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HANDCRAFTED PAPER FLOWERS

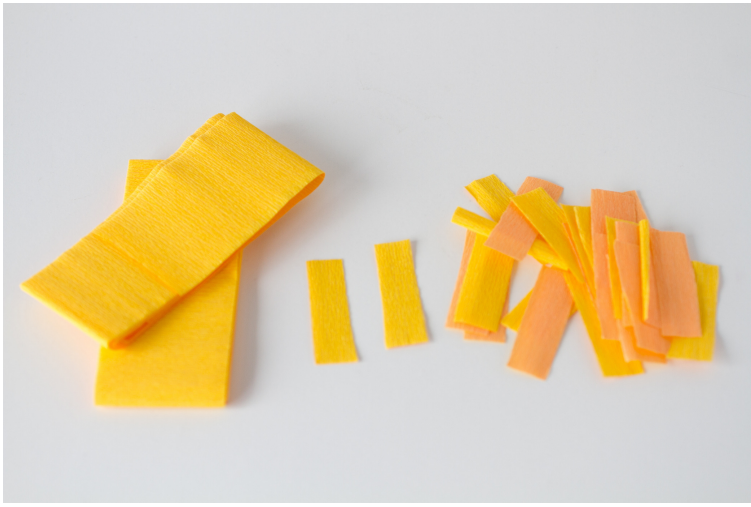
Dahlia tutorial

SUPPLIES YOU WILL NEED

German crepe paper:
colored paper for your flower
leaf/moss for your sepals
1 16-gauge floral wire
1 wooden bead
scissors
tacky glue
ruler
dark green Floral Tape

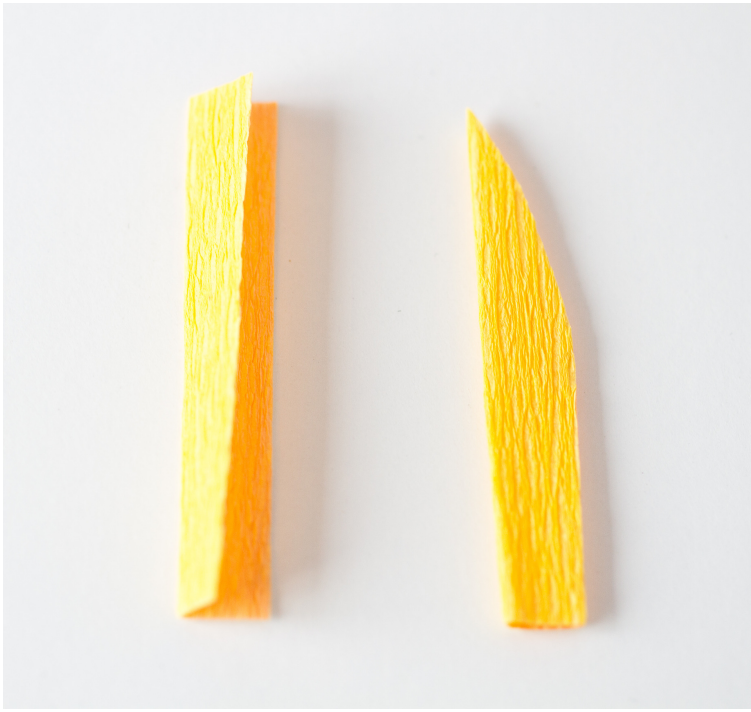
Step 1: Prep the paper

Cut the colored crepe paper into rectangular pieces in these dimensions:



Inner Petal Set 1:
2” x .5” cut 28 pieces
Outer Petal Set 2:
2.5" x .5” cut 40 pieces
Sepal:
1.5” x ¾” cut 7 pieces

Tip: When cutting the rectangular pieces, they do not need to be uniform. Some pieces can be more narrow or slightly wider. This will give the dahlia a more natural look.



