

HOW TO MAKE NO WIRE GUMPASTE ROSEBUDS AND ROSES



In this tutorial I will show you how to make gum paste rose buds and roses without using floral wire. If possible set aside a couple of days to make these as ideally you need to dry your rose base before completing your roses. If this is not possible then try to allow a couple of hours drying time.

This tutorial will work on whatever size roses you wish to make – just follow the steps based on your cutter of choice.

ITEMS YOU WILL NEED:

- Gum paste colour of your choice and green
- 5 petal rose cutter – your choice of size
- Calyx cutter
- Non-stick work board
- Rolling pin
- Balling tool
- Thin and thick foam squares for shaping
- Hard foam to dry your completed roses
- Toothpicks
- Bakels 'Sprink' – I prefer to use this to stop sticking rather than cornflour
- Knife or tapered spatula
- Cling Wrap or plastic bag
- Soft paint brush
- Edible glue

MAKING YOUR ROSE BASE

STEP 1

Spray work board with a small amount of Sprink to stop gum paste sticking, knead gum paste until soft and pliable and roll out to the pink level on the roller (about 2 mm).

Use the rose cutter and cut out. Using the knife (or tapered spatula) cut into 5 pieces of approximately the same size.



STEP 2

Roll gum paste into balls and store all but 1 in a plastic bag or in cling wrap until you are ready to use it. Roll remaining shape into a ball and then elongate 1 side making it into a tear drop shape.



STEP 3

The height of the rose base should be the same length as the distance from the centre of the rose cutter to the edge of one of the petals and the diameter of the rose base should be about 1/3 the size of the diameter of one of the rose petals (refer to triangle marked out on the first diagram below).

Dip a toothpick end into edible glue and insert into the wide end almost to the point.

Place the rose base into the hard foam to dry. If possible allow to dry for at least 1 day or at a minimum 2 hours so that the base is firm before starting to attach rose petals.

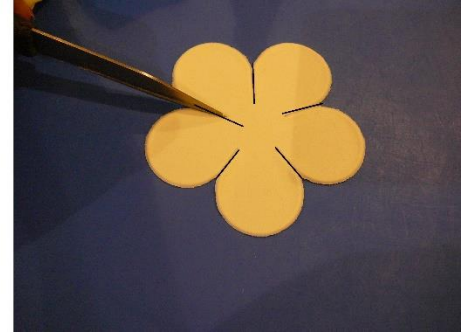
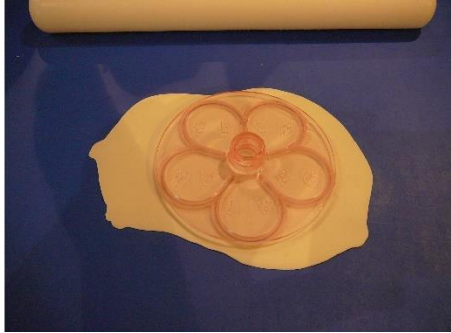


MAKING THE ROSEBUD

STEP 1

Spray work board with a small amount of Sprink to stop gum paste sticking, knead gum paste until soft and pliable and roll out as thin as you can (you should be able to read through it). Cut out using the cutter.

Using the knife or spatula cut slits between each petal toward the centre of the flower as indicated on the 3rd diagram below.



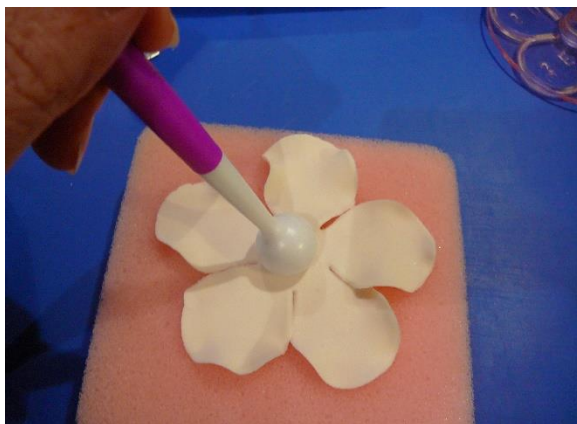
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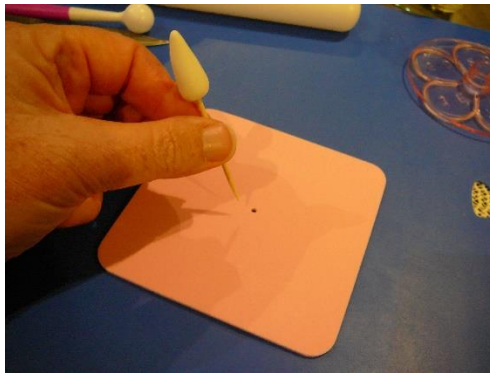
Place flower on thin foam. Holding the ball tool like a pencil, just touching the edge of the gum paste, slide the ball tool around the petal, keeping it mostly on the foam outlining and thinning the petal edge as you go around. Make sure the tool only touches the edge of the petals.



