

# Lesson 6

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## ADDING SEPALS & FINISHING STEMS

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### TOOLS & MATERIALS FOR THIS LESSON

- DETAIL SCISSORS
- NEEDLE-NOSE TWEEZERS
- WIRE CUTTERS/NEEDLE-NOSE PLIERS
- ART GLITTER GLUE
- CURLING TOOL
- EXTRA-FINE CREPE PAPER – *FERN, JUNIPER or OLIVE and CYPRESS*

### ANEMONE BUD

1. With a strip of Fern extra-fine crepe paper, wrap 1 inch below the head of the bud. Cut the stem to 6 inches and save the cut wire for another flower.
2. Add bud leaf to the base of Fern wrap by sandwiching it onto the wire. Curl the tips of two leaves outward with a curling tool.
3. Finish wrapping the stem with Juniper or Olive crepe paper.

### ANEMONE ASSEMBLY

1. Wrap the flower stem starting at the base, slightly overlapping the petals.
2. To overlap the crepe and thicken the stem, continue to wrap at a slight angle.
3. At three inches below the base of the flower, place the leaf wire along the stem and add the bud wire. Your bud should be slightly higher than the flower itself, leaving about four inches of bud stem to shape.
4. Wrap with crepe paper and white glue to create a smooth transition and finish.
5. Continue to wrap the stem to finish the flower.
6. Bend and shape wires to create a natural look.

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### TULIP ASSEMBLY

1. Start at the tulip flower's base, and wrap the stem with Juniper or Olive crepe paper.
2. Cover it with another thin layer of crepe to make it as smooth as possible, but keep the stem from becoming too thick.
3. Once the stem is smooth and covered with the crepe paper wrap, add leaves with white glue at each leaf's base, staggering the tips' height. Smooth the leaf base where they join the stem with your finger.

### CLEMATIS ASSEMBLY

1. Using Cypress crepe paper to match the leaves, wrap the stem with a strip of crepe paper and white glue. Smoothly cover all of the wires and mechanics where the petals meet the stem wire.
2. Add a leaf cluster at three inches under the flower head.
3. Finish the Clematis stem with the crepe paper wrap technique, thickening the stem for an even finish.
4. Add form to the leaves with a gentle stretch to the edges and by adding shape to the wires.
5. Finish by shaping petals and arranging leaves off the stem.

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### **PINK COSMOS BUD**

1. For bud sepals, cut six to eight points from the precut rectangle. You can use the mini clips to hold the small piece of crepe as you cut with your detail scissors.
2. Shape the tips of the bud sepal strips with the curling tool.
3. On the side of the crepe paper where the sepals are curling up, add a thin line of glue at the base of the crepe paper.
4. Place the glued edge onto the wire directly under the bud. The sepals will be curling around the bud.
5. Wrap the sepals around the wire, then use your needle-nose tweezers to place the tiny sepals evenly around the bud.
6. Wrap the stem of the bud with a thin layer of Cypress paper.

### **PINK COSMOS ASSEMBLY**

1. Cut eight sepals from Cypress crepe paper. Gently stretch the centers of each to add shape.
2. Glue the eight sepals at the base of the flower. The sepals will overlap the wire, with the paper curling away from the petals.
3. Use the crepe paper and white glue wrap technique two and a half inches down the stem.
4. Add the bud onto the stem with the head slightly higher than the flower.
5. Add the first leaf leaving a long stem along with the bud, and wrap another two inches down the stem.
6. Add the second leaf leaving a long stem, and wrap another inch or two.
7. Add a third leaf and finish wrapping the stem to complete the flower.
8. Shape wires of the bud and the leaves.
9. Press open Anemone petals and bend the flower's wire to face forward.

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### **SWEET PEA TENDRIL**

1. For the tendril, run a small bead of glue along the center of the strip of precut crepe paper.
2. Fold the strip in half, lengthwise, then roll it between fingers to create a thin cord.
3. Clip the tip onto the pointed end of a thick stem wire and wrap it to spiral around the stem.
4. Clip the second end to hold it in place and set it aside to dry.

### **SWEET PEA ASSEMBLY**

1. Cut eight to ten points from the precut rectangle for sweet pea sepals. You can use the mini clips to hold the small piece of crepe as you cut with detail scissors.
2. Shape the tips of the sepal strips with the curling tool.
3. Place the sepal strip so the sepals are curling down towards the table. Add a thin line of glue at the base of the crepe paper.
4. Place the glued edge onto the wire below the ruffles of the petals. The sepals will be curling away from the flower.
5. Wrap the sepals around the wire, then gently slide the sepals closer to the flower base. Use needle-nose tweezers to move sepals into place if needed.
6. Wrap the stem of the flower with a thin layer of Cypress paper.
7. Repeat this step with all seven of your small Sweet Pea flowers.
8. Choose the smallest flower and place the head of the flower at the tip of a thick stem wire.
9. Cover the first inch of the stem with a crepe paper strip and glue technique.
10. Add a second flower, exposing one to two inches of the crepe-covered flower stem. Wrap another inch of crepe down the thick stem.
11. Repeat to attach all seven flowers.
12. Bend and shape the wires of each flower to form away from the center stem.
13. Cut spiraled tendril in half. Glue one piece to the top of the stem and the second two to three inches down the branch.