

Flowers for Mum *this Mother's Day*

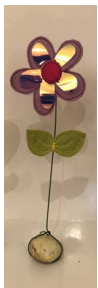


Materials List

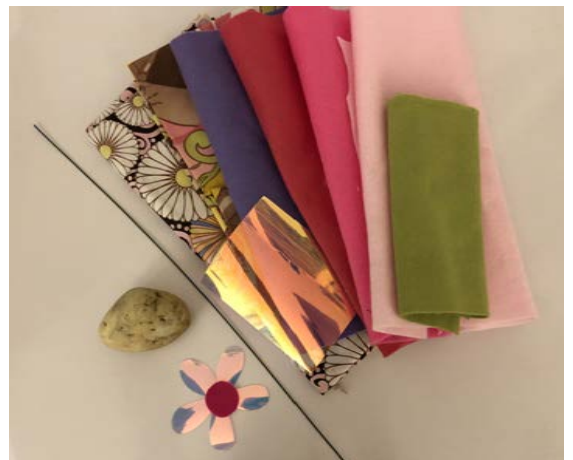
- Felt in a variety of different colours
- 1 x small piece of Vliesofix for applied circles
- Plastic for inside petal of daisy or contrasting felt colours
- Thread to match or it can be a contrast
- Jeans Needles #80
- Fabric marker
- 1 x piece of florist wire
- 1 x rock from the garden
- Free motion foot
- Open toe embroidery foot

Method

- Decide which flower pattern you like the most and cut it out.
- Select the felt colour you want to have for the main flower.
- Cut the felt 12cm x 24cm and fold in half.
- Place pattern onto felt and trace with a fabric marker.



- For the daisy design, cut out the smaller petal pattern and trace onto either another colour of felt or a piece of plastic.
- Trace the centre of the flower onto the paper side of a small piece of Vliesofix.
- Iron onto the back of the felt you have chosen for the centre of the flower.



- Cut out the circle and set aside for later.
- Thread up machine with the same thread top and bottom. I chose a yellow thread as it is a nice contrast and can also be used as the stamens for the other flowers as well as the leaves.
- Attach your freemotion foot
- Lower your feed dogs

- Place the felt with the flower traced onto it under the foot of the machine, make sure that the first stitch you sew will be at the point of two petals.

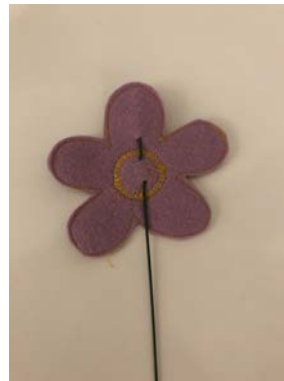


- Do one stitch and pick up the bottom thread from underneath. This can easily be done using the kickback feature on the foot control or by using the needle up down function.
- Holding both threads, sew a few stitches to secure.
- Cut tails.
- Freemotion stitch all the way around the flower just inside the marked line.
- Cut out the flower close to the stitching line.
- Cut a piece of green felt 14cm x 6cm for the leaves. Fold in half so you have a double layer. This gives the leaves a bit of body.
- Cut out leaf pattern and trace onto felt.
- Freemotion stitch the leaves, giving it some extra lines in the centre of leaves.
- Cut out leaves close to stitching line.



- Attach Open toe foot and select blanket stitch # 1008
- Position plastic petals onto the centre of the flower.
- Remove paper from the wrong side of the circle for the flower centre and position into place.
- Use a pressing cloth to press so you don't damage the plastic.

- Engage needle down function and stitch around the centre of the flower making sure to pivot from the outside edge to create a smooth circle. Use the free hand system to make pivoting nice and easy, this way you can both your hands on your work.
- Cut small incisions into the felt at the back of the flower with a pair of sharp scissors.
- Insert the wire as per diagram



- Select zigzag stitch and adjust width to 3.6 and length to satin stitch, 0.7
- Place wire down the centre of the leaves on the wrong side. Stitch leaves onto wire. Be very careful not to stitch into the wire.
- Position leaves in desired position.
- Wrap wire around your rock and secure. You may need a small pair of pliers to help you pull the wire nice and tight around the rock.
- You may need to adjust the wire to make sure your flower stands up straight.
- Try making some of the other flower shapes as well and make a wonderful rock garden of beautiful flowers.
- Enjoy giving mum a hand made gift of love this Mothers Day.

