

coral charm peonies

NOTES

TOOLS & MATERIALS

YOU WILL NEED:

- CUTTING MACHINE (*recommended*)
- CRAFT SCISSORS
- WIRE CUTTERS/NEEDLE-NOSE PLIERS
- NEEDLE-NOSE TWEEZERS
- CURLING TOOL
- PAINTBRUSH
- HOT GLUE GUN *high temp*
- FROSTED CRAFT PAPER *Conifer Pack #3, Citrus Pack #2, Melon Pack #1-3*
- PAPER COVERED WIRE *24-gauge green*
- THICK STEM WIRE
- COTTON SPUN BALLS *6mm*
- FLORAL TAPE *pine*
- ART MARKERS *chartreuse*
- PANPASTEL *magenta*

MAKING YOUR PEONY FLOWERS

PETAL COLORS

For the large peony flowers, you will need 3 sheets in the petal colors for each flower. You can mix the colors of the petal sets in each flower or make them all from the same color. If you mix your colors, you can make all 5 flowers from one melon pack. If you want each of your flowers to be one color, you will need 2 packs of this paper.

CUTTING

When using a Cricut, I find the best setting for cutting these colors of paper is **Copy Paper +more**. I recommend testing a corner of your paper with a small star to ensure your blade is sharp. If you are cutting by hand, we have provided a simplified template for this flower.

REMOVING PAPER FROM MAT

The large petals and all green pieces for this flower are easiest to remove from the mat when you roll, remove excess, then begin to gently peel off the flower petals. For the tiny center petals, use the needle-nose tweezers and place them directly into a small container. To remove the thin cut sepals, roll the mat and peel from the solid base to the tips for best results.

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PEONY CENTERS

The 6mm spun balls are perfect for the detailed centers of these flowers. For each flower, cut seven 24mm wires to 4 inches. Place your hot glue gun tip into the hole of the ball and add a drop of glue. Slide the wire into the hole and secure it. Let cool. Color each ball green with a marker. Repeat with the remainder of the centers. Bundle 7 balled tipped stems, then pinch wires together as close to the top of wires while keeping balls arranged evenly. Slide thick stem wire between smaller wires and use green floral tape to secure the wires together into one stem. Use needle-nose tweezers to pick up the tiny bright pink shapes, add a dot of glue to the pointed end, and place onto the top center of the small ball. Repeat for all balls.

STAMEN ON CENTERS

Each large peony flower will have four fringed stamen pieces. Each of these long strips can be gently shaped with the curling tool or they might have enough shape from peeling them from the mat. With the curl of the stamen facing up, add hot glue at one end of the strip. Place the glued end onto the wires, under the spun ball cluster with the stamen curling around the center. Add hot glue along the base of the strip as you roll the paper around your stem. Keep the base of the strip even, gluing directly over each spiral. Repeat with three strips. Once the glue has cooled, use your fingers to brush open the tiny stamen fringe and see the center ball cluster.

ADDING COLOR TO PETALS

An option to adding color variations to these peonies is with PanPastel. I find that a higher contrast gives the most visible gradient, so for these coral papers I used the magenta pastel. Start with a pastel sponge to press the color onto the center of each flower, gently brushing outward. Use a paintbrush to blend color towards the tips of each petal, leaving the last inch of the petal the original paper color. Repeat for all of the petal sets on one side of the paper. At this point, you can lightly dust petals with the Krylon fixative, or spray the finished flower.

CURLING PETALS

For each petal set, turn so the pastel side faces the table. With the curling tool, gently shape 2 inches at the base of each petal. This will give the petal set a cup-like shape. Starting with the smallest petal set, with the pastel side facing the table, curl the upper right corner of each petal towards the inside of the cup, then curl the upper left corner to create a mini cup with each petal. For the medium and large sets, repeat this process where you add shape to each bump of each petal by curling both top corner. You will want to create as much shape with each petal to get the finished look.

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LESSON
6

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ATTACHING PETALS & STAMEN

Starting with the smallest petal sets, slide stem through the center hole, gluing the petal set at the base of the flower centers. Repeat in order of size with each petal set, rotating as you glue into place so petals fall between the petals of the previous layer. Add shape to the stamen piece with curling tool, slide onto the stem with stamen curled away from the flower, and glue into place at the base of the flower.

