

Mother's Day FSL Bouquet

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What you need:

4x4 hoop
Water soluble stabilizer
Styrofoam 1 1/2" balls for rosebuds
floral stem wires
floral stamens
floral stem wrapping tape (try to match the colors of the leaf thread you're using with the color of the wrapping tape)
markers
Loose Weave Ribbon 1 1/2"width Approx 36"length
vase
optional: colorful Mylar or netting

Instructions

Hoop 2 layers of a good water soluble stabilizer like Vilene or Badgemaster. Vilene worked best for me on these. Stitch out the designs. When completed, trim away the stabilizer close to the stitches being careful not to cut into the design. Soak them in a cup of warm water until you can't see any of the stabilizer.

Poke a skewer or something similar through the center of each flower while damp. Some of the flowers need to be formed while damp as explained in the instructions below. These are fun flowers and I wanted to make them a little decorative, so I made the stamens and centers in colorful variations some not to the true natural flower. You may do these any way you way you wish.

Slightly bend the petals and leaves while damp so they look more natural. On the flowers with 2 parts, have the bottom layer of petals alternating as shown in my pictures below.

Daisies and Flowers with 2 parts (Double Flowers)

While damp, set inside a cup or something that will raise the tips as they drying. When dry, attach the daisy with the green center under the plain white with a dab of glue. Slide a stamen down through the bottom and attach the stem under the flower by wrapping both together with floral tape.

Attach the daisy leaves on the way down the stem by putting a dab of glue at the bottom of the leaf and wrap together with the stem. Pictures





Rosebud

Trim the top and bottom of a Styrofoam ball to points on both end, resembling a cone with a blunt point at the bottom. You can color the top point the same color as your petals. The trimmed cone is shown on the left.



Place the cone on top of the green center of the petals. While still damp WRAP THE PETALS AROUND THE CONE IN THE NUMBERED ORDER AS SHOWN, bending the sides inward for realism.



These are done with the narrow petals inside and the larger on the outside. Keep them together while drying with a twist tie. When dry, Place a wire stem through the bottom up into the Styrofoam and wrap the stem with the wrapping tape, attaching the rose leaves on the way down.

Calla

Fold the bottom of the Calla inwards to form a loose, open cone. Glue tips together. For the centers I used a purchased stamen on one and on another I bent the tip of the floral wire

and wrapped and glued Mylar around the top to form a large calla stamen. Pull stamen through the bottom and wrap together with the wire, attaching the leaves along the stem.



Ribbon

Sew placement stitch. Find the place on the ribbon you'd like embroidered then center & secure the 1 1/2" ribbon inside the rectangle. Attach to the hoop with washable glue stick, spray or carefully with tape (the tape may pull the weave of the ribbon).

Sew and rinse out stabilizer.

Note: If the leaves don't match the wire or wrapping tape. Use a marker the color of the leaves and touch up any color difference. Be careful not to get any marker on the flowers.

Use a loose weave ribbon. The needle goes through the weave easier than a tight weave such as satin.

Use any color of thread for the flowers. The colors I used were only for demo.

Arrange the flowers in a vase and wrap the ribbon. You can use Mylar or netting in the vase as a filler.



You can see the set by clicking [here](#).