



Paper Posies
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In my crafty book, no project is complete until it's been embellished with a little bloom, a blossom or a some kind of happy flower. I love crafting all kinds of flowers and playing with different materials in the process. I love punching up a storm and seeing what might bloom up from a pile of heart punches. It's a lot of fun...it takes me back to grade school when I made tissue paper flowers in kindergarten. I bet you'd never guess ART was my favorite subject! I want to show you a few tricks I've learned over the years to create some really snazzy little flowers that you can incorporate into you paper crafts and altered projects.

Supplies:

Fiskars Brands: 93807097 Circle Cutter

Fiskars Brands: 01-003776 Seal of Approval XLarge Squeeze Punch

Fiskars Brands: 12-74147097 Round N Round XLarge Squeeze Punch

Fiskars Brands: 12-74367097 Round N Round Large Squeeze Punch

Fiskars Brands: 12-74247097 Round N Round Medium Squeeze Punch

Fiskars Brands: 98987097 Softgrip Fabric Pinking Shears

Fiskars Brands: 93817097 Circle Cutter

Fiskars Brands: 12-31337097 Eyelet Setters -3 pc. Set

Fiskars Brands: 12-89287097 Wired Pliers

Fiskars Brands: 12-25967097 Foam Dots

Fiskars Brands: 01-000068 Stamp Block set

Fiskars Brands: 01-003097 High Density Pigment ink – In the Still of the Night

Heidi Grace Designs: Forever Love papers

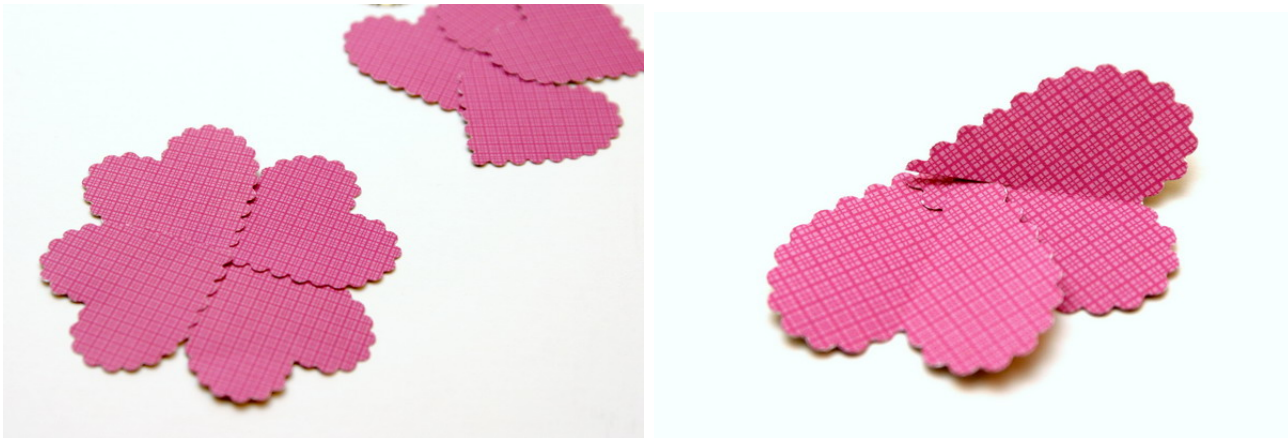
Cloud 9 Designs: 01-002279 Memories clear stamps

Other: cardstock, thread, hot glue gun, craft wire, Glue Dots, buttons, felt, napkins (Dixie brand), vase, 6” frame (4” opening)

