

Paper Blossoms

Mold Paper to Create 3D Realistic Flowers

Punch
Shape
Assemble

How To Make an Allium

Allium Supplies

Punches:

- 112 shapes Starburst Punch 64512 in French Vanilla and Parchment stock

Tools:

- Paper Tool Kit and Case 65800
- Craft Molding Mat 65900

Additional:

- Cardstock: French Vanilla, Parchment, Medium Green (Bazzill -12"x 12")
- Tim Holtz Distress Inks: Forest Moss, Peeled Paint (Ranger)
- Ink Blending Tool (Ranger)

- White Pom-Poms -1" diameter, 1-2- or 3 quantity
- Acrylic Paint: Lettuce (Adirondack)
- Floral Foam Block -Green
- Crafter's Pick Ultimate Adhesive
- Non-stick Craft Mat or Scrap Paper
- Bamboo Skewers, 1-2 or 3 quantity

Optional:

- Perfect Pearls Mists - Sunflower Sparkle (Ranger)
- Gold Leafing Pen (Krylon)
- Crystal Stickers - Clear, Style #1651 - 2mm (Mark Richards)



Allium Assembly

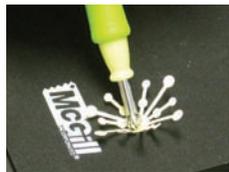
1. Paint the bamboo skewer(s) with the Lettuce color acrylic paint. Allow to dry by pushing the skewer(s) into a Floral Foam Brick to keep stem(s) upright.

2. Punch approx. 112 Starburst shapes, in each color French Vanilla and Parchment cardstocks, with the Starburst punch. Punch shapes close together to get as many as possible from each 12x12 sheet of cardstock. You'll have approximately 224 Starburst shapes to make 3 Allium flowers. Each Allium flower uses approximately 75 shapes based on how full each flower is made.

3. With the 5mm Ball Stylus on the Craft Molding Mat, use Technique #4 to cup the center of each Starburst shape. Then, fold each shape in half and in half again with the base of the Starburst at a point. Prepare all the shapes this way. Set aside.

4. Add the skewer to the pom-pom. Squeeze some glue onto a non-stick Craft Mat or scrap paper. Spread the fibers on the pom pom to find the dense center. Cover the pointed end of the painted skewer with glue. Firmly push the glued tip into the dense center of the pom-pom. Reshape the pom-pom to be a round ball. If the skewer is solid you can start to add the petal shapes. If the skewer is moving, than let stand until the glue dries.

5. Add petal shapes to pom-pom starting at the bottom. Place spot of glue on non-stick Craft Mat or scrap paper. Dip the pointed end of a Starburst shape into glue and press into the pom-pom as you separate the fibers so the paper is touching the dense center.



6. After petals are dry, add more shapes to cover bare spots and add fullness to the Allium flower. Place stem(s) into floral foam to dry again.

7. The long, narrow leaves for the Allium will be cut by hand in the Medium Green cardstock. Cut 1" strips of green cardstock. Then trim the strips so they are curved on the sides and end in points at either end. Randomly add color to leaves using the Forest Moss and Peeled Paint Distress Inks. Use the 1mm Ball Stylus to draw a veining line down the center of each leaf from tip to tip. Slightly fold the leaf to create center vein.

8. Optional finishing touches. Mist each leaf with 3-5 pumps of Sunflower Sparkle to get a nice surface sheen. After the mist dries, randomly add touches of gold along the edges of the leaf with the Krylon Gold Leafing Pen. Add a single crystal sticker in one or 2 spots to simulate a drop of water. Mist the Allium flower(s) to add slight sheen. Allow to dry.

9. Attach leaves to skewer stems to complete the Allium. Create 3 Allium flowers with leaves and put into a small 7" vase for a beautiful display.



Basic Techniques for Flower Making

Photo images for technique demonstration only. Shapes may not match this project.

Technique #1 – Shaping

Place a punched shape on the Craft Molding Mat. Press down with the 8mm ball stylus as you move stylus around in circular motion over card stock to soften.



Technique #2 – Pinching

Center the Tweezers over narrow the end of the shape. With thumb and index finger, pinch paper shape around the tweezers.



Technique #3 – Bending

Hold pinched end of shape between finger and thumb. With the Tweezers, grab the side of shape and roll back to form curve. Repeat on second side.



Technique #4 – Cupping

Place shape on the mat. With the 5mm stylus placed at 90° angle, press down & roll stylus around in center until the shape cups up.

