

DIY Rotating Lamp Shade

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Want to add visual interest to your room? Customizing a rotating lampshade adds visual interest as well as movement to an otherwise static desk or side table. Attach several stencils onto lampshade and make sure their edges are flush with the surface of the lamp. Dip stencil brush in a little paint. Blot the brush and gently swirl the paint to the stencil. You can make splashing waves, a picture story told by Greek, Egyptian and others. Allow your lampshade to dry overnight. Measure the top opening of the shade and divide the number into two halves. Stretch the drawing compass one inch larger than the resulting number. For example, if your shade opening is 8 inches wide, stretch the compass 5 inches wide. Use compass to draw a circle in the center of your aluminum pie tin. Cut the resulting circle out. Make a small hole in the center of circle. Draw lines to quarter your circle twice to get 8 wedges. Push the tip of utility knife into the aluminum to score along the 8 lines and drag it along each line. It is recommended to start about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from the center hole and stop about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from the edge. After that, push down on the top edge of each wedge to create tilted, fanlike sails. Snip $\frac{3}{8}$ inch long fringe into the edge of circle, and make sure each fringe is $\frac{1}{4}$ inch apart. Bend them down. Apply a line of glue over the fringes. Slip the aluminum circle into the top opening of your lamp and let the fingers points down. Use your fingers to press the glue on the inside of the shadow and stretch up from the bottom. Allow the glue to dry overnight. Place the lampshade on the lamp. Screw it down loosely. The heat from the bulb should rotate the shadow.