

HOW TO MAKE GUM PASTE BRIAR ROSES

In this tutorial I will show you how to make gum paste briar roses to use on cupcakes or cakes. The example I have made are all white as this was the request for the cake I was making, however you can use dusts and coloured centres to make a traditional briar rose if you want. Just look on the internet and you will find hundreds of examples of colours you can make.



ITEMS YOU WILL NEED

- Gum paste – I used white and green for this cake. Traditional Briar Roses are white with pink edges and yellow centres. Therefore, use the gum paste colours that suit the flowers you want to make.
- Stamens – for this example I have used white, however traditionally the stamens are yellow (see last photo in this tutorial) - you will need 14 stamens per flower
- Rose petal cutter
- Calyx cutter
- Thin and thick foam mat
- Medium flower formers – if you do not have these you could use a small plate, bowl or any item that has a concave shape to help form the flower's shape.
- Ball tool
- Non-stick work board
- Soft paint brush
- Edible glue
- Edible dust if you are going to colour your completed flower

STEP 1

Cut 14 stamens to 1 cm in length with some scissors.



Roll approximately 1 gram of gum paste, slightly flatten, brush with a small amount of glue and push the stamens into the centre. Put aside to dry.



STEP 2

Knead the green gum paste until soft and pliable then rollout until it is about 1/2mm thick. Cut out using the calyx cutter and place into the flower former or plate, dish or other item with a concave bottom.



STEP 3

Knead the white gum paste until soft and pliable then rollout until it is about 1/2mm thick. Cut out 5 petals.

Place each petal on the thin foam mat, using the ball tool gently run around the edge of each petal and gently soften the edges and give them a slight frill.

Place onto the thick foam mat and cup the centre by pressing the ball tool into the centre of the petal. Repeat this for all five petals.



STEP 4

Put a small amount on glue on the calyx and glue on your first petal – sitting it over the centre of the calyx leaf.

Place the next petal onto the calyx, slightly overlapping the first one. Continue with the other petals until your flower is complete. Glue the stamen you previously made into the centre of the flower and allow to dry.

As you can see in the final photo I have also made a briar rose with yellow stamens and dusted the edges of the rose petals with pink dust to show you how a more traditional rose would look.

