Tutorial example with paper pom pom center

Alternate center example

FLOWER-MAKING TUTORIAL - *CARDBOARD*

The details outlined in this tutorial sheet are only a starting example. Use these basic techniques to create something of your own imagination. Make sure all connections are secure and can withstand jostling and reattachment to the overall cascade textile. *Here are the important specifications: 9" maximum diameter, 4" minimum diameter. IMPORTANT - please use the tag template provided online to copy and attach a thank-you message to EACH & EVERY flower you or your group makes.*

SUPPLIES: Printed cartons or corrugated cardboard; Junk mail paper; Scissors; Stapler; Hot glue gun; 26 gauge floral wire; Dremel Drill (1/16" bit) OR Awl; Bottle caps. For Alternate center: various embellishments such as cut plastic shapes, bottle caps, beads, drinking straws (shredded)

Any questions - contact: **Ann Morton - annmorton@mac.com** - use "Re-Thanks flower making questions" in your subject line.

CUTTING AND SHAPING THE PETALS

1.) Supplies and tools - see list above. **2.)** Select a petal design from the provided template, cut out, and trace onto carton material. **3.)** Cut out five (5) petal shapes **4.)** Pull split tabs to overlap slightly and staple in place. (If needed, use double stick tape to hold in place before stapling.) **5.)** Work the cardboard material to bend back the petal tips and round with your fingers to shape and mold to your liking.

ASSEMBLING THE FLOWER

6.) With hot glue gun, attach each petal to the next by overlapping the tabs approx. 1/4" - 3/8" to create a completed, connected circle. **7.)** Flower should feel sturdy, with an approx. 1/2" open circle in the center. **8.)** Place the two caps back to back, aligned. Drill through both together with holes approx 1/4" apart in the center of the caps. **9.)** Use the hot glue gun to attach the top flower center cap, opening up, flat side down. Be sure the holes are centered on the flower opening. **10.)** Cut a 12" length of floral wire and bend in half. Thread through the top flower center cap holes, through the bottom backer cap holes. Twist the wires to secure the backer cap in place. Leave the wire tail on for later attachment.

MAKING THE CENTER POM POM

10.) Use junk mail paper to fold layers to approx. 3" wide with a length of between 15" and 18". The folded paper should have about 8-10 layers of paper. (Don't worry about which sides the folds are on, you will be triming later.) **11.)** For the length of the folded panel, cut strips approx. 3/8" - 1/2" wide. Do NOT cut all the way across, leave 1/2" uncut so that the whole piece is still connected after cutting the strips. **12.)** Begin rolling the cut panel, using the hot glue gun to secure along the way as you keep rolling. WATCH YOUR FINGERS - HOT!!! **13.)** When the entire panel is rolled, turn over and thoroughly glue into the bottom with the hot glue gun to secure the rolled piece. Let dry completely. **14.)** When dry and secured, clip the pom pom to the desired size for the flower center.

FINISHING POM POM CENTER

ALTERNATE FLOWER CENTER

15.) Hot glue the base of the pom pom into the flower center cap - Allow to dry and you're finshed!   **ALTERNATE FINISHING> 16.)** With four lengths of floral wire, thread 2 wires through each hole in the top center cap through to the backer cap. Twist wire groups together on back and on the top to secure; Leave a 4" tail on the back side. On top center, slide shredded straw over 4 wires and/or begin stacking embellishments on each of the 4 wires. **17.)** Stack the elements to your liking and to finish, use a bead that will allow the wire to thread through, then loop around and through again to secure. Repeat if needed, and clip excess wire end. **18.)** Fill each wire with embellishment pattern and finish!

And then the most important part - attach the tag with your message of thanks - NOW YOU ARE FINISHED!

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Use these as a guide to use as is, or to create your own petal designs!