

How To Make a Hibiscus

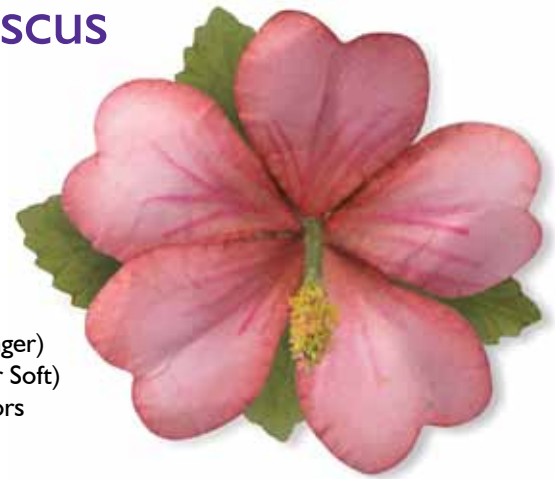
Hibiscus Supplies

Punches:

- 1 shape from Floriano MCG64002 in Candlelight
- 1 shape from Starflower MCG64005 in Safari
- 2-5 shapes from Birch Leaf MCG64502 in Safari
- 2 inch Punchline MCG53200 - 1/16" hole

Additional:

- Candlelight and Safari Cardstock (Bazzill Basics) • Terra Cotta Adirondack Ink pad (Ranger)
- Ink Applicator (Ranger) • Dark Red Colored Pencil • Citrus Crush Flower Soft (Flower Soft)
- Covered Floral Wire • Wire Cutters • Crafter's Pick Ultimate Adhesive • Detail Scissors
- Non-stick Craft Mat or Scrap Paper



Technique #1 - Shaping

Place a punched shape on the Craft Molding Mat (MCG65900) and press down with the large 8mm ball stylus. (Paper Tool Kit MCG65800) Move stylus around in small circular motions to soften card stock, making it easier to manipulate. The paper will curl.



Technique #2 - Pinching

Center the Tweezers, (PaperTool Kit MCG65800), over the narrow end of the shape. With thumb and index finger, gradually pinch the paper around the tweezers. This prepares petal for attaching to the flower base.



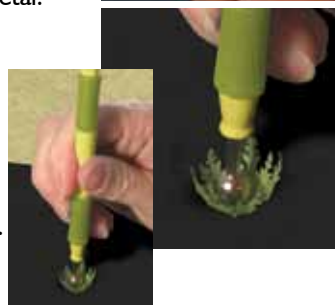
Technique #3 - Bending

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



Technique #5 - Assembly

Cut the Floriano shape into 5 separate petals. Using the Ink applicator, rub Terra Cotta ink onto the edges and base of the shapes. With the colored pencil, draw thin lines radiating out from the base of each petal shape.

Place Floriano petal shapes onto the Craft Molding Mat. Follow Steps #1, #2, #3 to form the petals. Set aside.

Next, place the Starflower shape on the Craft Molding Mat. Follow Step #4 to form a deep curve in the shape that becomes the base to attach petals and leaves.

Dip the narrow end of the Floriano petals into glue and adhere to the Starflower arms. (Caution: Don't use glue on or over the Craft Molding Mat. It needs to stay clean and dry.)

Cut a 2" length of flower wire and add glue to approx. 1/2" of the tip. Sprinkle FlowerSoft® with your fingers onto the end of the wire. (Let the glue dry fully.)

Punch a 1/16" hole in the center of the flower. Insert FlowerSoft wire into the center to create the unique Hibiscus stamen.

Place Birch Leaf shapes on the Craft Molding mat. Follow Step #1 to soften and curve the leaves. Move shape to a harder surface and with the 1mm stylus, add thin veining details to each leaf.

Glue leaves around the flower to complete the Hibiscus.

