DIY Capiz Shell Lamp Shade

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Capiz shell lamp shade add a natural and somewhat ethereal touch to your room. Now, you can make a capiz shell lamp shade. Use wire cutters to cut the top ring off of a lampshade frame. Please note the ring includes the horizontal crossbar support structure that mounts to a lamp harp. Set a vertical line of capiz shells that are touching at both ends until the column is as long as the shade you want. Place at least 10 sets of shells next to the first one. Orient the shells to make the holes are at the top and bottom of each shell. To get a more decorative effect, you can add an extra shell or two shells to each of the other columns. Attach a few inches of fishing line to the top of the first capiz shell. Attach the bottom hole of the first shell to the top of the second capiz shell in the column. Next, you can snug them up closely or leave a small gap between them. Keep typing bottom of each shell to the top of the next with a small fishing line. Make sure all spacing is the same. Finally, you get a strand. Repeat with each of the remaining sets of capiz shells. If you are using strands of different lengths, you have to set the shells back down near one another so you remember which set is next when attaching them to the frame. Use scissors or nail clippers to trim excess fishing line from each knot, but please keep the top knot on each strand. Connect the line at the top of each strand to the frame. Place the lampshade frame ring on top of the lamp's harp and secure it with the finial. Use the lamp as a fixture for the sunshade frame to easily attach it to the strands of shells. Use the several inches of fishing line sticking out from the top shell to tie the first strand onto the lampshade frame disc. Use the second strand to repeat the process and overlap the strands slightly. Finally, you will get a play on light. Keep doing these steps to cover the entire lampshade. If necessary, you can make more strands of shells to make the shade look as full as you'd like. **Suggestions**

- The shells in this type of shade will flutter in the wind. If you want to keep it still, you can use a full lampshade frame, and then type the strands at both top and bottom and secure the strands.
- To check for cracks or chips that may show when backlit, you can hold shells up to the light and then try them onto strands.