

Paper Blossoms

Mold Paper to Create 3D Realistic Flowers

Punch
Shape
Assemble

How To Make a Carnation

Carnation Supplies

Punches:

- 16-20 shapes from Floriano 64002 in Cream
- 2 shapes from Star Lily 64511 Med. Olive Green
- 1 shape from Lg. Highland Snowflake 64535 Med. Olive Green

Tools:

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

Additional:

- Cardstock: Pink, Med. Olive Green
- Olive, Ruby or Pink pigment ink pads (Colorbox)
- Ink Blending Tool (Ranger)
- Deckle & Straight Scissors
- Tape roll or small cup
- 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.



Carnation Assembly

1. Cut edges of petals on each Floriano shape using Deckle Edge scissors. Next, follow Technique #1 to soften the paper. Then, snip between the petals almost to the center of the flower.
2. Front and back of petal edges can be colored if desired, by rubbing against pigment ink pad. (Optional)
3. Place tweezers in center of one of the petals and with fingers over the tweezer tips twist the tweezers around as you wrap the petal over it. Hold petal tight after releasing tweezers to keep shape. It should have an "S" shape.
4. With the tweezers, fold sides of the petals either both towards the back or the front to make an accordion fold. Squeeze each petal together to further tighten the accordion folds.
5. Gather the petals in a bunch and pinch the end to compact the petals.
6. To create the flower base, shape and cup the large Highland Snowflake using the 8mm ball stylus on the Craft Molding mat. Push cupped Snowflake into the center of roll of tape or similar to keep the cupped shape.
7. Over scrap paper or a non-stick craft mat, place glue on the pinched end of the petals and glue into the cupped Snowflake. Glue in as many petal bunches as you can. Then remove the Snowflake from holder and continue adding more petals around the edges until desired fullness is achieved. Snip apart the last 2 or 3 flower shapes to add individually to fill into any gaps.
8. Select 2 or 4 shapes from the green Star Lily shapes. Trim leaves thinner by snipping each side. Follow Technique #1 to prepare the shapes. The #1 mm stylus can be used to add thin veining details to each leaf. Rub edges with olive pigment ink pad to add color depth to leaves. Dip the end of each leaf in glue and attached them around the base of the flower to complete the Carnation.