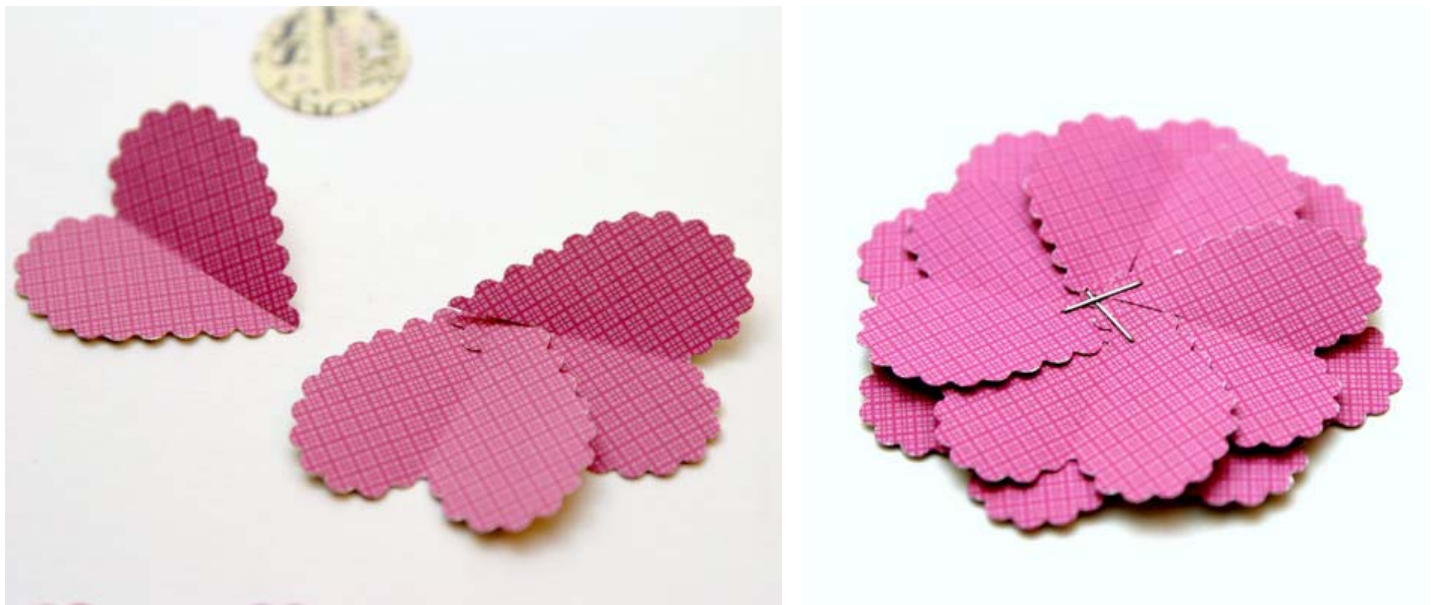


This cute little flower is all about texture and layers...even though it's all paper! It's simple to create in just a few steps using one of my favorite Squeeze Punch designs: My Funny Valentine.

Use the Round N Round XLarge Squeeze Punch to punch a circle from scrap paper. This is the backing or the base of the flower. Punch EIGHT “funny” hearts from your choice of patterned paper. Adhere FOUR of the hearts to the base as shown.



Snip each of the remaining four hearts with scissors from the bottom point of the shape up about $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Assemble the four flowers together by sliding the layers together utilizing the cuts. When you get the pieces arranged to your liking, simply staple the four pieces to the base piece.



Punch a 1" circle with Round N Round Medium Squeeze Punch from a contrasting patterned paper (in my case it was the opposite side of the pink Forever Love pattern I used) and mount to the flower with a Foam Dot.



You can really add some wow factor to your paper posies by layering in some different textures like fabric or felt. Remember it's all about layering and use colors that POP! I simply used my XLarge Seal of Approval Squeeze Punch and all three sizes of my Round N Round Squeeze punches to create these little happy blooms.



Snip some "V's" out of a XLarge circle punch to create three interesting layers below the felt.



Make easy leaves to adorn your flowers with any size circle punch. Simply punch a circle out of green cardstock and then place the circle back into the punch until you see the leaf shape you want and PUNCH! Easy! I like to fold a crease along the center or even add stitching for some added dimension.



Roses are red,
This vase is blue,
Flowers so easy,,
Let me show you!

