

Paper Blossoms

Mold Paper to Create 3D Realistic Flowers

Punch
Shape
Assemble

How To Make a Sunflower

Sunflower Supplies

Punches:

- 12 sets of shapes from Star Lily 64511 in Sunflower
- 1 shape from Lg. Highland Snowflake 64535 in Olive
- 3 shapes from Sun 64533 in Brown and Black
- 4 shapes from Birch Leaf 64502 in Olive

Tools:

- Paper Tool Kit and Case 65800
- Craft Molding Mat 65900

Additional:

- Sunflower, Olive, Black and Brown cardstock (The Paper Cut)
- Tim Holtz Distress Ink: Vintage Photo (Ranger)
- Ink Blending Tool (Ranger)
- Fabric Tac (Beacon Adhesives)
- Non-stick Craft Mat or Scrap Paper
- Detail Scissors



Photo images are for technique demonstration only. Flower petals may not match this project.

Technique #1 – Shaping

Place a punched shape on the Craft Molding Mat (McGill #65900) and press down with the large 8mm ball stylus. (McGill Paper Tool Kit #65800) Move stylus around in small circular motions to soften cardstock, making it easier to manipulate. The paper will curl.



Technique #2 – Pinching

Center the Tweezers, (McGill Paper Tool Kit #65800), 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.



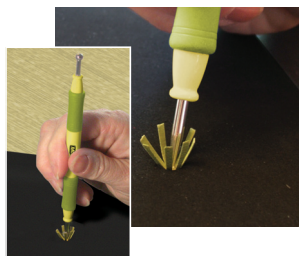
Technique #3 – Bending

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 (or smaller, if shape is small) 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. Cupping creates the flower base that petals attach to in the assembly of the flower.



Sunflower Assembly

(Techniques described at left)

Use the largest and the second largest Star Lily shapes. Using the Ink Blending Tool, rub the edge of each shape with Vintage Photo Ink.

Place the shapes on the Craft Molding Mat. Follow Techniques #1, #2, #3 to shape the petals. Set aside.

Next, place the Snowflake shape on the Craft Molding Mat. Follow Technique #4 to soften the paper but flatten the shape when assembling the Sunflower. This becomes the base to attach petals and leaves.

Place a spot of glue on scrap paper or a non-stick craft mat. Dip the narrow end of the 12 largest petals in glue and attach them to the cupped snowflake arms. Continue with the next 12 petals offsetting them in between the first layer of petals. *Caution: Don't use glue on or over the Craft Molding Mat. It needs to stay clean and dry.*

Take the 6 suns and cut each one in between every two rays towards the center. Place the shapes on the Craft Molding Mat. Using the 5mm stylus, follow Technique #4 to form each shape into a cup.

Pinch a black sun to tighten the center and glue into a brown cupped sun. Continue gluing and alternating each of the remaining suns. Glue cupped and layered suns into the middle of the sunflower.

Place Birch Leaf shapes on the Craft Molding mat. Follow Technique #1 to form the leaves. Use the 1mm stylus to add thin veining details to each leaf.

Glue leaves around the base to complete the Sunflower.



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