

“Paper Flower Bouquet”

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Featuring: My Mind's Eye So Sophie collection (www.mymindseye.com)

Celebrate Mother's Day with this classy paper flower bouquet designed by Amber Packer. If you have Grandmother's to design for, be sure to include your children!!

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Supplies:

- 1 – My Mind's Eye So Sophie Reliable paper
- 1 – My Mind's Eye So Sophie Consistent Ledger paper
- 1 – My Mind's Eye So Sophie Persistent Bloom paper
- 1 – My Mind's Eye So Sophie Heavenly Houndstooth paper
- 1 – My Mind's Eye So Sophie Gibing Floral paper
- 1 – My Mind's Eye Lush Decorative Blue Brads

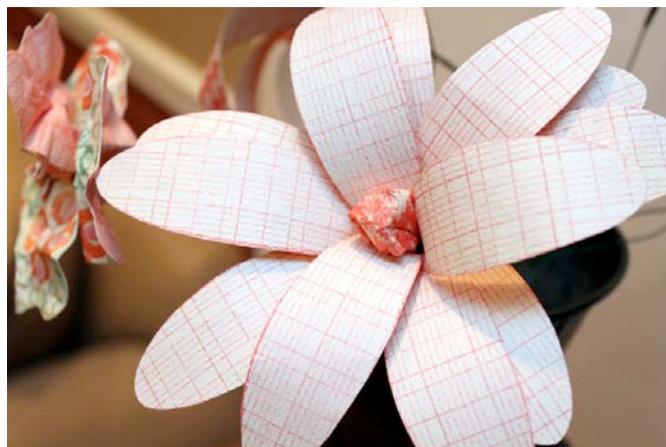
Also used: QuicKutz Scallop Nesting Circle die cut, Tattered Angels Glimmer Mist, Fiskars leaf and scallop circle squeeze punches, Floral wire (or pipe cleaners), Floral tape, glue dots (craft tape, glue gun), scissors, and your imagination!

Rose instructions:

1. Per flower: cut a 4" scallop circle, 3 ½" scallop circle, and punch XL and L Fiskars scallop punch from different So Sophie patterns.
2. Lightly spritz two smallest scallop circles paper with Glimmer Mist or water and scrunch. Unscrunch scallop circle, but to not flatten. Set aside.
3. Cut down each scallop to make petals. Cut out the last petal in a triangle shape so the flower will form a "cone" shape.
4. Using your fingers, curl up (or bend) the petals of the 3 ½" scallop flower and curl down the petals of the 4" scallop flower.
5. Add a glue dot to the bottom of the last petal and adhere that petal to the top of the other end petal to form a shallow cone shape.
6. Starting with the smallest flower, punch a brad through a layer at a time.
7. Do not close brad and add floral wire (or pipe cleaner) in between prongs.



8. Begin to wrap floral tape around brad prongs. Go up and down wire and bottom of flower with floral tape
9. You can add leaves to the stem with floral wire. I was not talented enough to do this (smile), so I used a hot glue gun to glue my leaves to the stem (scrunch leaves prior to adhering).



Poppy and Daisy Flowers:

1. Cut out the flower petal pattern of your choice and the right amount of petals.
2. Create centers:
 - Poppy: 1 x 4 strip of coordinating paper, cut slits randomly leaving a ¼” strip uncut. Adhere craft tape or glue dots on uncut portion, add floral wire and roll. Spritz with Glimmer Mist or water and crumple slits.
 - Daisy: Spritz a 3 x 3 square of paper with Glimmer Mist or water to soften and make it easier to wad up. Wad square into a ball, and wrap around its self, gathering the edges at the bottom and creating a rounded top. (Looks like a short sucker).
3. Wrap floral tape around bottom of center (both flowers) and wire.
4. Petals:
 - Poppy: Spritz with Glimmer Mist or water and crumple petals. Smooth out petals and set aside with petals slightly curled back.
 - Daisy: Using your fingers, curl petals back. (Fun option: ink edges with coordinating color).
5. Hold the flower center in one hand and place petals all around it, pinching the paper ends together. Twist one end of a green chenille stem tightly around the petals. Gently pull the petals until your flower is arranged.

For more instructions or the other two flowers and close up pictures, visit the My Mind’s Eye blog (www.mymindseye.typepad.com) or Amber’s blog (www.amberpacker.com).

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