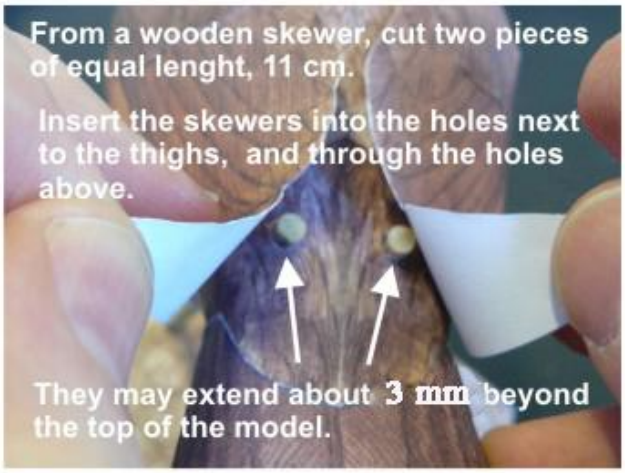
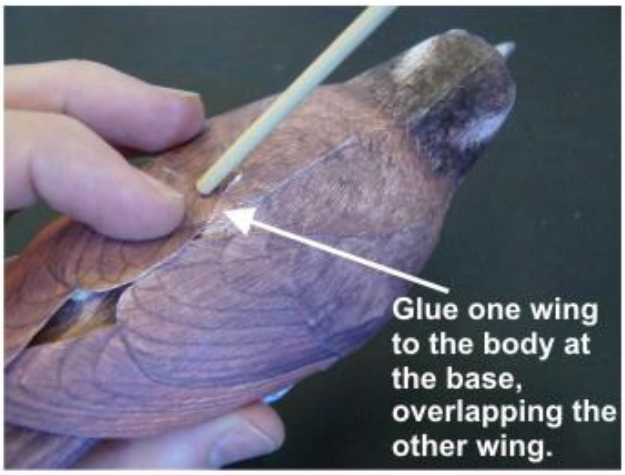
Slide in the remaining two tabs,
and glue in place.

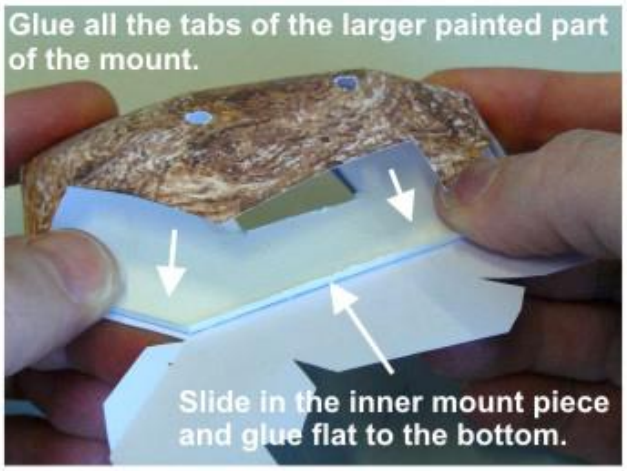

Position the head to the body in a
slightly lifted position.
Fit and glue
the beak to
the head.


From a wooden skewer, cut two pieces of equal lenght, 11 cm.
Insert the skewers into the holes next to the thighs, and through the holes above.
They may extend about 3 mm beyond the top of the model.

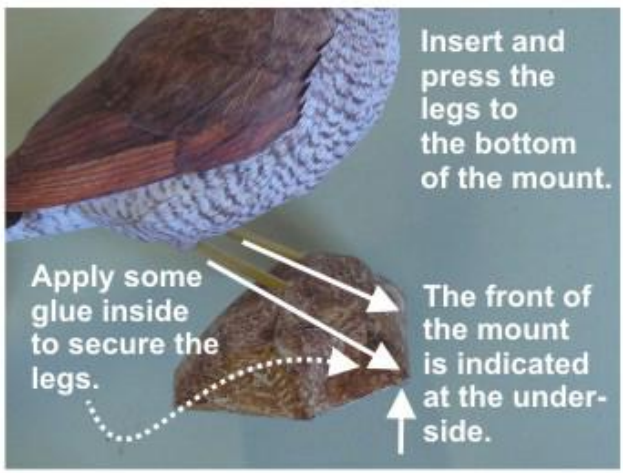
Apply a drop of glue to secure the legs to the body.

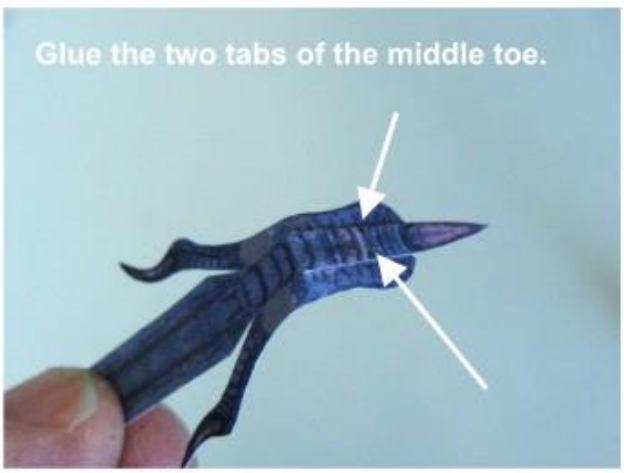

Glue one wing to the body at the base, overlapping the other wing.

