

Paper Blossoms

Mold Paper to Create 3D Realistic Flowers

Punch
Shape
Assemble

How To Make a Crocus

Crocus Supplies

Punches:

- 7 shapes from Pear 64501 in Yellow and Purple

Tools:

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

Additional:

- Cardstock: Yellow, Purple, Green
- Cantaloupe Ink Pad (Tsukineko)
- Ink Blending Tool (Ranger)
- Scissors
- Bamboo Skewers
- Acrylic Paint: Lettuce (Adirondack) or Green Floral Tape

- White Pencil or Paint Pen
- Floral Foam Block
- Wire cutters - to cut wood stem
- Crafter's Pick Ultimate Adhesive
- Non-stick Craft Mat or Scrap Paper



Photo images are for technique demonstration only. Flower petals may not match this project.

Technique #1 – Shaping

Place punch shape on Craft Molding Mat (65900). Press down with large 8mm ball stylus from Paper Tool Kit (65800) as you move stylus in circular motion over the shape. This softens the card stock making it easier to shape into petals.



Technique #2 – Pinching

Center the Tweezers (65800) over narrow end of the shape. With thumb and index finger, pinch paper around the tweezers. This prepares shape for attaching to the flower base.



Technique #3 – Bending

Hold the pinched end between finger and thumb. Use the Tweezers to grasp the side of the shape and roll it back to form the natural curve of a petal. Repeat on other side to complete petal.



Technique #4 – Cupping

With shape on the mat, use the 8mm stylus placed at a 90° angle to the paper. Press down and roll the stylus around in center of shape until it cups up. Cupping creates the flower base that petals attach to in assembly of the flower.



Crocus Assembly

1. Paint a bamboo skewer with Lettuce color acrylic paint. Allow to dry by pushing skewer stem into a Floral Foam Block to keep upright. Or wrap bamboo skewer with green Floral tape.
2. Trim the small stem off the 7 Pear shapes. Using the Ink Blending Tool, rub edges of Pear shapes with Cantaloupe Ink.
3. Place Pear shapes on Craft Molding Mat and with the 8mm stylus and the Tweezers, use Technique #1 and #2 to prepare the 7 shapes.
4. Take 1 Pear shape and use the Tweezers to grab each side and roll towards each other to create a tight tube.
5. Place a spot of glue on scrap paper or a non-stick craft mat. Dip base of tube shape into glue and adhere to the top of the stem. Then dip the pinched end of 3 Pear petal shapes into glue and place evenly around the stem in a triangular position. Glue remaining 3 Pear shapes to the stem behind the first set offsetting their position.
(Caution: Don't use glue on or over the Craft Molding Mat. Keep it clean and dry.)
6. Trim strips of green card stock approximately 1/4" wide by 4" long or to desired length. Then with straight scissors, trim the strips so they are curved on the sides and come to points at either end. Draw a white line down the length of the leaf on both sides. You can also use the 1mm Ball Stylus to draw a veining line down the center and slightly fold the leaf to create center vein.
7. Dip the end of the leaf in glue and adhere to the stem. Roll the top of the leaf back to create a gentle curve. Cut the stem with wire cutters to desired length to complete the Crocus.

