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crepe paper roses

how to

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These beautiful crepe paper roses won't wilt or drop petals. Use them to create corsages, wreaths, centerpieces, and bouquets. This kit makes 6 flowers in 2 shades of red.

**INCLUDES:** 16 SHEETS OF DOUBLE-SIDED CREPE PAPER TO MAKE 6 ROSES, 6 CALYXES, AND 18 LEAVES / 3 TEMPLATE SHEETS / 6 5IN WIRES / 18 6IN WIRES / FLORIST'S TAPE / GLUE / 1 TOOTHPICK

**TIP:** You may want to practice with a piece of scrap crepe paper before you begin. Remember, any new craft project requires patience. Take your time and have fun!

For each rose, make 5 inner petals, 12 outer petals, 3 leaves, and 1 calyx.



**1** Work with 3 or 4 petal color sheets at one time. Neatly stack sheets, making sure that the paper grain is running vertically. Place the petal template on top of the stack. To keep paper from shifting, staple all around the outer edges of the stack. Add more staples when necessary as you cut out petals. Use the same procedure to cut out leaves and calyxes using the green paper and leaf template.

Wrap all gin wires with florist's tape. (Stretch tape so that it becomes sticky.)



**2** Place a gin wire about one-third of the way up an inner petal. Wrap petal around wire in a tight cone shape. Secure with a small piece of florist's tape.

Choose one side of the paper, in either shade, to be the outside-facing color for each rose. Cup all remaining petals by placing both thumbs in the center (this will be the inside of the petal) and forefingers on reverse side. Gently pull and stretch the paper with your thumbs, sculpting a petal shape.



**3** Curl back the top rounded edges of the petals using a toothpick.



**4** Successively attach all the small petals and then the large petals around the center, slightly overlapping them. Each time you add 3 or 4 petals, wrap florist's tape around the base of the petals and the wire stem to secure them. As the rose is assembled, it should grow wider. Allow petals to look more open as you go.



**5** Dab glue down the vertical center of a leaf. Place a 5in wire on glued area, from the tip of the leaf to the bottom with enough left over for a stem. Coat wire on the leaf with glue, then fold leaf in half lengthwise, hiding wire. Let dry, then pull the halves slightly apart. Wrap each leaf stem with florist's tape. Wrap three stems together, with middle leaf slightly higher. Bend and shape leaves as desired.

Wrap and tape a calyx around the base of each rose. Fan the top tips of calyx outward. Tape a leaf cluster right below the calyx. For a bouquet, wrap floral tape around all rose stems. Next, tape leaves around the outside of the bouquet at base of roses to form collar. Wrap entire stem with paper or ribbon.

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