

FABRIC FLOWERS

CH #57

One of the nicest things about these flowers is their versatility. They may be made from remnants or from the best velvet. Members of Sisterhood, seniors or children can make them as a fund raising project. They can be used on your Shabbat table with matching placemats and napkins. This same technique can also be used with the new canvas that does not ravel. Then work a needlepoint bargello on the petals.

- MATERIALS:**
1. 1 small jar (the base becomes the measurement for each petal.)
 2. Fabric covered wire (children can use pipe cleaners) and stem wires.
 3. Centers for the flowers (these can be purchased in a hobby shop along with the wire and stems.) If children use pipe cleaners for stems, pom-pom trim sold by the yard can be used for centers.
 4. Floral tape
 5. Elmer's glue
 6. Fabric
 7. Scissors

- DIRECTIONS:**
1. Cut wire into lengths 3 to 4 inches longer than the circumference of the petal you will make.
 2. Take a piece of cut wire and wrap around base of jar so that it forms a circle.
 3. Wrap so that one end of wire is longer and will act as the stem of the petal when putting the flower together. (See diagram #1)
 4. Slide wire off bottle and bend where circle and stem meet forming a 90-degree angle. (See diagram #2)
 5. Make 5 of these petal shapes from wire for each flower. Cut out fabric to match petal shape. Paste petal shape on wire with Elmer's glue. Fan them out and tape with floral tape to stem wires. (See diagram #3)
 6. Leaves can be made using any green fabric, following the same process, but squeeze top to simulate leaf shape. (See diagram #4)
 7. Do not be afraid to bend petals outward on top to shape them and give the flowers more feeling. Plastic greens can also be added to fill out the arrangements.

ENJOY YOUR CREATIVITY!

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