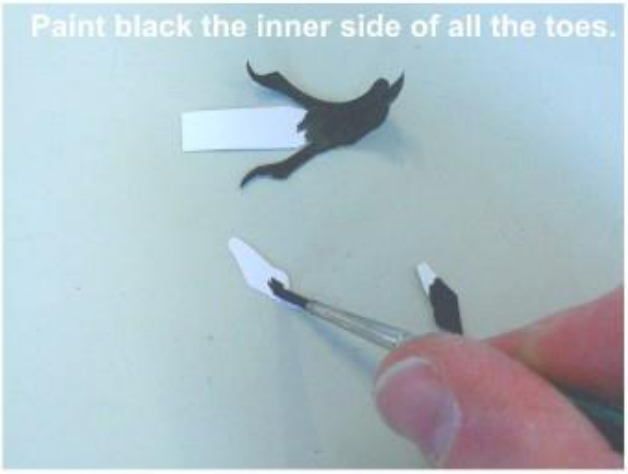
Tricky
Glue the inner mount piece to a firm piece of cardboard. Cut out carefully using a craft knife.


Glue all the tabs of the larger painted part of the mount.
Slide in the inner mount piece and glue flat to the bottom.

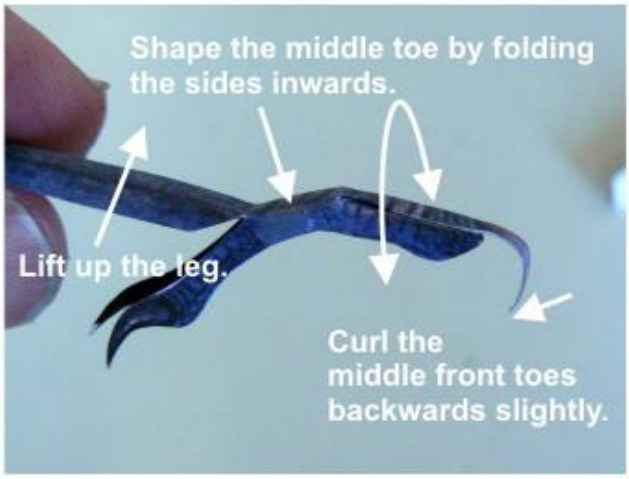
Glue the other tabs of the mount to close it.

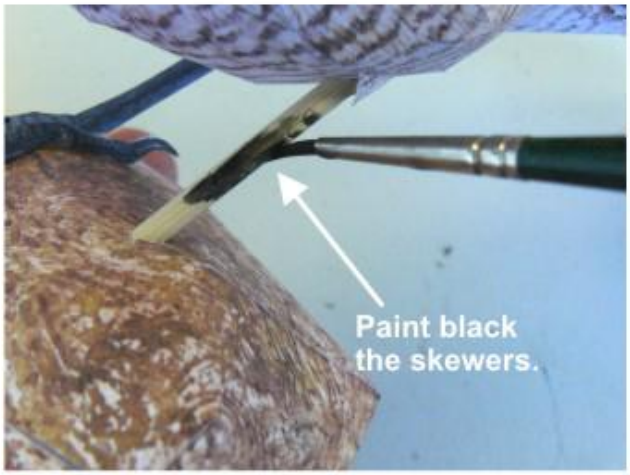

Insert and press the legs to the bottom of the mount.
Apply some glue inside to secure the legs.
The front of the mount is indicated at the under-side.

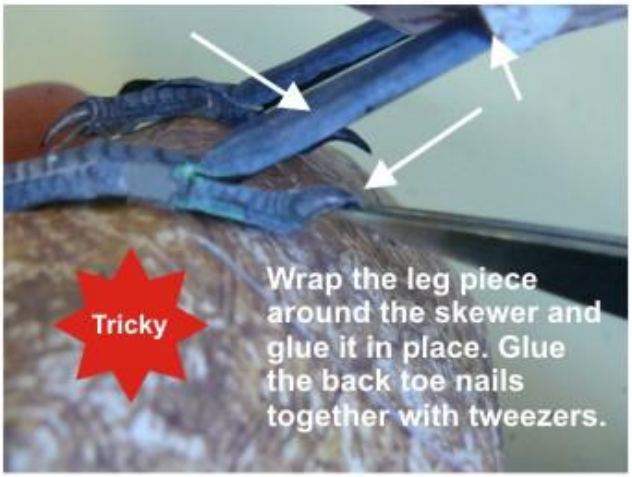

Glue the two tabs of the middle toe.


Paint black the inner side of all the toes.

Curve the small toes to make them round.


Shape the middle toe by folding the sides inwards.
Lift up the leg.
Curl the middle front toes backwards slightly.


Paint black the skewers.


Tricky
Wrap the leg piece around the skewer and glue it in place. Glue the back toe nails together with tweezers.

Glue the small toes to the middle toe at the base.

Congratulations!
You completed the female Bird-of-Paradise.

If you enjoyed making the female, you may also like to make the male.
Support my art, and make the sculpture complete!