PEONY LEAVES

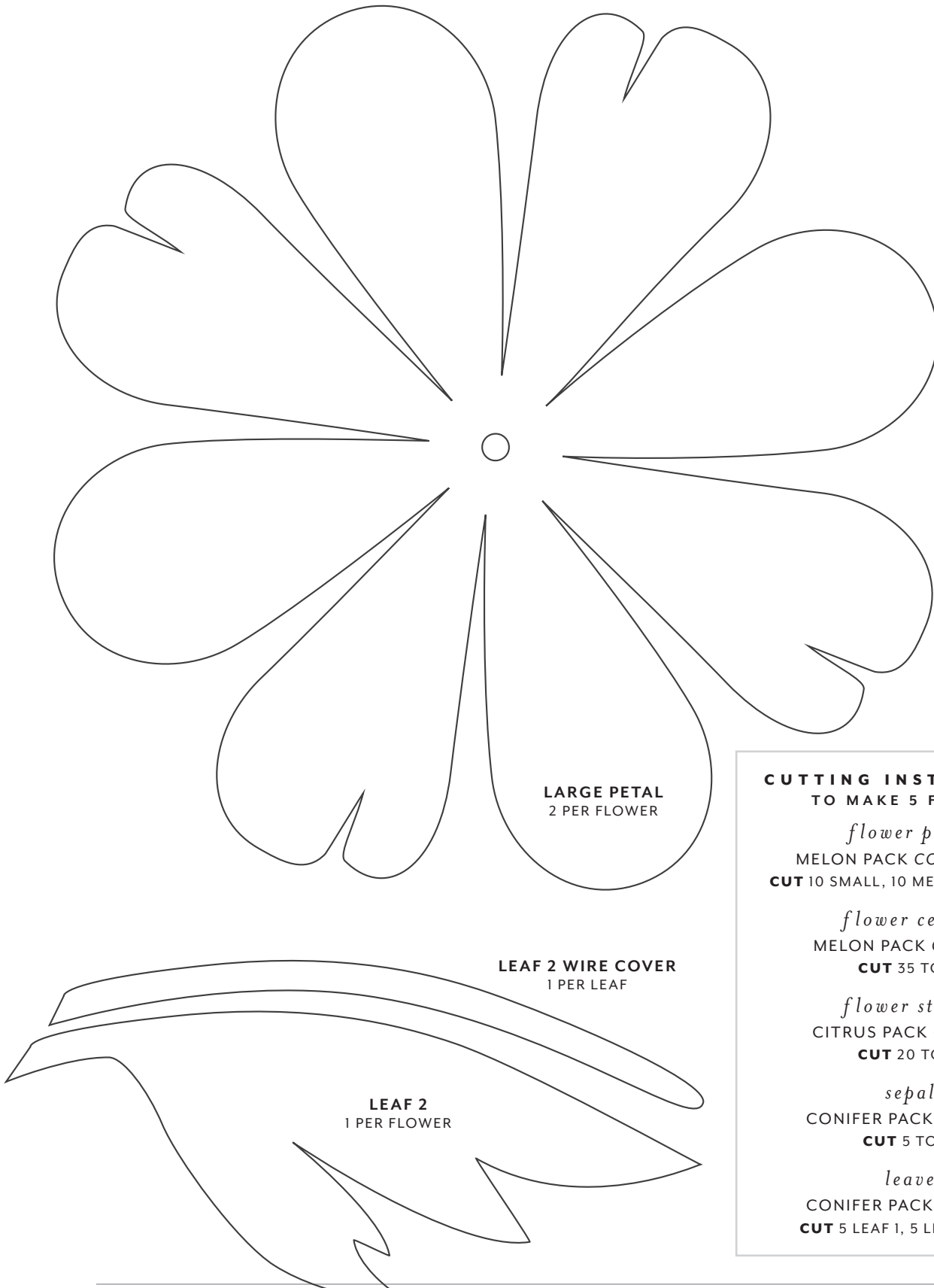
To add strength and shape to my peony leaves, I now add the 24-gauge wire onto the back spine of each leaf. Place a line of hot glue along the spine of the large leaf or the edge of the smaller leaf and quickly place the wire into the glue. To add additional strength and to cover the wire, glue a strip of paper over the wire. Once cooled, use the curling tool to shape each finger of the leaf with variety to the direction. Bend the wire into a curve to add additional shape. You can attach your leaves onto the stem of your flower with floral tape or cluster them together to use in an arrangement.

homework

- WATCH** Lesson 6
- MAKE** 5 coral charm peonies in a variety of colors from the Melon pack

