

Paper Blossoms

Mold Paper to Create 3D Realistic Flowers

Punch
Shape
Assemble

How To Make a Forsythia



Forsythia Supplies

Punches:

- 30 - 40 shapes from Mini Petals - 64520 in Yellow
- 3 or 4 shapes from Birch Leaf - 64502 in Dark Green
- 2" Reach Punchline - 1/16" hole - 53200

Tools:

- Paper Tool Kit w/ Case - 65800
- Craft Molding Mat - 65900



Shape from
Mini Petals

Additional:

- Cardstock - Yellow and Dark Green
- Pigment Ink Pad - Hunter Green (Colorbox)
- Ink Blending Tool (Ranger)
- Dark brown marker with fine tip
- The Ultimate Glue -- Crafter's Pick
- Non-stick Craft Mat or Scrap Paper

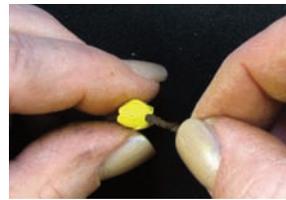
Forsythia Assembly



1. With the Blending Tool, rub dark green ink along the edge of the Birch Leaf shapes to add color. Let dry. Place Birch Leaf shapes on the Craft Molding Mat. Follow Techniques #1, #2 and #3 below to shape the leaves. Set aside.



2. Use fine point marker to add dark brown dots in the center of all but 5 of the yellow flowers. Place the small flower shapes on the Craft Molding Mat. Follow Technique #4 to cup the shapes with the 5mm stylus.



3. Punch a 1/16" hole in the center of 2 of the yellow flowers. Push tip of each branch through the hole on the underside of the petal shapes. Open the flower to add glue inside.



4. Pinch each flower to glue around the end of the branch.

Caution: Don't use glue on or over the Craft Molding Mat. Keep it clean and dry.



5. Take a few flowers and roll them between your fingers to make tighter buds and glue them to the top of each branch.



6. Glue the rest of the flowers down & around each branch. You may need more or less flowers depending on how many and the length of the branches.



7. Stop adding flowers 2" to 3" from bottom of branch to allow room for leaves.



8. Glue 3 or 4 leaves around the branch to finish the Forsythia.

Basic Techniques for Flower Making

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

Technique #1 – Shaping

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



Technique #2 – Pinching

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



Technique #3 – Bending

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



Technique #4 – Cupping

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



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Supplies Needed

- Brown paper lunch bag
- Distress Ink - Walnut Stain & Vintage Photo (Ranger)
- The Ultimate Glue - Crafter's Pick
- Non-stick Craft mat or scrap paper
- Paint brush
- Spray bottle filled with clear water
- Metal ruler
- Small metal or rubber tipped clips



Prepare the Paper



1. Take a brown paper lunch bag and rip or cut it down the seam to the bottom.



2. Cut the bottom off and discard.



3. Cut off the seam along the back and discard.



4. Crumple the bag very tightly.

Staining the Paper



5. Open the bag and smooth surface so it lies flat.



6. Use the Walnut Stain Distress Ink pad and rub over entire surface of the paper.



7. Use the spray bottle with clear water and mist the entire surface of the bag.



8. Use the Vintage Photo Distress Ink pad and rub over entire surface of the bag. Dab excess water off with a paper towel to dry the paper faster or use a heat gun to dry the bag.

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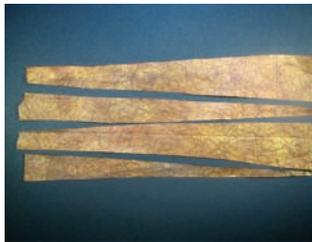
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Cut Strips



9. Once the paper is dry, cut several wedge shaped strips with the scissors. Strips should measure 1" to 2" at one end to 1/8" to 1" at the other end.



10. This is what the strips should look like. The wider strips will make larger branches and the narrow pointed strips will make thinner branches.



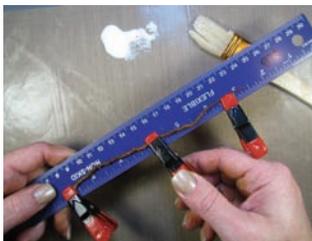
11. Use a disposable brush to apply layer of white glue to both sides of a strip.

Rolling Paper

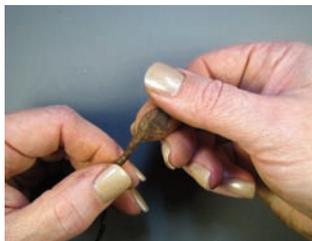


12. Starting at the wide end, begin twisting the paper tightly to form the branch.

Add Side Branch



13. To keep branch shape while drying, clip to a metal ruler. After the branches have dried for 2 hours, remove the clips and roll out any flat marks that result. Dry completely over night.



14. To add a side branch, start by unrolling and flattening the thicker end of the branch to be added.



15. Trim the flattened end so it's a little wider then the actual branch.



16. Select the branch to add to and untwist the spot you want to add in the new branch.



17. Add a small amount of glue to the "crack" where you will add in the branch.



18. Insert the flattened end of the side branch into the opening made on the main branch and fill with glue.



19. Twist the main branch and side branch together to make them appear seamless.



20. You can use this as a finished branch or continue to add more side branches as desired.