

BLOOMS IN THE AIR

crepe paper peony

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supply overview for single peony:

- scissors
 - glue (quick dry glue recommend, but not required)
 - (2) 9" floral wire (16 - 18 gauge for flower stem and 20 - 22 for stem of leaves are recommend)
 - 2" strip of lokta paper (8" minimum length)
 - 5" minimum wide high quality single ply (180 gram) crepe paper for petals (18" minimum length)
 - 2" minimum wide high quality single ply (180 gram) crepe paper for leaves and stem (18" minimum length)
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fringe center:

- take a 2" strip of lokta paper (minimum 8" length)
 - fringe cut 3/4 way down the entire strip
 - dab glue on the uncut edge of the paper & wrap around floral wire
 - move slightly up as you wrap so that the stacking of paper is tiered
 - tightly scrunch the fringed center
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floral tape:

- take a 4" wide strip of crepe paper (height may vary & grain runs with height)
 - cut several 1/4" strips against the grain
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leaves:

- approximately 1" x 3"
 - sculpt using cupping technique
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stem of leaves:

- dab glue on the neck of a leaf and securely wrap the leaf around the tip of a new floral wire (20 to 22 gauge) using a strip of floral tape
 - continue adding leaves as desired
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petal sculpting:

- cut (10) 1" x 3 to 3-1/2" inner layer petals (grain runs with height)
 - sculpt the inner layer petals just using cupping technique
 - cut (10) 1-1/2" x 3-1/2" outer layer petals (grain runs with height)
 - sculpt the outer layer petals using both cupping & fluting technique
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peony building:

a) inner petal layers:

- take (5) inner layer petals, dab glue on the neck of the petal and stretch wrap around fringed center (make sure each petal overlaps the adjacent petal)
- repeat with second set of (5) inner layer petals

b) outer petal layers:

- take (5) outer layer petals, dab glue on the neck of the petal and pinch wrap around inner layer petals (make sure each petal overlaps the adjacent petal)
- repeat with second set of (5) inner layer petal

c) once all (20) petals are securely built around the center, dab glue on one strip of floral tape & stretch wrap around the neck of the petals

d) dab glue and wrap floral tape (firmly while gently stretching)

e) once the neck of petals are firmly wrapped, add a leaf or two using floral tape to secure the leaves

f) continue to add leaves down the stem as desired (up to half way down the stem)

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