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LARGE PETAL
2 PER FLOWER

LEAF 2 WIRE COVER
1 PER LEAF

LEAF 2
1 PER FLOWER

**CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS
TO MAKE 5 FLOWERS**

flower petals

MELON PACK COLORS #1, #2

CUT 10 SMALL, 10 MEDIUM, 10 LARGE

flower centers

MELON PACK COLOR #4

CUT 35 TOTAL

flower stamen

CITRUS PACK COLOR #2

CUT 20 TOTAL

sepals

CONIFER PACK COLOR #3

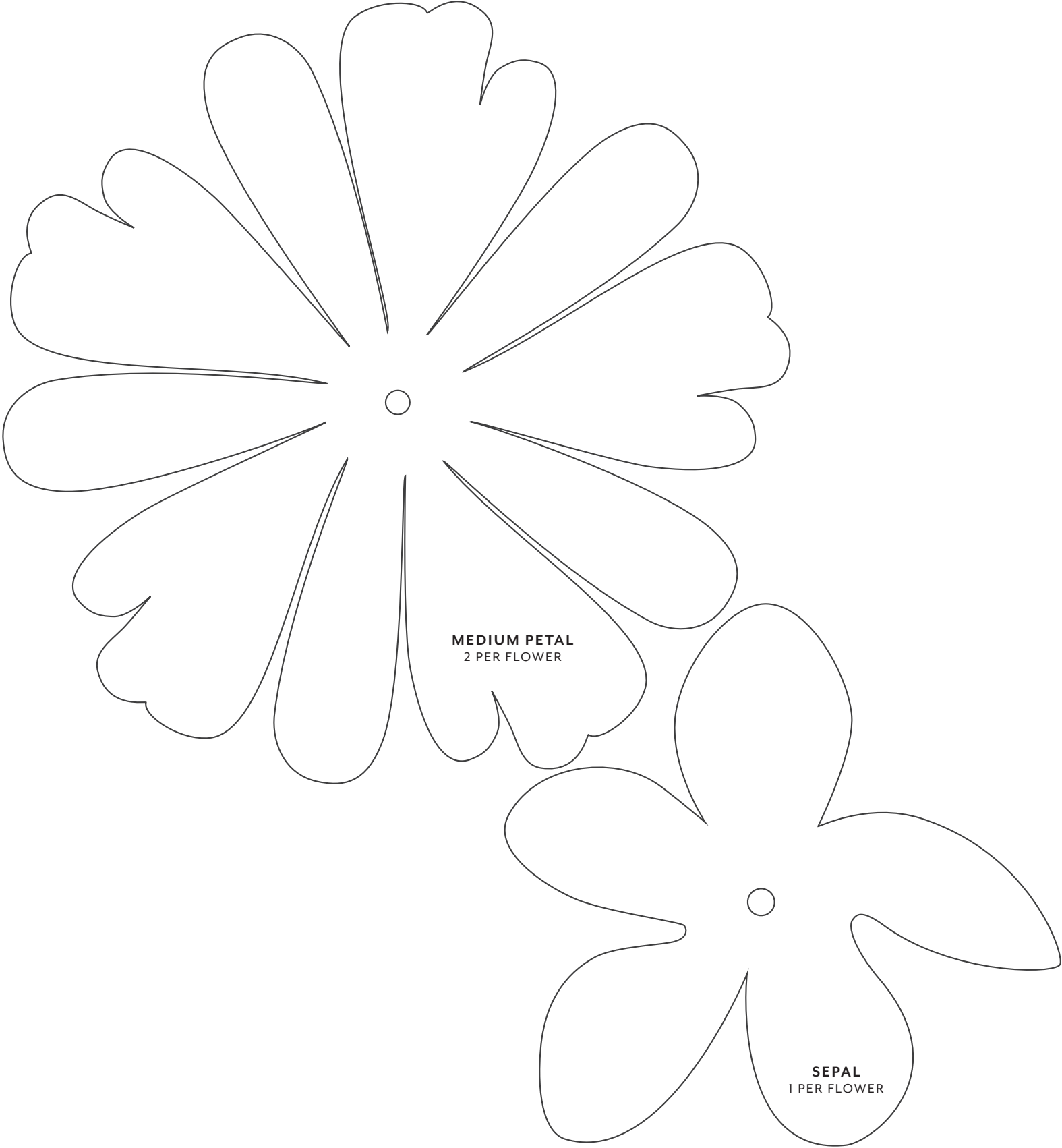
CUT 5 TOTAL

leaves

CONIFER PACK COLOR #3

CUT 5 LEAF 1, 5 LEAF 2 TOTAL

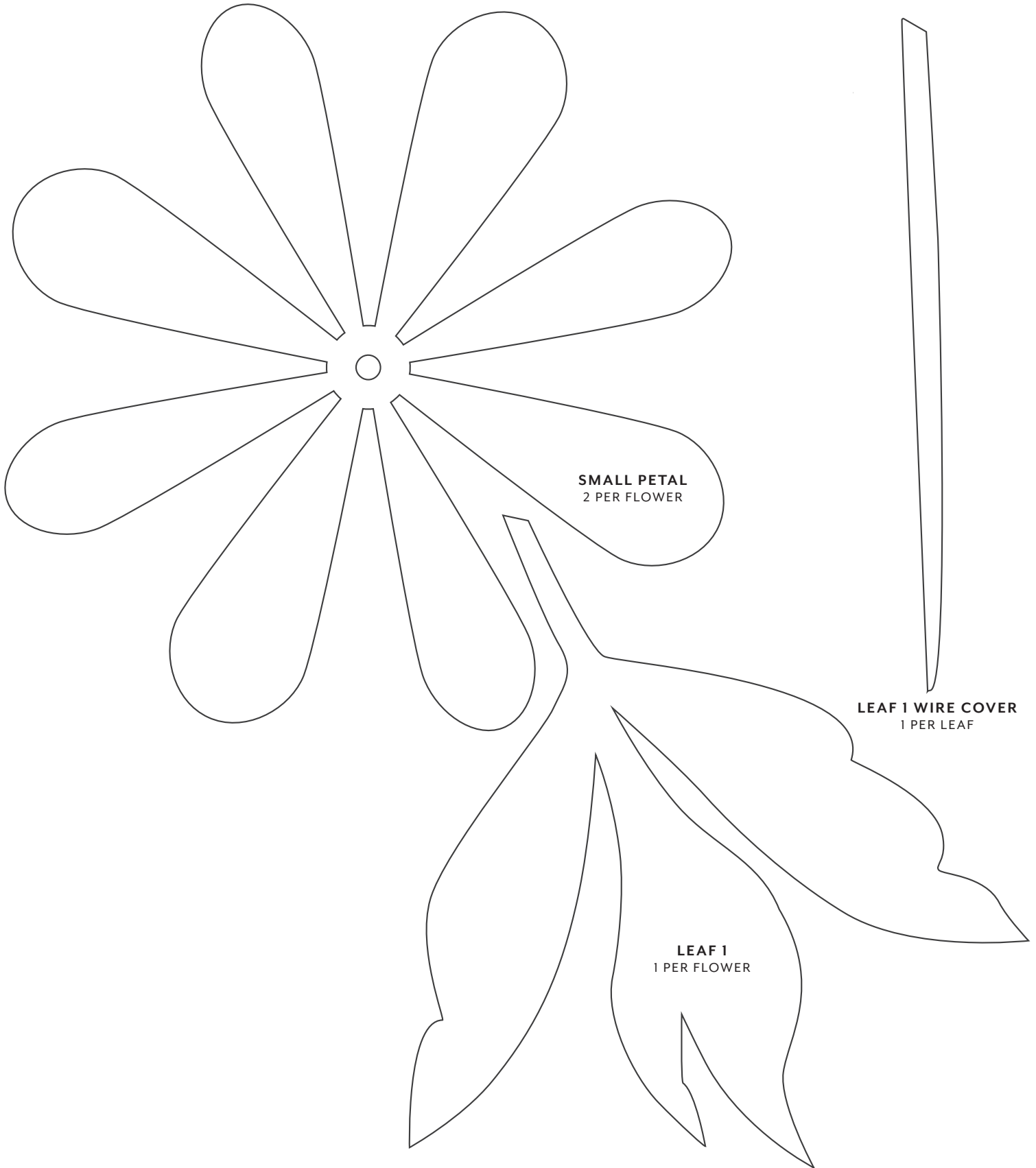
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MEDIUM PETAL
2 PER FLOWER

