

Creating 1" Scale Rose Bud

Materials needed:

30 Gauge wire (green unless you want to paint it)
Japanese rice or crepe paper
Red and green paint
Heart shape, star and leaf punch
Tacky glue
Ball stylus

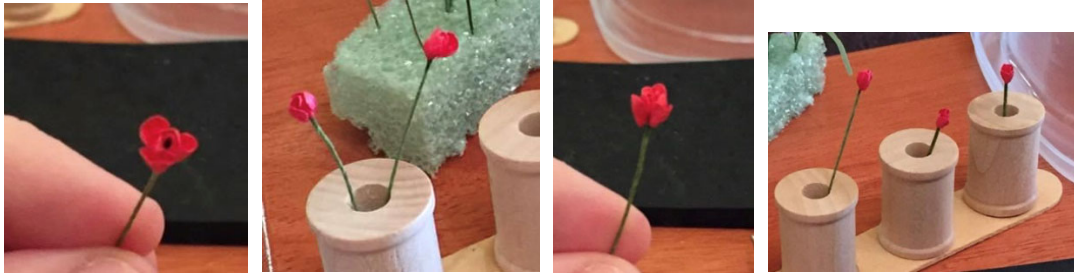
1. Paint a sheet of paper the color you want your petals to be. Then paint a sheet of paper the color for your leaves and sepals. Typically, I use a sheet of cardstock from scrapbooking to do my sepals. It is stronger to handle the poke of a hole and pushing it up the stem. But you can do either way.
2. Once the papers are dry you can punch them out with your punches. Place the hearts on a piece of foam and you can use your ball stylus to give them some shape. See image below



3. Apply some glue to the tip of the wire and put your heart so you can fold it in half and close the heart around the wire.
4. You will now want to take another heart and run the stylus down the center of it, so it is cupped on the two bubble parts and then also a nice line to attach to the wire. You will want to use 2 of these per stem for this step. Place them on either side of one another so they look similar to the below



5. For the last row to finish your rose bud, you will take 3 more hearts that have been cupped and do a line down the center like you did in step 4. This will allow you to do another row of petals around the previous row. This is just to create some thickness and depth to your bud. It should look similar to the below.



6. At this point your rose bud petals are complete. You will want to take your star punch and poke a hole in the center. I like to cup the points of the star on a foam pad to slightly soften the edges. You will place the star on the bottom of the wire and push it up to the bottom of the petals. You will need to place some extra glue under the petals so the star will cup around the base of them. It is up to you on how you want this to look. It can be as relaxed or closed in tight around the petals as you wish.



7. Next is going to be adding the leaves. I prefer to mix the two different styles of leaves (shown in the image above), but you can use whatever you have on hand or cut them yourself. You will want to cup them on a foam pad and add as many as needed on the stem. The location and number will be determined on the final location for the rose bud.



I like to keep my stems in a cut up pool noodle as they dry between stages. You can find them inexpensively at the dollar stores and make lots of little holders out of one single tube.

Just remember to have fun and no rose is perfect. Mother nature puts her stamp of creation on everyone she makes, and you can do the same.

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