

How to Make a Giant Paper Flower



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Introduction

I created this manual for my friend Kim. I want to help you make your wedding beautiful and special. I found a way to make your own paper flowers out of crepe paper. You can choose the colors and sizes of your flowers and customize them so that they are just like you want them. Before you start making the flowers, you need to gather all the materials listed in the first section of the manual. Then, follow all the instructions to make them. I put pictures after every step, so you can understand the instructions better.

Have fun!

Gathering the Materials



In this chapter you will find the materials you will need to create a giant paper flower.

Gathering the Materials

You can find these materials at stores where they sell arts and crafts supplies like Hobby Lobby or Michaels.

- 1 Roll of floral tape
- 6 18-gauge floral stem wire
- 4 sheets of Doublette crepe paper for the petals (each sheet measures 10x 49 inches)
- 1 sheet of Doublette crepe paper in green for the leaves, calyx, and stem
- 1 round pencil
- Craft Glue
- Crepe paper templates (see figure 1)
- 3 copies of the teardrop template
- 8 copies of the heart-shaped template
- 2 copies of the leaf template
- 1 copy of the calyx template

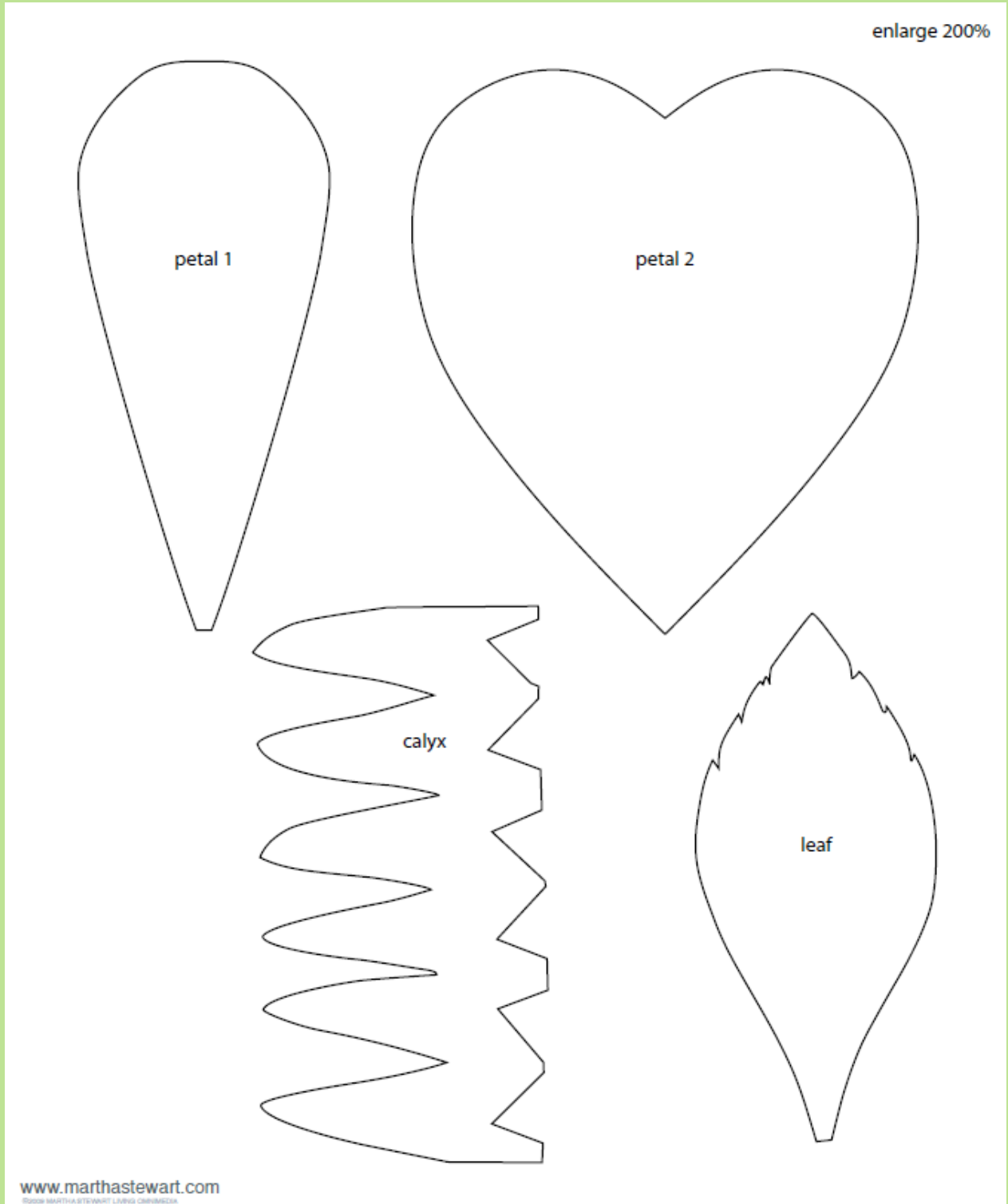


Figure 1: Crepe paper Templates

Making the Flower



In this chapter you will find detailed, step-by-step instructions on how to make a giant paper flower.

Making the Flower

Cut the petals

Note: Crepe paper is directional, so it matters which way you cut the paper. Make sure the grain is vertical when you cut the flower pieces.

1. Stack 2 pieces of crepe paper on top of each other. Place 1 copy of the template over the crepe paper and staple them together. (See Figure 2)

Note: Use at most 2 layers of crepe paper at a time.