Step 2: Cut the petals

Inner Petal Set 1

1. Fold the rectangular pieces in half and cut diagonally starting at the one-inch mark.

Outer Petal Set 2

1. Fold the rectangular pieces in half and cut in a soft angled blunt starting at the one-inch mark.

Sepal

1. Cut out 7 sepals shapes from the green crepe paper.

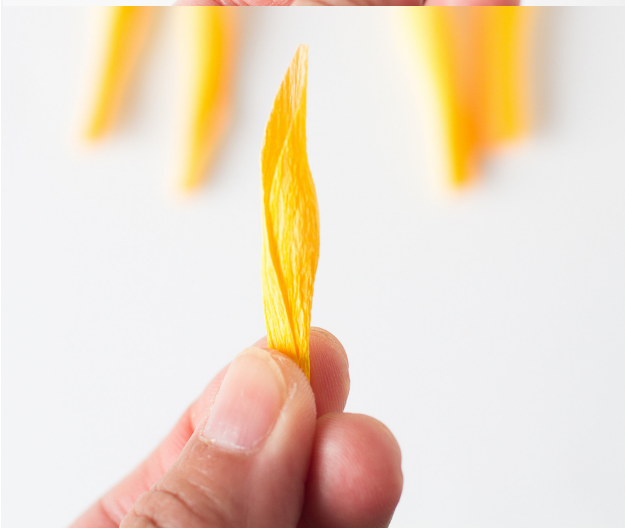
Step 3: Shape the petals and sepals

1. Start with Inner Petal 1 set and cup two to three petals at the same time by placing your two thumbs in the top center of the petal and gently press your thumbs into the paper, forming a slightly cupped shape.

Note: Make sure you cup the same colored side of the crepe paper on all the petals.

2. Next, roll all the petals into a very tight to a loose tubular roll. Some rolls maybe require a dot of glue to keep them from unrolling.

3. Now cup Outer Petal 2 set and the sepals.



Step 4: Create the center of the dahlia

1. Cut two strips: 5" x 1"
2. Take one of the two yellow long narrow strips and fold it in half crosswise. Starting from the unfolded edge, cut small varying "V" shapes about 2 mm apart, along the edge all the way to the folded sided until one side is completely "V" fringed.
3. Do the same to the other yellow strip.

Step 5: Assembling the dahlia

A. With a hot glue gun or tacky glue. Glue your wooden bead on one end of the floral wire. Wait until the glue is set. Then take the floral wire with the bead attached to the top and place several dots of glues on the top and side of the beads.

B. Next, take one of the "V" fringe strips and place a thin line of glue about 2 inches long. Slowly wrap the strip around the wooden bead tightly, making sure to cover the top of the bead. Continue to add more thin lines of glue to the rest of the strip and wrap the fringed strip around the bead, covering it completely. Apply the same steps to the second strip.

C. Selecting the tightest rolls from the Inner Petal Set 1 and starting at the top of the center of the dahlia, glue the first tube petal down. Move a couple petal spaces over and glue another tube petal and continue randomly until you have glued all Inner Petal Set 1 petals.

D. With the Outer Petal Set 2, start at the top of the dahlia and glue one petal next to the last one, going clockwise. Once you have completed the row, move down the flower stem and start another row; this time placing your petal in between the petals of the previous row.

Tip: Look at the flower from the above and find the natural gaps in between the petals, that is where you will place your next petal.

Step 6: Adding the sepals to the base of the dahlia

1. Lay out your sepal petals and place a dot of glue at the base of each petal. Working in one direction, glue each of the sepals in a circular fashion slightly overlapping each other, covering the base of the flower.

2. Cut a 5 inch strip of floral tape and starting at the base of the flower, wrap the floral tape around the stem.

Tip: Cutting the strips shorter keeps them from twisting and binding up. To activate the floral tape, stretch an inch of the tape before starting to wrap the stem and place a dot of glue at the start of the tape. Once the tape is on, you will need to stretch it gently and continuously as you wrap it around the stem.

3. Let your flower dry completely.

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HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR PAPER FLOWER

1. Do not place in direct sunlight or near water.

2. If they get dusty, turn the flowers upside down and give them a few gentle taps or shakes. You can use an air duster and give them a few puffs to remove any dust or small debris.

3. Please love and admire your flowers and they will last a long time.

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BEER HOPS

MAKE 8 BEER HOPS STEMS

THE KIT INCLUDES

VARIEGATED CREPE PAPER
FLORAL WIRES
FLORAL TAPE

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JULIET ROSE

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