

# “Paper Flower Topiary”

As seen on Good Things Utah August 12, 2010

Designed by:  Amber Packer (www.amberpacker.com)

Featuring: My Mind's Eye: Lost & Found Portobello Road (www.mymindseye.com)

Amber Packer demonstrates how to make this gorgeous double-tiered Paper Flower Topiary that was the hit at CHA.

Our newest collections are NOW shipping; visit your local scrapbook store to purchase these and other fabulous products from My Mind's Eye.

Show your love on Facebook for My Mind's Eye and Amber Packer Designs.

*Supplies: To make a double-tiered topiary. Cut supplies in half to make one tier.*

- 2 ½ – Each of the 10 Lost & Found Portobello Road patterned papers
- 1 package Lost & Found Union Square “Favorite” Trims
- 1 - 5” Styrofoam ball
- 1 - 6” Styrofoam ball
- 1 - 3/8” dowel 16” in length
- 1 package pearl head pins

For fun: Add Portobello Road “Buddies”  
Decorative brads and Trims

Also used: Glue gun and sticks, water bottle, circle punch, brown spray paint, glass pebbles, and 6” wide vase.

## Instructions:

1. Paint dowel brown and allow time to dry.
2. Gently push dowel through 6” Styrofoam ball and about half way into 5” Styrofoam ball and add hot glue to keep in place.
3. Add topiary into vase and add glass pebbles to secure in place (can cut use floral Styrofoam square in the vase for stability).
4. Create 67 – 70 paper roses out of My Mind's Eye Portobello Road papers.
  - a. Cut (14) – 2” x 12” strips from each of the 10 Portobello Road patterned papers.
  - b. Adhere two strips together to make a 2” x 24” strip. 7 strips of each of the 10 paper patterns.
  - c. Punch (70) - 1 ½” circles.



- d. Lightly spritz each long strip with water, roll up or fold up into flower shape.
  - e. Use glue gun (liquid glue or glue dot) and glue flower to a circle to keep flower together.
5. Starting at the top of the 6" Styrofoam ball, add flowers in a random order. I created about 4 flowers and added them to the ball and then repeated that process until the project was complete.
  6. When 6" Styrofoam is complete, start at the top of the 5" ball and complete in the same fashion.
- \*\*\*You may need to make some smaller roses to fill in any "holes"\*\*\*
7. Tie ribbon in a simple bow on the bottom of each ball.

For more instructions and close up pictures, visit the My Mind's Eye blog ([www.mymindseye.typepad.com](http://www.mymindseye.typepad.com)) or Amber's blog ([www.amberpacker.com](http://www.amberpacker.com)).

Enjoy! Amber & My Mind's Eye

