



Paper Calyxes

Paper calyxes play an important role in ribbon flower crafting as they hold the flower head in place and form the base.

Card stock circles with scalloped or pinked edges make excellent calyxes.

Choose a punch or trace coins to create the right size.

What's Needed:

Card Stock- Green (or coordinate colour with ribbon)

Pinking Shears- Fiskars

Circle or Scallop Circle Punches (2" scalloped punched shown) Or Coins (Penny, Dime and Quarter)

Large Eye Blunt Needle or 1/16" Paper Puncher

Gorilla Hot Glue Sticks/ Hot Glue Gun

Pencil

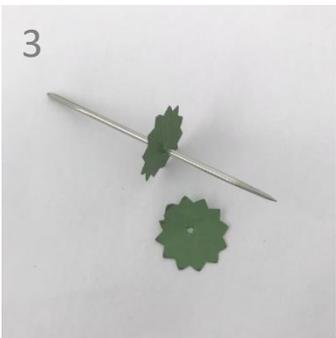
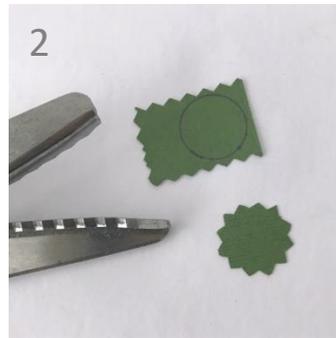
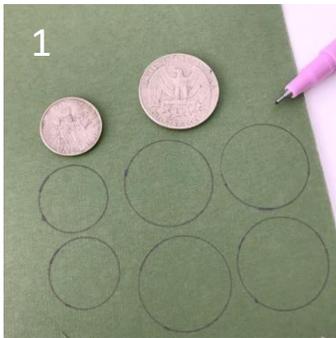
Card Stock Selection:



- Calyxes are naturally green and the colour we usually use. There are numerous green hues available in card stock. Use different hues for different ribbon flowers.
- White cardstock can also be used when an all-white flower is desired.
- Silver, gold or printed card stock will create playful calyxes. Select colours that coordinate with the ribbon being used.



How To Make It: Coin Calyx



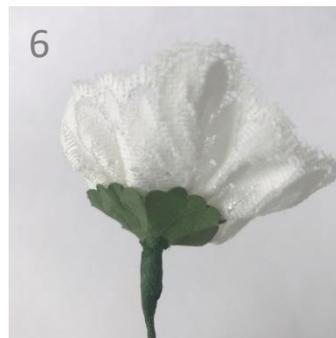
1-Choose the desired coin size. Trace coin with a pencil on card stock. One calyx is needed for each flower being made.

2- Cut circles out using pinking shears.

3- Poke or punch a tiny hole in the center of the calyx.

4- Place hot glue on the calyx (*see tip A below for glue placement*). Insert calyx on the flower stem, slide calyx under the bottom of the flower, press to ensure a good glue bond.

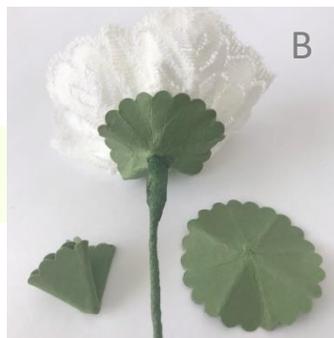
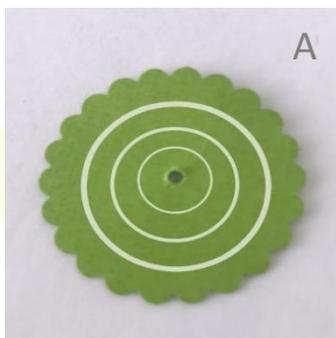
How To Make It: Punch Calyx



5- Punch circles. Poke or punch a tiny hole in the center. One calyx is needed for each flower.

6- Place hot glue on the calyx (*see tip A below for glue placement*). Insert calyx on the flower stem, slide calyx under the bottom of the flower, press to ensure a good glue bond.

Tips And Tricks:



A-Place a thin circle of hot glue around the calyx (*white rings suggest glue zones, select one or two only*) Do not put glue on the scalloped/ pinked ends or the center hole.

B- Fold the calyx in quarters to create folds. Folds will create a cup like calyx.

C- Glue a calyx on the bottom of flowers that will be applied to flat surfaces (*keeps flower level*).