This is kind of a big girl's take on the tissue paper flower idea! I created these pretty little blooms out of napkins (Dixie to be exact)! You can literally make one of these in five minutes! Grab your fabric pinking shears, Eyelet set, XLarge Seal of Approval punch, create a template with your Circle Cutter, you'll need some craft wire or floral wire and strong adhesive.

I used three napkins for my flowers. Trace the circle pattern (4") onto the top napkin and then cut all the layers with the pinking shears.



Punch two 1/8" holes in the center of the circles (you can go through all of the layers at the same time) about 1/2" apart.

Insert a piece of wire up from the bottom of one hole and down in the other hole (folding about 1-2" over). Twist the excess tightly about the bottom of the flower layers.



Use the XLarge Seal of Approval Squeeze Punch to punch some bright patterned paper or cardstock. Punch a 1/8" hole in the center of the scallop circle with Eyelet Setter/Punch. Snip in from one side to center hole with scissors.



Affix the scallop circle to the bottom of the flower layers (and above the twisted wire) in sort of a cone shape (the snip made in the prior step makes it possible to overlap). Securely fasten with strong adhesive (I used Glue Dots). Ruffle the individual layers to full the flowers to your liking!

These are such a joy to make and fun for the kids too! Try making them out of colored or patterned napkins OR using designer tissue papers.

Now back to the “Roses are red” part of my poem.

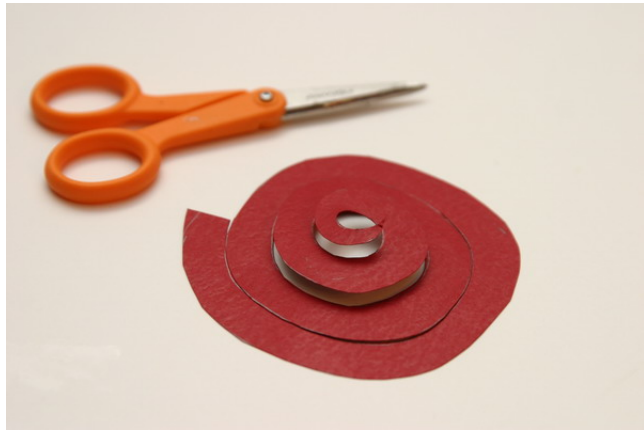


I learned to make these little rose years ago from none other than Martha herself. It's a great little idea and I'm so happy to share it with you too. Another project you can make in a jiffy! I grabbed this 6" x 6" frame from Target (\$2 for 3 frames) and it was the perfect way to show off my roses.

Designer Note: You'll notice I always do things in threes...in my mind it's kind of representative of my three little ones and any designer knows that three is the magic number of design!

To create this project you'll just need some cardstock (4" square for each rose) in red, green, turquoise and cream; your circle punch (1"), Scallop Sentiment Border Punch or scallop scissors, a favorite quote or stamp and some black ink.

First, hand draw a spiral on the 4" red cardstock as I've done here and then cut along the lines you've drawn.



Hold the outside end of the spiral with pliers and begin winding the spiral around.



Once you get the size and density of the rose to your liking hold it tight! Drop a dime size bit of hot glue on a heatproof/nonstick surface (I used my countertop) and push the rose into the glue. This will secure the shape. Let it dry thoroughly and then remove it (you might need a spatula ☺).



Here are the front and backs of my roses. My backs aren't that pretty, but it really doesn't matter too much.

Now you can use these little beauties on a project of your choice. I simply created a framed quote that took less than 30 minutes. Consider adding some artistic effects to your roses like—adding clear embossing powder, leaves (as shown previously), glitter glue, or shading/adding color with chalks or inks.



Well, now you have a few ideas to keep you busy inside while your garden blooms outside this spring! You can adapt these ideas to so many projects and I know you'll have a lot of fun doing so. Nothing spreads happiness and cheer like beautiful flowers. I hope you enjoy these ideas!