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tips and tricks for

LAMINATION
AND DIY
DOUBLE-SIDED CREPE PAPER

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Tips and Tricks for Lamination and DIY Double–Sided Crepe Paper

If you don't have the right colors of double-sided crepe paper for the project you want to do, you can make your own. While we do have pre-made packs of some colors in our shop, here are our best tips for you to make your own of any combination of double-sided, also called laminated, crepe paper.

1. EXTRA-FINE CREPE PAPER

· You'll need to use extra-fine crepe paper as the heavy is too stiff and won't work.

2. FUSIBLE BONDING WEB

· Fusible bonding web is basically glue in rolls or sheets. You can find Fusible Web in our shop at feltpaperscissors.com.
· We tried spray glue and found it to be messy along with its bad fumes, plus it's difficult to get an even coating.
· We also tried using Mod Podge, which is okay for smaller pieces, but not for the large sheets where the paper gets too wet and it's impossible to get an even coat.

3. IRON OR HEAT PRESS

· A regular iron works fine. Use at highest heat to make sure it's bonding, and DO NOT use steam.
· Our favorite heat tool is Cricut's EasyPress. Use either the jumbo or regular size, and also set the device at the highest heat when laminating your crepe paper.
· We use Cricut's Heat Press Mat, but any press pad or ironing board works as well.

4. SIMPLE TIP TO KEEP IRON CLEAN

· To keep the bonding web from sticking to your iron, cut it slightly smaller than your crepe paper.
· We cut the crepe paper 12" wide to fit the Cricut machine, as we have found that the double-sided crepe paper cuts beautifully on cutting machines.
· Making sure there is an edge of crepe paper all around outside of the fusible bonding, line up the top sheet to the bottom sheet and it's ready to press.
· Set timer for 30 seconds. Lay the press or iron flat down onto the sheets, and then move it around to ensure it's fully melted on the edges.

5. LET'S DO IT AGAIN

· Choose your extra-fine crepe paper colors. We're using mango with poppy and camellia with honeysuckle.
· Place the slightly smaller webbing on the first sheet.
· Line up the second piece and place it on top.
· Set iron flat down as you don't want the top layer to slide.

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6. ADDING WIRE FOR LEAVES

Here is a bonus technique for making double-sided crepe paper for leaves. We use two shades of green and fuse them, but first, add floral wire to make long leaves.

1) Set down your first crepe paper sheet and bonding web. Start with eight 24-gauge wires with green paper covering. Make sure they are all straight.

2) Place them with the grain about 1.25" apart on a 12" wide sheet, keeping the wire down a bit from the top to allow space for the leaf points.

3) Carefully set the second paper on top, aligned and without moving wires, then fuse with the heat.

4) After letting the fused sheets cool, cut between each piece right in the middle.

5) Fold the leaves in half, pressing along the wire.

6) Because the leaf is folded down the center of the wire, you know both sides are even. Cut in the shape of a leaf with a point at the bottom and then to a tip at the top.

7) Unfold the leaves and line them up on the mat and give them another press. Flip them over and press one more time.

8) Stretch and shape for long leaves.

7. TESTING STRETCH & BOND

When we first made double-sided crepe paper, we wondered how will the papers hold together and how much will they stretch?

· We have found the DIY crepe paper done in this way has nearly as much stretch as premade double-sided. You are still able to cup and stretch while the paper is not coming apart or separating.

· Even at the edges, the crepe papers are really stuck, and they don't come apart when you stretch them. There is no cracking even with small pieces.

· This fusible bond is a perfect solution for making double-sided crepe paper and a great option to not have glue everywhere.

*You can find the full video of how to make our Mokara Orchid at
liagriffith.com/member-make.*