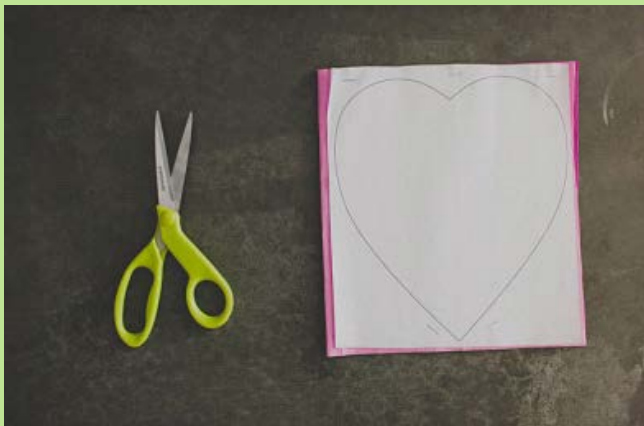


Figure 2: Crepe paper and template stapled

2. Cut 5-6 teardrop petals and 15-6 heart-shaped petals from the petal colored crepe paper. (See Figure 3)



Figure 3: Cutting the petals

3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 until you cut all of your petals. (See Figure 4)

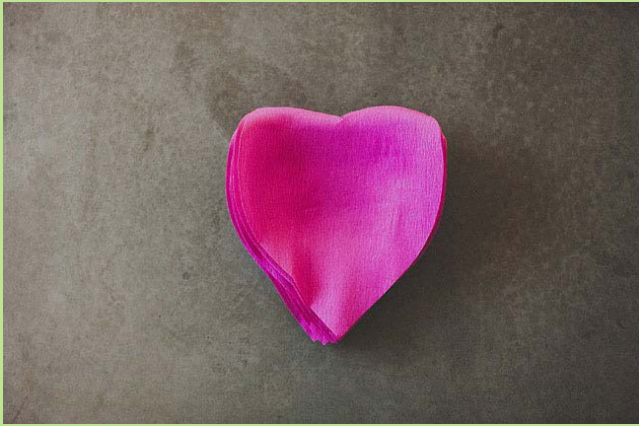


Figure 4: Rose petals

Cut the leaves and the calyx

1. Use the same method to cut 3 leaves and 1 calyx from the green crepe paper. (See Figure 5)



Figure 5: Leaf and calyx

Make the rose stem

1. Wrap 3 pieces of stem wire in floral tape. (See Figure 6)

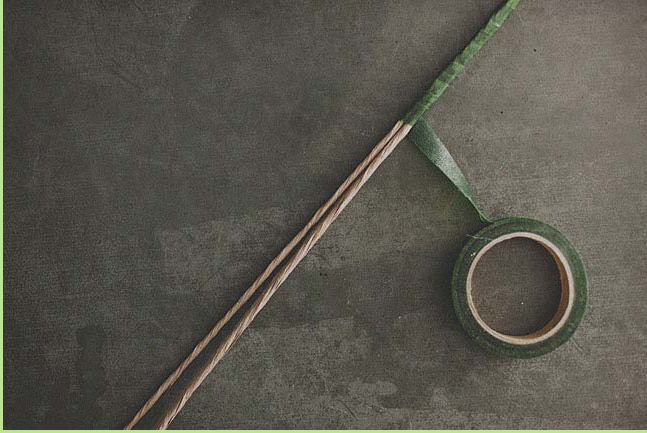


Figure 6: Stem wire wrapped in floral tape

Shape the petals

1. Pull from the center of the petal outward with both hands. (See Figure 7)



Figure 7: Shaping the petal

2. Turn the petal over and use the round pencil to curl the top of the petal. (See Figure 8)



Figure 8: Shaping the tips of the petal

Create the rose bud (the inner part of the rose)

1. Take one teardrop shaped petal and wrap it around the taped floral wire. Use more floral tape to secure it. (See Figure 9)
2. Repeat step 1 working your way around the floral wire until you use all of the teardrop shaped petals.



Figure 9: Securing petal with floral tape

Make the rose bloom (the outer part of the rose)

1. Take one heart-shaped petal and wrap it around the rose bud. Secure it with floral tape.
2. Repeat until you use all of the petals. (See Figure 10)



Figure 10: Adding petals to the rose

Make the leaf-stems

1. Take 3 loose pieces of floral wire and use craft glue to wrap each one with green crepe paper.
2. Take one leaf and 1 crepe paper wrapped floral wire from step 1 and glue them together.
3. Repeat 2 more times. (See Figure 11)



Figure 11: Leaf-stems

Add calyx to rose

1. Wrap the calyx around the base of the rose bloom. (See Figure 12)



Figure 12: Calix

2. Secure the calyx with floral tape. (See Figure 13)
3. Cover the floral tape area with more crepe paper.



Figure 13: Securing calix

Add leaf-stems to rose

1. Using craft glue, secure each of the 3 leaf-stems to the rose stem. (See Figure 14)
Note: Use binder clips to hold the stems together while the glue dries.
2. Cover the leaf-stems with more crepe paper.



Figure 14: Adding a leaf-stem

Customizing your Flower



In this chapter you will find tips and suggestions on how to customize your giant paper flower.

Customizing your Flower

Change the color

1. Use different colors of crepe paper for your flower petals. (See Figure 15)



Figure 15: Different color flowers

Add personalized details

Note: Pick one or more of these suggestions or create your own personalized details.

1. Add some details inside the rose bud. (See the yellow flower on Figure 16)
2. Change the shape of the tip of the petals. (See pink flower on Figure 16)
3. Change the color of the petal's tips to white or any other color (See magenta flower on Figure 16)



Figure 16: Customized flowers

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