



# 10 Beautiful Blooms

Create these flowers for your spring pages

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How can we not be drawn to flowers? We love to give and receive them, and most of us love to use them all over our scrap projects! Unlike chocolates or gift cards, ribbons or buttons, flowers are “alive.” They bring color and warmth, and most wonderfully they bring a sense of life.

While you can find gorgeous premade flowers, it’s also fun to make your own. So, take a look at the supplies you have on hand. With the 10 fresh ideas here, you can breathe new life into your flower-filled projects!

by C.D. Muckosky



**Funky Bouquet** by C.D. Muckosky. **Supplies** Watercolor paper: Canson; Watercolor paint: Prang; Eyelets and paint: Making Memories; Black pen: Pigma Micron, Sakura; Dimensional adhesive squares: Therm O Web; Other: Cardboard and sewing grommets.

## To make flowers from painted cardboard:

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- 1 Draw stems with a waterproof black pen, then paint with watercolors. *Tip:* Download my stems at [www.creatingkeepsakes.com/downloads](http://www.creatingkeepsakes.com/downloads). It's easy!
- 2 Cut four cardboard squares and tear away some paper on one side to reveal the corrugated center. *Note:* Spray the cardboard with deacidification spray to make it archivally safe. You can also re-create a similar look by running cardstock through a paper crimper.
- 3 Set eyelets and grommets randomly in various sizes over the cardboard pieces, then coat generously with acrylic paint.
- 4 After the paint dries, add a few random stitches for more textural fun.
- 5 Adhere the cardboard onto the painted stems with dimensional adhesive. Draw and paint scalloped "petals" around each cardboard square.

## To create flowers from transparencies and paint:

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- 1 Cut two imperfect circles from printed transparencies—one large and one small.
- 2 Cut thin wedges around the edges of the circles to create flower shapes.
- 3 Paint along the edges of the flower shapes.
- 4 Once the paint is dry, bend the petals up to add dimension. Layer your flowers.
- 5 Add a circle of colored tape in the center. Fasten the pieces together with embroidery floss tied in a French knot.



**Transparency Blooms** by C.D. Muckosky. **Supplies** Printed transparencies: Hambly Studios; Paint: Ceramcoat, Delta Creative; Duct tape: Henkel Consumer Adhesives; Adhesive: Aleene's Tacky Glue, Duncan Enterprises; Other: Thread.



**Thread Flower** by C.D. Muckosky. **Supplies** Bookplate: BasicGrey; Black pen: Pigma Micron, Sakura; Colored pencils: Koh-I-Noor; Embroidery floss: DMC; Adhesive: Aleene's Tacky Glue, Duncan Enterprises.

## To form flowers from embroidery floss and adhesive:

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- 1 Trace a large label holder or bookplate with a pencil. Remove it and lightly draw your petal shapes around the outline.
- 2 Fill the center with a word and color in with colored pencils. *Tip:* You can also create your word with letter stickers or fill the space with journaling.
- 3 Choose five colors of embroidery floss and adhere them to the petal outline, filling in the petal shapes. I used Aleene's Tacky Glue to hold everything in place.
- 4 Place the label holder on the traced space and attach it in place with brads or stitches.

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### To form blooms with binder clips, beads and wire:

- 1 Find 11 small binder clips (any color) and coat them all on one side with acrylic paint. After the paint dries, add a layer of glaze for a bit of sheen.
- 2 Thread small beads on bendable wire. Coil into a circle shape and pull up the center to add a bit of dimension.
- 3 Adhere clips to desired background with hot glue around the beaded center.
- 4 Create a stem with long stitches of thread. Tie a piece of fabric or trim around the stem to create "leaves."

**Bead and Clip Flower** by C.D. Muckosky. **Supplies** Binder clips: Staples; Embroidery floss: DMC; Paint and clear glaze: Making Memories; Other: Florist wire, beads and corduroy.

### To combine stitched petals with leftover scraps:

- 1 On the back of your project, draw a circle where you want the flower to be placed.
- 2 Mark your circle at equal intervals, then pierce the marks with a paper piercer. The closer the holes, the more intricate the flower will be.
- 3 Number the holes in consecutive order.
- 4 Tape your thread down and go down hole #1, then come up the hole that is almost directly across from it (the median of your total number of holes). Repeat this step, working clockwise.
- 5 Your flower will be finished when you have gone through each hole twice. Tape off your thread.
- 6 Add a fun, whimsical stem with scraps of ribbon, rickrack or rows of brads.

