

April 2021 Craft Club Craft – Paper Gerbera Daisy Bouquet

Materials:

Two sets of each color flower - 8 Flowers total

8 Stems

Rounding Mat

Fondant Rounding Kit

Glue Gun

Glue Sticks

Optional:

Scissors

Needle Nose Pliers

Pencil/Pen

Steps:

1. Line up each of the flowers in order from largest to smallest. Notice you will have three large flowers of the same size.
2. Starting with the three largest flowers first – you will begin to curl the flowers. Grab your scissors by the metal part with a loose grip with your thumb on the top in your dominant hand. Starting at the center part of the flower, gently pull the paper between your thumb and the scissors. This should curl the petals down. Then flip the flower over and on a few of the petals, start in the middle of the petal and curl them down randomly. Again only on a few of the petals. Repeat on the three large flowers.
3. Next, continue curling the other flowers down. (Flip it over and it will be curled up, the flowers don't have a correct up or down side.
4. The flower with the four large petals, after curling down, flip it over and curl the four petals down.
5. Now lay down the foam pad and pick a medium sized fondant rounding ball stick. You will make a circle in the middle of the four large flowers rounding the petals up. Continue the rounding of the petals until you see a nice rounding up of the petals.
6. Switch to a smaller round tip and round up the smaller flowers.
7. Next stack the flowers in order from largest to smallest. And flip over.

8. Starting from the largest flower to the smallest, apply a small dab of hot glue in the center of the flower, stack a flower on top, making sure the petals do not overlap exactly on top of the other petals. They should be slightly off center. Continue this process until you have glued all of the flowers on.
9. Now take the small green circles and round those using a medium small rounder and glue this in the middle of the flower with the rounded/puffy side out. You want to see the dimension of the circle.
10. Once your flower is glued together, you will want to take the smallest rounder and make lines from the center to the tips of the petals. I did this only on the larger layers. Then fluff up the flower. There are no perfectly round centers on flowers in nature. This can be an optional step, but I did like this step once I practiced several times.
11. The flower is considered done at this point. But you can take the largest rounder and round the larger green piece. Take the floral wire and form a small circle with the top end. Then bend it into a 90 degree angle. I used needle nosed pliers, but you can use the end of a pen or pencil.
12. Insert the end into the green paper and add a large dab of glue. Stick it to the bottom of the flower. Now you have an official paper gerbera daisy.
13. Repeat the steps to make your bouquet of 8 flowers.
14. Display how you like, take a picture and send it to me at the library, sfinn@perry.lib.ia.us.