How To...

Make a Paper Rose with Sue Wilson

Follow the instructions below to make a gorgeous paper rose like the one shown left. These are great for adorning card projects and adding dimension, as well as for embellishing minibook and journal projects. These adorable roses can be made using any type of card or grunge paper.

Materials you will need:
- Umount Paper Flower A6 Plate (UMPAPFLOW)
- or Umount Button Floral Plate (UMBUTTON)
- Adirondack Inkpad
  - Sail Boat Blue
- Cosmic Shimmer
  - Dries Clear Glue
- Cut N Dry Foam
- Archival Inkpad
  - Black
- Card/Grunge Paper (1x A4)
- 3 x 4” Acrylic Block
- Paintbrush
- Scissors

1. Begin by stamping the six petal flower from the Button Floral/Paper Flower stamp set three times. Here I have simply stamped it in black Archival ink on to coconut white card.

2. Using the dot stamp, over stamp the flowers as shown (again using black Archival ink). The dots will cover the entire flower.

3. Cut out all three flowers. You should aim to cut just inside the flower so that you remove the outside border line, leaving just the shape of the flower petals with the dots on them (as shown).

4. Using a dye based ink of your choice and Cut N Dry foam, ink the entire area of all three flowers. Here I have used Adirondack Sail Boat Blue dye ink.

5. Fold all three flowers directly in half, open them back up and move to the next petal and fold in half again. Fold the last petal so that the flower will have three fold marks running across from each side.

6. On the first flower cut a single slit between one of the petals to the centre of the flower. Set aside.

7. On the next flower cut out a single petal. Set this aside also, but do not discard it as we will use it to make the flower.

8. On the last flower cut out two petal sections. Again, do not discard them as they will be used.

9. You will need all five pieces to complete your flower and they will be used in the order shown here from left to right.
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10. Beginning with the first flower with the single slit cut out, apply a dab of Cosmic Shimmer glue to one of the petals next to the slit and slide it behind the petal on the other side of the slit.

11. While holding that petal to secure the glue, use the end of a paintbrush to roll all the petals backwards to shape them. Then turn the flower over and, using the end of the paintbrush, push in the pointed bottom just enough so that it will sit flat.

12. Add a generous amount of Cosmic Shimmer Dries Clear glue to the centre of the first flower section (as shown).

13. Using the second flower that has a single petal cut out of it, repeat step 10 above. After you have rolled the petals, cut off the bottom of the flower with your scissors, leaving a fair size hole.

14. Place this second flower slightly offset into the base flower and add more Cosmic Shimmer glue to secure.

15. Repeat step 13 using the flower with two petals cut out and add to the flower base with more glue. Ink the back of the two petal section as part of it may show.

16. Curl the petals backwards on this section first so that it breaks down the fibre of the cardstock, making it easier to shape once glued.

17. Place glue on the outside edge of the petal and form it into a cylinder. Cut off the bottom once the glue is dry and add to centre of flower.

18. Ink the back of the last petal using the Adirondack dye ink as this will show on the finished rose.

19. Place a small amount of glue on the back of the petal and roll it so that the dot pattern is on the outside.

20. Cut off the bottom section of the petal and add it to the flower base to complete your rose.