

# Gothic Arches Festoon



"Willows whiten, aspens quiver, little breezes dusk and shiver."  
- Alfred Lord Tennyson

Create this charming Gothic Arches Festoon using Paper Whimsy arches and beautiful faces. Bits of muslin, charms, lace, and word art adorn this project.

Please read instructions thoroughly before starting project.

## Supplies

[\\*Gothic Arches 02 PNG](#)

[Genteel Lady 07 PNG](#)

[Cheesecloth](#)

Distress Ink

\*Sewing Machine

Double-sided tape

[Wonderful Words](#)

[Genteel Lady 05 PNG](#)

[Genteel Lady 08 PNG](#)

[Tim Holtz Time Pieces](#)

E6000 Glue

Buttons

Kraft Color Cardstock

[Genteel Lady 06 PNG](#)

[Gold Heart Charms](#)

Eyelets

Fabric Glue

[Lace Trim](#)

[Glitter](#)

\*For gathers/pleats which can also be hand sewn or glued with fabric glue.

\*You may also use Digital Sheet 262 which has a variety of sizes.

## Technique:

1. Import Arch image into Microsoft Word and size accordingly. I was able to fit two images on my 8.5 x 11 sheet of matte paper. Print Gothic Arch images on to photo matte paper and cut out. My arch sizes are approximately 7 ¼ inches tall by 3 ½ inches wide once cut.

2. Distress edges of arches.

3. Tear muslin or neutral fabric into 2 inch wide by 10 inch long strips. Allow the fabric to be frayed and torn as it adds to the shabby appearance of this project.

4. Stitch two long gathering rows at the upper edge of each strip on the machine. Pull threads and gather to the dimensions of the arch bottom.

\*If you do not sew you can always make the ruffle by folding "pleats" of fabric into place to form a ruffle.





5. Place gathered ruffled strip on arch. You may sew this on using the machine or glue into place with fabric glue. Just pleat and glue if you wish to do the "no sew" method.



6. Snip strands of cheesecloth and glue at the top of ruffle allowing the material to drape over the sides. Add snippets of old lace on top.

7. Add buttons, charms, ribbon to the lace layer with E6000 glue or hand stitching through the layers of fabric and cardstock.

8. On the back of each arch run double sided tape and adhere to heavy cardstock. Carefully trim the shape leaving a small border. \*This is optional but it gives a nice dimension to your project.

9. Set eyelets in the top of each arch.

10. You may use [Wonderful Words](#) from the Paper Whimsy Shoppe or print snippets of poetry in Microsoft Word. I used a line from the poem "The Lady of Shallot" by Alfred Lord Tennyson. Trim the

words into strips (two words per arch) and cut "V's" into the edges to form little banners. Add a small amount of glue to the outer edge and sprinkle glitter on it.

11. Dab Fabric glue to the back of each word and glue on to each arch.

12. String a small strip of torn muslin, lace, or ribbon through eyelet.

13. Tear a long strip of muslin (this will depend how long you wish your festoon to be and how many arches will be hung from it) allow enough extra fabric to drape down when hung.

14. Cut ribbon or lace the same length as your torn muslin.

15. Tie the strips of muslin on each arch to the long muslin strip. You can adjust and slide each arch into place.

16. Hang and enjoy! This festoon looks wonderful hung on a mantle, china cabinet, headboard above a bed, windows, and shelves, get creative and see the possibilities.







### Variations:

Create a festoon to celebrate seasons or holidays: Autumn, Halloween, Christmas, Easter, Spring

Steampunk - Use the charms and gadgets available in the [Paper Whimsy Shoppe](#) with beautiful faces.

Garden Theme - Cotswold backgrounds and Genteel Ladies