
crepe paper flower centers

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ANTHERS & STIGMA

Though there are many ways to create a DIY anther and stigma, the simple technique we use in this course is the glue and floral wire method. The white paper-covered, 24-gauge wire is simple to form with needle nose pliers. You can then fill the tiny wire frames with hot glue, or dip them into white glue to form a rounded anther or stigma. For both the Parrot Tulips and Lily, cut the stigma wires 4-5" and the anther wires 3-4".

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ADDING POLLEN & COLOR

My favorite technique to add pollen on anthers and stigma is by creating a loose powder in my PanPastel pot. Once the shaped wire tips are dipped into white glue, the powder will easily adhere to the glue. The white paper-colored wire stems and cooled or dried glue can also be colored with markers, craft paint, or PanPastel.

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TIPS & TRICKS FOR FLORAL TAPE

Floral tape is made from crepe paper infused with wax. It was created for florists to bind together fresh flower stems and branches and used for corsages, boutonnieres, and to add length to a stem by attaching an extension. Floral tape is not initially sticky to the touch but can be activated to adhere to itself. Here are a few steps to help you practice mastering floral tape.

- 1) Tear a piece of tape off the roll to make it less cumbersome as you work.
- 2) Warm the end of the tape between your fingers.
- 3) Wrap the warmed tape around your wire and overlap the first end. You can press and warm the first wrap to ensure it has adhered.
- 4) Holding tape along the wire, gently stretch as you wrap the tape around the wire.
- 5) Stretch and wrap tape at a slight angle so that it moves down the stem.
- 6) If your tape rips while you are wrapping, simply continue by attaching warmed tape onto stem at point of rip and repeating stretch and wrap steps.