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—Andrea Friebus

**Stitched Geometric Flowers** by Andrea Friebus. **Supplies** Patterned paper: BasicGrey and My Mind's Eye; Ribbon: Colorbök and Home Shopping Network; Embroidery floss: DMC; Other: Braided floss and buttons.

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**Knotted Trim Flower** by C.D. Muckosky. **Supplies** Fabric trim: Imagination Project; Button: Autumn Leaves; **Embroidery floss:** DMC; **Other:** Wire, twine, hook-and-eye closures and snaps.

### To make flowers from torn fabric:

- 1 Cut eight small strips of fabric trim and tie knots in the ends—these will be the petals. Arrange the petals in a circle pointing outward (think of spokes on a wheel).
- 2 Bend a piece of wire into a circle shape and wrap it with jute. Place this circle in the center of the fabric petals.
- 3 Add small hook-and-eye closures to each petal. Wind embroidery floss around the hooks, crossing in the center of the circle and repeat.
- 4 Add a button to the middle of the circle. Sew in place with a snap layered on top.



### To add shine to doodled flowers:

- 1 Doodle flowers on white cardstock.
- 2 Color them in using watercolors, chalks or watered-down acrylic paint. Here, I used LuminArte Inc.'s Twinkling H2Os in blues, purples, greens and pinks. *Tip:* Using two or more colors on a flower will give you a richer, more dimensional look.
- 3 Let the flowers dry, then cut them out.
- 4 Add a button, brad or metal charm to the center of each flower.

—Mariana Parkes

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**Shiny Doodle Flowers** by Mariana Parkes. **Supplies** Pen: Zig Writer, EK Success; Paint: Twinkling H2Os, LuminArte Inc.; Other: Buttons.



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**Curvy Clear Flowers** by Summer Ford. **Supplies** Clear flowers: Heidi Swapp for Advantus; Stamp: Inkadinkado; Pen: Sharpie, Newell Rubbermaid; Ink: StazOn, Tsukineko.

### To mold flowers for permanent shape:

- 1 Stamp a design on a clear plastic flower using permanent ink like Tsukineko's StazOn. *Tip:* For an easy polka-dot flower, simply apply small dots with a fine-tip Sharpie pen.
- 2 Attach a brad through the flower's center.
- 3 While holding the brad with pliers, heat the flower petals with a heat gun to slightly melt and bend the petals forward. Once the flower cools, the petals are permanently molded into shape.

—Summer Ford

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**Circle Flower** by Pamela Young. **Supplies** Patterned paper: Déjà Views by The C-Thru Ruler Co.; Brads: Making Memories; Embroidery floss: Prism Papers; Ink: Stampin' Up!

### To arrange circles into a larger flower:

- 1 Punch seven circles from various patterned papers and ink around the edges.
- 2 Arrange circles into a larger circle to look like a flower. Attach them to your page with a brad in the center of each small circle.
- 3 Stitch from the edge of each outside brad to the edges of the center brad. *Tip:* Don't want to stitch? Use rub-on stitches or draw a line with a pen.

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—Pamela Young

### To create shimmery fabric flowers:

- 1 Apply a light coat of fabric stiffener to a block of fabric. Let it dry, then adhere it to white cardstock.
- 2 Cut out the flower shape and stitch around the outside with embroidery floss.
- 3 Apply a layer of glitter glue to the flower to give it a nice shimmer. Let it dry.
- 4 Add a button surrounded by gems to form the flower's center.

—Pam Callaghan

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**Shimmery Fabric Flowers** by Pam Callaghan. **Supplies** Cardstock: Bazzill Basics Paper; Pink fabric: Jo-Ann Fabrics; Buttons: Autumn Leaves; Glitter glue (white): Darice; Gems: Heidi Swapp for Advantus; Embroidery floss: DMC; Fabric stiffener: Crafter's Pick, Adhesive Products Incorporated; Glue: Mono Aqua, Tombow.

## How Does Your Garden Grow?

Pick some gorgeous flower accents to use as-is or as starting points for the pretty blossoms you'll create on your pages and cards.

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