

## Making Voltigeur Epaulettes – Part 2

By now you should have hundreds of beautiful twisted strands. If memory serves you'll need about 40 per "eyelash", 4 "eyelashes" per shoulder, 2 shoulders... So you'll need to have made about 320 strands.

For the next stage you will need:

- 320 strands
- 8 strips of calico 90mm x 5mm
- A tube of copydex
- A pair of scissors
- A wooden board
- 2 pins
- A ruler



This is your setup. Mark the board out with a line at 0mm, along which you pin the calico, and then a line at 70mm and another at 72mm.



Put a dab of copydex onto a small section in the middle of your strip. Only a bit because if you glue the whole thing it will be dry before you finish.



You will need to make two sets 72mm long and two sets 70mm long. Don't worry about the overhang at the bottom, just make sure they all line up nicely, and sit side by side on the calico.



By the time you've filled your strip you'll have something like this, viewed from beneath.



Cut along the base of the calico to get rid of all those raggedy overhangs.



In no time at all you will have four “eyelashes”, and you can start to see how it all works.



Stack the “eyelashes” with the two 70mm ones at the bottom, the two 72mm on top. Those top two have further to hand so need the extra length.



You will need to glue and stitch the rows together. This can be tricky so you need strong fingers, possibly a thimble, possibly pliers.