LESSON
7

assembling crepe paper flowers

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TOOLS & MATERIALS

YOU WILL NEED:

- ◯ **DETAIL SCISSORS**
- ◯ **CRAFT SCISSORS**
- ◯ **CURLING TOOL**
- ◯ **WIRE CUTTERS/NEEDLE NOSE PLIERS**
- ◯ **FLORAL TAPE** *Pine*
- ◯ **HOT GLUE GUN** *high or low temp*
- ◯ **WHITE GLUE** *Aleene's Turbo or Quick Dry Tacky Glue*
- ◯ **CREPE PAPER** *Extra-Fine Cypress and Juniper, Heavy Juniper or Double-Sided Ferns & Moss*
- ◯ **COTTON SPUN BALLS** *10mm, 12mm*
- ◯ **THICK STEM WIRE**
- ◯ **PAPER COVERED WIRE** *18-gauge green*
- ◯ **PANPASTEL** *Pearlescent Red*
- ◯ **PAINTBRUSH** *9 round*

ADDING PETALS WITH GLUE

Flowers with solid crepe paper petals, meaning no center wire, are attached to the flower centers with glue. Depending on the flower and your own preference, you can use a hot glue gun or tacky glue.

ADDING COLOR TO FINISHED FLOWERS

By using a soft round brush you can easily add color to the petals of your finished flowers (as I demonstrate in the video on the anemone blooms). This technique is a great way to get the most out of your pastels.

ADDING PETALS WITH FLORAL TAPE

Petals with center wires can be added to the stems easily with floral tape. Refer to the lesson 4 video and workbook where I show you my tips and tricks for using floral tape. I have found floral tape to be the best way to secure wired leaves and petals to stems and other wires.

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ASSEMBLING BUDS

Adding buds to a wild rose stem or flowers that are seen in bloom along with buds is a great way to add variety of shape. Use a 10mm, 12mm, or 15mm cotton spun ball, 18-gauge wire, and tiny petals to quickly form a bud.

FINISHING BASE OF FLOWER WITH SEPALS

Some flower varieties will have a green sepal at the base of the bloom. These are easy to attach with hot or tacky glue and add a beautiful transition from flower to stem.

ADDING LEAVES

Though some leaves sit at the base of the bloom like the anemone, most leaves attach onto the stem of the flower. Adding the leaf wire to stem wire is best held with floral tape. If you are using your flowers in an arrangement or on a wreath, consider keeping your leaves separate or creating a stem of leaves to add more flexibility to your arrangement.

FLORAL TAPE & CREPE TAPE STEMS

Though floral tape is the preferred method for assembling flowers and adding leaves to stems, adding strips of crepe with white glue gives the flowers a cohesive, finished look. In this lesson's video I share my technique for best results.

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homework

- ○ **WATCH** *Lesson 7*
- ○ **ASSEMBLE** *flowers*
  - ○ **ANEMONE**
    5 flowers with leaves
  - ○ **WILD ROSE**
    10 flowers + 10 buds with leaves
  - ○ **PARROT TULIPS**
    5 flowers with leaves
  - ○ **HIBISCUS**
    1 flower with leaves
  - ○ **LILY**
    1 flower with leaves

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