

LESSON EIGHT

CREPE PAPER SNAKE PLANT



TOOLS & MATERIALS

TOOLS

- CUTTING MACHINE *(optional)*
- CRAFT SCISSORS
- DETAIL SCISSORS
- WIRE CUTTERS
- CURLING TOOL
- PAINTBRUSH
- BRAYER

MATERIALS

- DOUBLE-SIDED CREPE PAPER
– *Ferns & Moss*
- 18- GAUGE FLORAL WIRE
- BARELY ART GLUE
- MOD PODGE
- PAINT – *Avocado and Hauser Dark Green*

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- 1 Cut out the snake plant leaves from the Ferns & Moss Double-Sided Crepe Paper using the provided PDF template and scissors or the SVG file and a cutting machine with a rotary blade. The template has you cut enough pieces to make 8 leaves. You can always cut more to make a fuller plant!



- 2 Grab two pieces of leaf A, Using a paintbrush apply mod podge to one leaf.

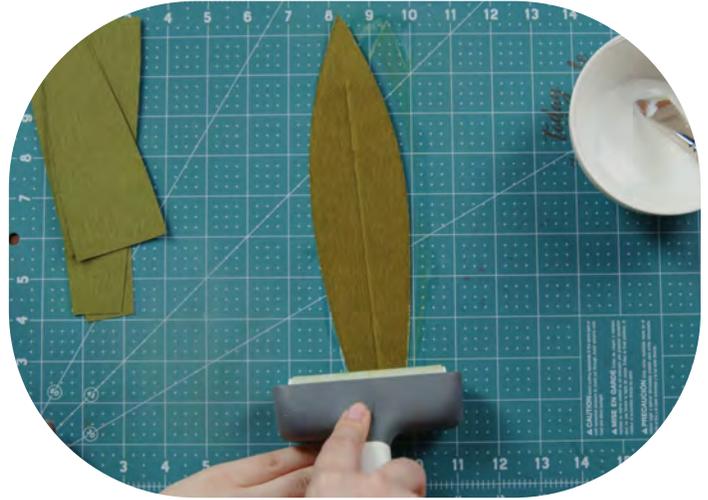


- 3 Lay an 18-gauge wire down the center of the leaf. The tip of the wire should be 2 inches below the tip of the leaf with the wire extending beyond the bottom of the leaf.



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- ④ Lay the second leaf lined up on top of the first. Use a brayer to secure the leaves together. Repeat steps 2 - 4 for all A and B leaves.



- ⑤ Grab 2 bottom pieces and two top pieces of leaf C. Begin by using a paint brush to apply mod podge to one top piece of leaf C.



- ⑥ Lay an 18-gauge wire down the center of the leaf top. The tip of the wire should be 2 inches below the tip of the leaf with the wire extending beyond the bottom of the leaf.



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- ⑦ Lay the second top leaf lined up on top of the first. Use a brayer to secure the leaves together.



- ⑧ Use a paint brush to apply mod podge to one bottom piece of leaf C.



- ⑨ Lay the top leaves with wire lined up above the bottom leaf. The leaves should overlap about 1/2 inch.



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- ⑩ Lay a second 18-gauge wire right next to the first. The tip of the wire should be about 1 inch below the top leaf with the wire extending beyond the bottom of the lower leaf.



- ⑪ Apply more mod podge over the wire and to the bottom 1/4 inch of the top leaf.



- ⑫ Lay the second bottom leaf lined up on top of the first. Use a brayer to secure the leaves together. Repeat steps 5 - 12 with all C and D leaves.



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- 13 Use scissors to trim off any misaligned crepe paper along the edges of the leaves.



- 14 Apply a thin coat of mod podge to the surface of each leaf. Once the mod podge has dried flip the leaves over and paint the opposite side.



- 15 To add color to your leaves use a larger flat paintbrush to apply 1/2 inch thick stripes spaced about 1.5 inches apart using the dark green paint. Use a dabbing motion instead of brushing the paint on to get more texture.



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- 16 Using the Avocado paint fill in the space between the stripes using the same dabbing motion. You want the crepe paper to show through the paint.



- 17 Add thin stripes of the dark green paint between the 1/2 inch stripes.



- 18 Then take the Avocado color again, you want a very small amount of paint. Then lightly dab over the entire leaf to add more texture and depth.



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- 19 Last you will return to the dark green paint and add a very thin line around the outer edge of the leaf. Allow the paint to dry then flip it over and add paint to the other side. You will repeat steps 15 - 19 with all of your leaves.



- 20 To shape your leaves you will fold the leaf in half over the center wire. Then use your curling tool on either side of the leaf curling the edges down.



- 21 To finish you can place your snake plant leaves in the pot you prepared in Lesson 3. I like to place the larger leaf in the center and the smaller leaves around the outside.