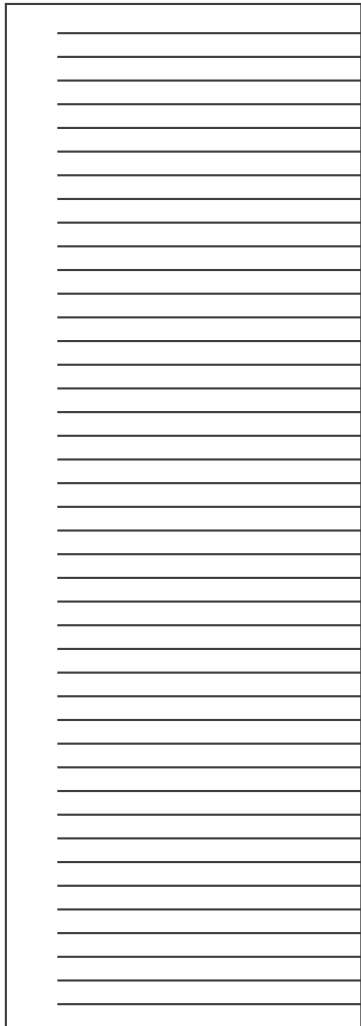
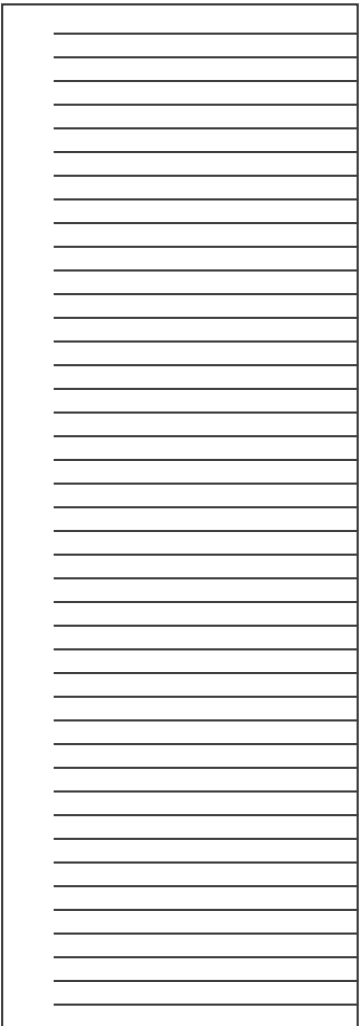
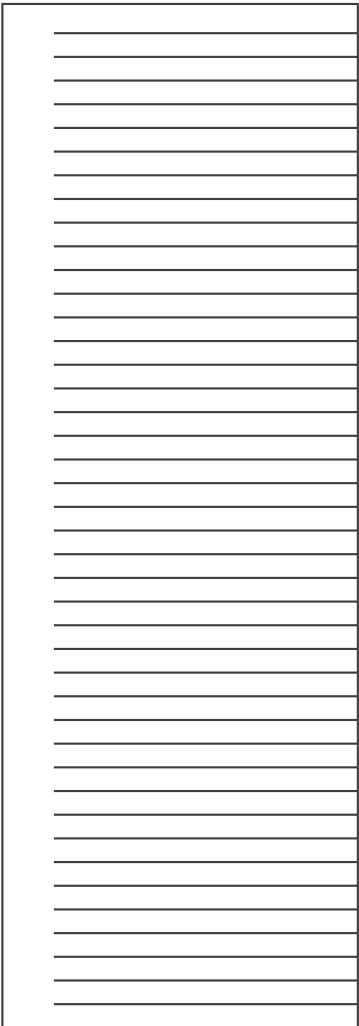
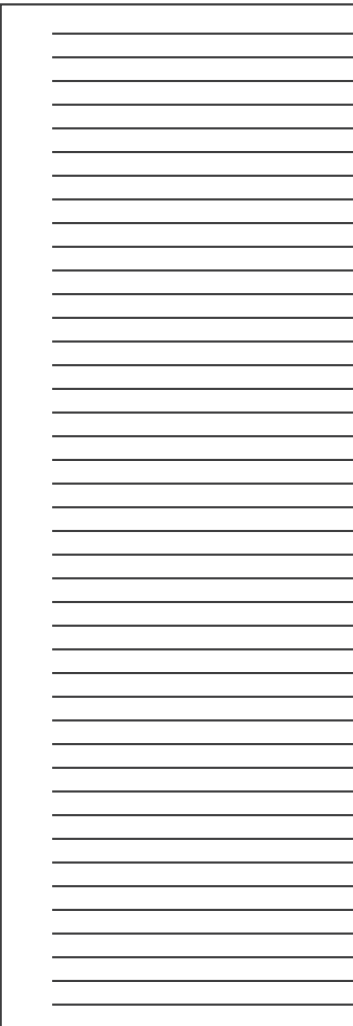
SEPAL
1 PER FLOWER

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FLOWER STAMEN
4 PER FLOWER



TAPE OTHER HALF OF PATTERN HERE

TAPE OTHER HALF OF PATTERN HERE

CENTER
7 PER FLOWER

