

## Materials:

Small container to alter with your favorite My Minds Eye papers

Floral foam to fit inside your container

Your favorite My Minds Eye papers

Lollipop sticks

¼ inch dowel rods

sponge paint brush

Mod Podge

Hot glue gun

Your Favorite Man's Favorite candy Bars!

Cutters that will cut through the wooden dowels

1. choose your container and trim your My Minds Eye papers to fit
2. using the sponge brush, cover your container with the mod podge like glue and then place your trimmed papers on top of the mod podge. The mod podge will adhere your papers to the container.
3. After allowing to dry for 15 minutes, add a 2<sup>nd</sup> layer of the mod podge on top of the papers to seal them. This layer is optional, but I do recommend it, as it will add extra protection and longevity to the life of the container.
4. Once your container is covered and sealed, you will hot glue your floral foam to the inside. I used a LOT of hot glue and covered the bottom of my container so as to help anchor the floral foam against the weight of the candy.
5. At this point, you can decorate your container any way you choose...twine, stars, ribbon...it is all up to you!
6. This is the part where you will prepare your candy bars.  
Flip one candy bar over so that you are looking at the back side. Using your hot glue gun, you will squirt one long strand of glue in the CENTER of the wrapper lengthwise, and you will add one of your ¼ dowel rods on top of the glue before it dries. Your dowel should come ALMOST to the top of the back of the candy bar, and when you look at the front, you should not see the dowel poking over the top.  
You will do this for every candy bar that you want to add to your bouquet.
7. Once all of the dowels are secured in place, then added just a strip of paper large enough to cover your dowel. This is mostly for aesthetics, but does add just a bit of extra support.
8. Once your candy bars are prepared, you will create your "fillers" that will hold your "DAD" ..."DADDY" ..."Papa" ...or whatever name you call your favorite man. I chose to use accordion flowers, but you can choose ANYTHING...whether it be stars, circles, pin wheels...just make it your own!
9. Once you choose your fillers and have them made, you will hot glue them to the lollipop sticks, or if they need to be higher up in the bouquet, you can still use those ¼ in dowels.

10. Ok...are you ready? Time to create your bouquet! THIS is all on you now! You have to choose the placement of your "stems", and if they need to be trimmed, get them trimmed up. I went out to my hubby's tool box and found some handy dandy pvc cutters used for cutting pipe. Those babies cut right through those wooden dowels! You might not have the pvc cutters, but I am sure you can rummage through your hubby's tools and find something that will work!
11. Once your ends are trimmed to the heights that you want, you will push your "stems" into your floral foam. BE SURE that this is where you want them to stay, because floral foam will not return to its' original shape. The holes you create are permanent.
12. Once all "stems" are in place, I just added a good dab of hot glue at the base of each one where it met the floral foam. It just helps to keep it from twisting around.
13. Ok! You are just about finished! Now, you can add in some floral moss, stripped paper, or whatever you want to add to cover up the foam.

OK! Now you are finished! Sit back and admire your handy work...and be confident in the knowledge that your special man will absolutely LOVE this gift on Fathers'Day!