

Paper Blossoms

Mold Paper to Create 3D Realistic Flowers

Punch
Shape
Assemble

Peony Card

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PAPER BLOSSOMS TOOLS:

Punches:

- 64530 Small Geranium Leaf
- 64532 Geranium Leaf
- 64533 Sun
- 64534 Grape Leaf
- 64535 Highland Snowflake
- 65800 Paper Tool Kit and Case
- 65900 Craft Molding Mat

Additional Supplies:

(Exact paper patterns may not be available.

Select similar papers or create your own themes.)

- Cardstock: Cream, Pink, Green
- Pattern Scrapbook paper
- Vivid Ink Pad - Tea Rose (Clearsnap Inc.)
- Ink Blending Tool (Ranger)
- 1" piece of styrofoam to create a 1/2" ball
- Button
- Floral Wire
- Fabri-Tac Glue (Beacon Adhesives)
- Non-stick Craft mat or scrap paper

PANSY ASSEMBLY:

1. Punch Geranium Leaf and Small Geranium Leaf 12 times in Pink cardstock for each Peony.
2. Rub outer edges of shapes with Tea Rose ink to add color depth and interesting details.
3. Place the shapes on the Craft Molding Mat. Using the 8mm stylus, press down into the center of the shape as you move the tool in a circular motion over the entire paper shape. As you do this, the paper will curl up around the stylus.
4. Place the tweezers at the small end of the shape. Pinch the paper around the end of the tweezers.
5. Hold the pinched end and with the tweezers grasp each side of the shape and roll it back to form the petal.
6. Punch 2 Snowflake shapes from green card stock. Place on the Craft Molding Mat. Use the 8mm stylus at a 90 degree angle to the paper. Press down and roll the stylus around in the center to form a cup that is the flower base to attach petals and leaves.
7. Start with one Snowflake base. Dip the ends of 6 petals into glue and adhere to the first Snowflake base arms. Use a clear quick setting paper crafting glue. [Caution: Don't use glue on or over the Craft Molding Mat. It needs to stay clean and dry.] Repeat with the next 6 petals and second Snowflake base. Next, glue one base over the top of the second base, offsetting the petals between the 2 layers.
8. To create the Peony center, which is also the way to create a peony bud, form a small ball out of Styrofoam – about 1/2" in diameter. Next, apply glue to 4 or 6 of the small peony petals to cover the ball. Then apply glue to the bottom of the



covered Styrofoam ball and attach it to the center of the layered Peony bases. Continue to add small Geranium leaves around the bud to fill in the flower.

9. Punch 2-4 Grape Leaf shapes from green card stock. Follow Techniques #1 and 2 to prepare the shapes. Use the 1mm stylus to add thin veining details on each leaf. Dip the end of each leaf into glue and attach around the base of the flower to finish the Peony.

CARD ASSEMBLY:

1. Score and fold 9" x 5 1/2" piece of cream cardstock to 4 1/2" x 5 1/2".
2. Trim green cardstock to 4 1/4" x 5 1/4". Mount centered to front of card. Trim pink cardstock to 4" x 5". Trim patterned paper to 3 3/4" x 4 3/4". Layer and mount over the green cardstock.
3. Glue three Peonies in a cluster in the center of the card.
4. For the open Peony, punch 2 suns. Cut in between every 2 rays toward the center but not all the way through. With 5mm Stylus, cup the shape. Glue together and into the center of the Peony. Glue button into the center.
5. Punch 2 additional large Geranium shapes to create the 2 buds. Prepare like other petals. Roll the petals and glue each one around a small piece of floral wire. Insert end of floral wire under flowers and glue to card.