

Level: Intermediate

Create and construct your own unique hair fascinator out of paper and stand out from the crowd. Perfect for any special event!

What you need:

Corrugated card
Kaisercraft Paper Blooms
Kaisercraft Mixed Flowers
Polystyrene Balls
Spray paint (optional)
UHU Expanding Polystyrene Glue
Elmer's Craft Bond Tacky Glue
Cristina Re Ribbon
Tissue Paper
Renoir Paper Fasteners
Mat Spray



What you do:

1. Spray paint the corrugated card to your desired colour and cut out six tear drop or petal shapes in two different sizes (7.5cm and 10cm). Cut out two circles 5cm in diameter. First form a flower shape laying all the larger tear drop petal shapes around the circle and secure with glue. Repeat with the smaller petal shapes and glue on top of the larger flower shape to form a two layer flower. Take the Kaisercraft Mixed Flowers and glue onto the middle of each petal using the Elmer's Craft Bond Tacky Glue. Set aside to dry.
2. Take one large polystyrene ball and six of the same size polystyrene balls. Place the large in centre and glue the smaller ones using the UHU Expanding Polystyrene Glue to form a flower. (You can use a dressmaking pin to secure each ball in place whilst waiting for the polystyrene balls to dry).
3. Take the Kaisercraft Mixed Flowers and Paper Blooms. Using the stem of the Paper Bloom, thread this through the centre of the Kaisercraft Mixed Flower, (There is already a pierced hole). We used white paper flowers and spray painted them black. Repeat the process using the flower stem to pierce the polystyrene balls to completely cover the polystyrene ball flower shape. You can also use the UHU Expanding Polystyrene Glue to secure. Leave one flower bloom for later.
4. Take ½ sheet of tissue paper, scrunch up and glue to the bottom of the now decorated Polystyrene flower shape. Glue tissue side down to the top of the flat corrugated flower shape that you made earlier. The tissue paper gives extra height to your fascinator and helps to cover any exposed polystyrene. Let it dry.

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What you do (continued):

5. Cut out one long rectangle strip 6cm wide and approximately 40cm long. (attach two pieces together if necessary). Ensuring that each end has an extra 2cm tab width. Fold the rectangle strip around to form a loose circle. Fold over each of the tab ends to form flap that can be stapled to bottom of a large corrugated petal. This forms the fascinator base that will sit on your head.

6. Cut out three 1cm wide strips of corrugated card, tightly wrap around your finger, release and you should be left with loose curly strips, secure to the rectangular strip with glue or staples to the back of the fascinator. Using Elmer's Craft Bond Tacky Glue, attach the unused Flower bloom from earlier over the glued curly strip. This conceals the strip ends and will also help to know where the back of the fascinator is when placing on your head.

7. Cut out approximately 40cm length of 1cm wide gross grain ribbon, using the metal fasteners secure to the fascinator base.

NOTE: To make the fascinator waterproof spray with Mat spray.

