



## fabulous florals

Spring is in full bloom, and there's nothing better than the flowers that this new season brings! Enter our floral garden as we share a bouquet-ful of ways to create pretty flowers on your designs. You'll want to gather your supplies and create your own nursery full of nosegays!

BY SUSAN R. OPEL

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layout 1

**DESIGN TIP:** Pair your hand-stitched flowers with a coordinating stripe for a fresh and trendy design.



## hand-stitched florals

Give your flowers a gorgeous handmade look with beautiful hand-stitching in soft springy colours. Nathalie's beautiful labour of love results in a stunning design! Notice how the centers of each flower are one colour for a fantastic continuity to her lovingly stitched florals created from an electronic cut file.

**DESIGN TIP:** Allow the flowers to go off the edge of your design to give the design an extra shot of energy!



## spring smile

BY NATHALIE DESOUSA

**supplies** CARDSTOCK: Recollections; PATTERNED PAPER, DIE CUT SHAPES, ENAMEL DOTS, STICKERS: Pebbles; VELLUM: American Crafts; PEN: Muji; LETTER STICKERS: Pink Paislee; ELECTRONIC CUT FILE: JustNick Studio; PAINT: Michaels; TRIM: DMC; ADHESIVE: Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L



## layout 2

**DESIGN TIP:** Pair your custom flowers with floral patterned papers and die cut shapes to further the spring-like feel of your design.



## cut file florals

Adorn your next layout or card design with a flurry of florals created from cut files. The beauty of creating with cut files is that you are the architect of your colour combination! Wendy Sue chose pink, yellow, and green cardstocks that perfectly match the patterned papers and accessories that she used on her layout.

**DESIGN TIP:** Pop up portions of your bouquet with foam tape to add shadows and depth.

## home is where the heart is

BY WENDY SUE ANDERSON

**supplies** CARDSTOCK: Carta Bella; PATTERNED PAPER, CHIPBOARD, ENAMEL DOTS: Simple Stories; PEN: Project Life; ELECTRONIC CUT FILES: Echo Park Paper, Silhouette America; TRIM: American Crafts; EMBOSSING FOLDERS: Echo Park Paper, Sizzix; ADHESIVE: American Crafts, Tombow



**PRODUCT TIP:** Are your embossing folders needing a little play time?

Add texture with the help of these tried and true crafty tools. Choose basic patterns to give extra dimension to your cut shapes.

layout 3

**DESIGN TIP:** Add more texture to your design with felt leaves in unexpected colours.



## crepe paper florals

**Fashion funky flowers in bright colours in a snap with simple circles** (either die cut, punched, or ready-made). Use a strong double-sided tape on the back of the circle, and then pleat the crepe paper to form a flower like Jennifer did.

**DESIGN TIP:** Create your own custom winner badges by using this same technique and adding ribbons!

## hello there

BY JENNIFER S. GALLACHER

**supplies** CARDSTOCK: American Crafts; PATTERNED PAPER, DIE CUT SHAPES, STICKERS: Fancy Pants Designs; LETTER STICKERS: American Crafts, Jillibean Soup; ENAMEL DOTS: Echo Park Paper; FONT: Antique Type; ADHESIVE: American Crafts, Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L; OTHER: Crepe paper, felt

**DESIGN TIP:** Give your fun crepe paper flowers even more interest with enamel dots and phrase stickers that further the theme of your design.



## cards 1 &amp; 2



## patterned paper florals

Put your patterned paper scraps to good use by creating pretty dimensional flowers. Jill used scalloped circle dies to cut patterned paper, folded the circles together, and then stapled them to make delightful florals.

## STEP-BY-STEP

- 1 Make card from cardstock.
- 2 Die cut patterned paper frame and adhere to card base.
- 3 Die cut white cardstock with patterned die, and then die cut textured piece into scalloped circle, and adhere.
- 4 Die cut sentiment from coral and white cardstock. Adhere to each other.
- 5 Make thread nest and adhere sentiment.
- 6 Die cut nine circles from patterned paper to create flowers. Fold all circles in half and then quarters, tuck pieces in together and staple at center fold. Create petals by splaying out and gluing circle edges together.
- 7 Adhere flowers to card base.

hello

BY JILL DEWEY HAWKINS

**supplies** CARDSTOCK: Echo Park Paper, Neenah; PATTERNED PAPER: Echo Park Paper; DIES: Hero Arts, Lawn Fawn, Paper Smooches, Taylored Expressions; ADHESIVE: 3M, GlueDots, Tombow

**DESIGN TIP:** Use all one colour of felt for a more traditional looking flower

and add hand-cut green leaves to further convey the floral theme.



## die cut felt and florals

Simple die cut shapes take on a whole new look when manipulated in just the right way! Jill die cut eight hearts from four colours of felt and then stitched them together for a whimsical abstract flower. The tops of each heart make the perfect petals!

## STEP-BY-STEP

- 1 Make card from cardstock.
- 2 Die cut frame from blue cardstock.
- 3 Die cut white cardstock with background die. Die cut background again with rectangle die.
- 4 Die cut sentiment from white and blue cardstock.
- 5 Adhere frame, background, and sentiment to card base.
- 6 Die cut hearts from felt; fold felt hearts in half and stitch down the middle, forming petals.
- 7 Adhere felt petals to card to form a flower.

love

BY JILL DEWEY HAWKINS

**supplies** CARDSTOCK: Neenah, Taylored Expressions; DIES: Lawn Fawn, Simon Says Stamp, Taylored Expressions; FELT: Taylored Expressions; ADHESIVE: 3M, Tonic Studios

layout 4

**DESIGN TIP:** Limit the flowers to just a few to feature on a card design.



**DESIGN TIP:** Display your felt floral creations on neutrals like kraft and white to really make them POP!

**DESIGN TIP:** Add coordinating brads to the centers of some of the flowers to add a hard element to the softness of the felt.

## fringe scissor and felt florals

Create beautiful flowers with rich and saturated hues of felt for a gorgeous spray of colour on your next design. Nicole used dies and fringe scissors to fashion one-of-a-kind flowers to flank her cute focal point photo.

## good friend

BY NICOLE NOWOSAD

**supplies** CARDSTOCK, DIES, FRINGE SCISSORS: American Crafts; LETTER STICKERS: American Crafts, Pink Paislee; BRADS: BasicGrey; FELT: Taylored Expressions; FONT: Typical Writer; ADHESIVE: Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L, Therm O Web