

How To Make a Peony

Peony Supplies

Punches:

- 12 large shapes from Geranium Leaf MCG64532
- 12 small shapes from Small Geranium Leaf MCG64530
- 2-4 leaves from Grape Leaf MCG64534
- 2 Highland Snowflakes MCG64535 for flower bases

Tools:

- Paper Tool Kit and Case MCG65800
- Craft Molding Mat MCG65900

Additional:

- 1 inch piece of styrofoam to create a 1/2" ball
- Fabri-Tac Glue (Beacon Adhesives)
- Non-stick Craft mat or scrap paper

Optional Technique:

Rub edge of each petal shape with ink pad to add contrasting color.



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

Use Techniques #1, 2 and 3 to prepare all of the petals. Since the Peony is made with 2 flower bases, punch 2 Highland Snowflake shapes in green card stock and Cup using Technique #4. Start with one of the Snowflakes as your flower base. Dip the ends of 6 petals into glue and adhere to the first Snowflake base arms. Use a clear quick setting paper crafting glue. [Caution: Don't use glue on or over the Craft Molding Mat. It needs to stay clean and dry.] Repeat with the next 6 petals and second Snowflake base. Next, glue one of the base over the top of the second base, offsetting the petals between the 2 layers. To create the Peony center, which is also the way to create a peony bud, form a small ball out of Styrofoam – about 1/2" in diameter. Next, apply glue to 4 or 6 of the small peony petals to cover the ball. Then apply glue to the bottom of the covered Styrofoam ball and attach it to the center of the layered Peony bases. Continue to add small Geranium leaves around bud to fill in the flower. Punch 2 Large Grape Leaves from green card stock. Follow Techniques #1 and 2 to prepare the shape. Use the 1mm stylus to add thin veining details on each leaf. Dip the end of each leaf into glue and attach them around the base of the flower to finish the Peony.

