

The Birdcage Makeover Sheet

Transform a thrift shelf find into a glowing botanical showpiece.

Prep, paint, and assemble this glowing showpiece where moss hides the grow pot and a mirror tile floor doubles the light. The entire planted pot slips out to water easily.

● Key Measurements

0.5 in

Deduct from door for pot size

20 percent

Metal left exposed for patina

8 or 10 in

Mirror tile floor diameter

3 wraps

Floral wire around moss cushion

10 ft

Copper wire lights strand length

Prep the sheet moss

Soak sheet moss in warm water for five minutes before wrapping so it bends without snapping, then squeeze out excess water.



● Step Sequence

- 1 Scuff and Prime** Prep the surface based on the original finish, then wipe with a damp microfiber cloth.
- 2 Dry-Brush** Sweep matte white paint across high ridges to soften the rigid, industrial structure.
- 3 Plant** Wrap the nursery pot and saucer in damp moss and secure tightly with floral wire.
- 4 Light** Weave copper wire lights from the bottom back, up vertical bars, circling the dome.
- 5 Train the Vine** Gently weave the longest pothos stems through the open door and lower bars.

● Surface Prep Guide

Find your row: **Original metal finish**

Original metal finish	Your pick	Why
High-Gloss Brass	120-grit sponge	Lightly sand vertical bars
Rusted Iron	Wire brush	Brush away loose flakes
Painted Wood	220-grit paper	Scuff existing topcoat
Coated Plastic	Abrasive pad	Wipe with degreaser

● Check Before You Buy

- Measure interior width at the very bottom of the door.
- Account for decorative scrolls or heavy hinges reducing entryway width.
- Ensure the craft mirror easily slips through the front opening.
- Test empty drainage saucer dead center on the mirror glass.
- Verify bar spacing for weaving trailing plants and lights.

● Makeover Shopping List

- ☐ Matte white paint
- ☐ Preserved sheet moss
- ☐ Plastic nursery pot and saucer
- ☐ Frameless craft mirror tile
- ☐ Copper fairy wire lights
- ☐ Thin green floral wire
- ☐ Trailing plants sorted by bar spacing

● Project Notes

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Enjoy your beautiful new botanical showpiece and its magical evening glow!