



May Flaum

When it comes to flowers, I sure do love fresh bouquets! The problem is that they never last long enough. Luckily, I have a ScanNCut machine which is uniquely equipped to make me a variety of flowers from any number of materials. In this tutorial, I will share how I create simple layered flowers, as well as how to use petals to create unique blooms. For any season or occasion – this is a bouquet that can be customized for any color or style!

MATERIALS:

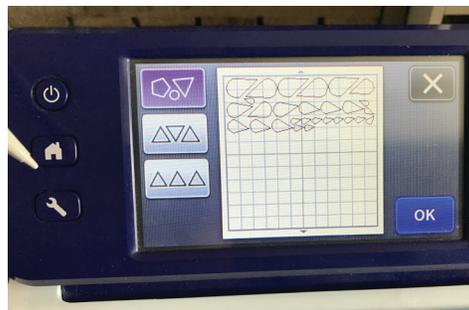
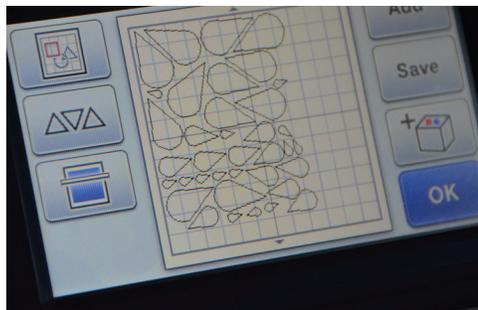
ScanNCut Machine; Cardstock; Patterned Paper; Buttons; Dowels; Washi Tape and/or Ribbon; Hot Glue or Strong Adhesive; Jar Filled with Buttons for Display

Petal Flowers

step 1. Choose or create a petal design (I used BA-A091), and add six-to-twelve of them, each at various sizes. (I recommend 1/2" increments for sizing your petals.)



step 2. Add additional petals on the "Edit" screen and resize as desired. Repeat this step for additional sizes. Then organize the petals on screen, either manually or with the built-in button to do so.



step 3. Place material on your mat, and cut out petals. If cutting out on multiple types of materials, be sure that they are a similar thickness if they are cut at the same time. Otherwise, load each material individually, cut out petals with the ScanNCut, and place new material, in addition to adjusting your blade.



Tip: I recommend a white, textured cardstock, and a pattern or two! It's fun to mix and match.

step 4. Remove the petals from the mat, and then curl each of them around the dowel (or pencil or other stick you'll be working with), and set aside. Repeat with all petals.



step 5. Using hot glue, begin with the smallest petals. Place them around the dowel tightly, and slightly overlap them. Continue with increasingly larger sized petals.



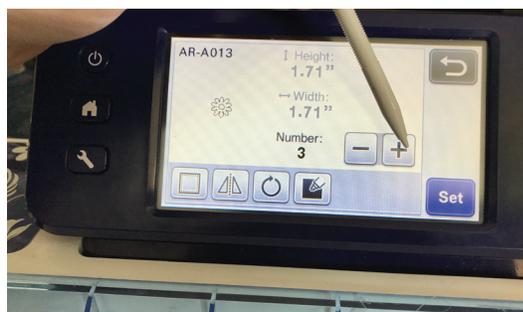
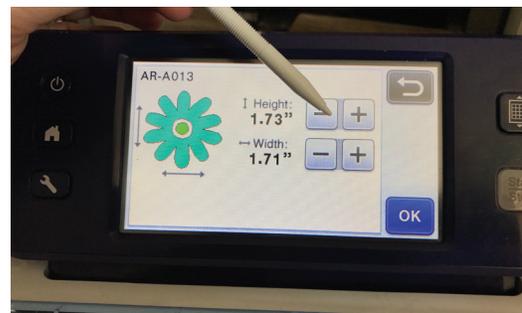
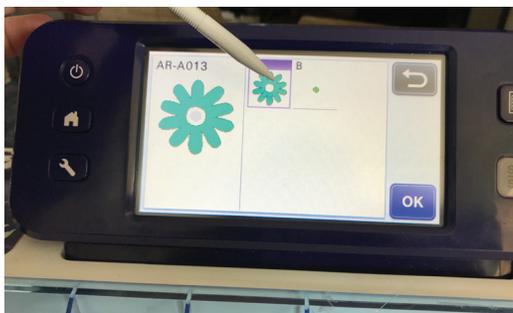
Tip: As you proceed (or after you finish these flowers), you can adjust the tips of the petals to be more or less curved (as well as more or less "fluffed") from the other petals.

- step 6.** Once complete, wrap ribbon or decorative tape around the dowel to the end, adding a leaf if desired. Be sure to glue or tape the ends of the ribbon to secure them.



Layered Flowers

- step 1.** Choose a variety of flower designs and sizes using either the ScanNCut designs or your own designs. Once a design is chosen, add three-to-four sizes (with 1/2" or more difference in size between them) and cut out from a variety of paper colors and patterns. (For my flowers, I varied between 1/2" and 3 3/4".)



Tip: Create extra! It's always easy to put extra flowers to use, since you are creating a variety of sizes and colors. Go wild!

step 2. Get a large button (1" to 1 1/2" or so in diameter). Glue two-to three flowers (larger sized) under the button, and two-to three flowers (smaller sized) on top of the button.



step 3. Using hot glue, set the flower cluster onto the dowel and hold until set.

step 4. If desired, use the same wrapping technique with ribbon or tape and add a leaf or two if desired.

You can create with a mix of these two styles, or create both types of flowers within one glorious bouquet! Your options are limited only by your imagination, and the flowers can be as large or small as you like.