STEP 3

Move the flower to the thick foam and cup the centre by pressing the ball tool into the centre of the flower.





STEP 4

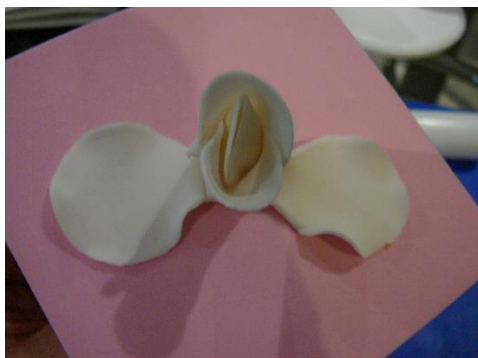
Take a prepared rose base and your thin foam (put a small hole in the centre of the foam as this will help you manage your petals easier). Insert the rose base through the centre of the petal and through the hole in the thin foam.

Brush the rose base with glue and wrap around petal #1 (as numbered below) around the base to form the centre.

Brush petal #3 about ½ way with glue and attach to cover the centre petal.

Brush petal #5 about ½ way with glue and attach to cover the petals.

Finally brush petals #2 and #4 ½ way with glue and centre them over the seams of the previous petals. Place your rose bud upside down in the hard foam to dry. STOP at this point for a completed rosebud – these are useful for filler flowers.



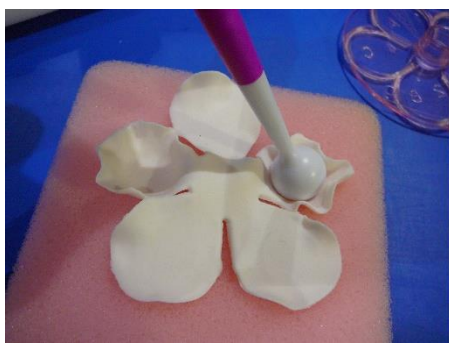
MAKING YOUR ROSE

STEP 5

Prepare your next petals as per steps 1 and 2 above.

Move the petals to the thick foam and using the ball tool press # 2 petal and #5 petal to cup.

Turn the petals over and press # 1, #3 and #4 petals to cup



Flip the petals back over and cup the centre .

Place a small amount of glue on the 5 petals no further than $\frac{1}{2}$ way up each petal then using the prepared rose blossom you made earlier and your thin foam with the hole in the centre. Insert the blossom through the centre of the petal and through the hole in the thin foam.



Wrap petal #2 then petal #5 around the blossom centering them over the seams of the previous petals.

Then attach the final 3 petals, spacing them evenly around the flower.

Place your rose upside down in the hard foam to dry. STOP at this point for a medium sized rose.



CONTINUE TO MAKE A FULL SIZE ROSE

STEP 6

Prepare your next petals as per steps 1 and 2 above.

Move the petals to the thick foam and using the ball tool cup all the petals, then turn to petals over and cup the centre.



Brush the centre and ½ way up the petals with glue and then thread the medium sized rose through the centre of the petals. Invert the rose and let the petals fall into place naturally. Gently press the petals against the base of the rose to attach.



Turn the rose over, gently shape any petals that you are not happy with and then place the rose upside down in the hard foam to dry – you can put them up the right way after about 1 hour and they will retain their shape once the gum paste has dried out a little.



MAKING THE ROSE CALYX

STEP 1

Spray work board with a small amount of Sprink to stop gum paste sticking, knead green gum paste until soft and pliable and roll out to less than the pink marker (approximately 1.5mm thick).

Cut with the rose calyx cutter, brush with gum and thread through the toothpick.

Gently press calyx up against the sides of the rose to attach and then set aside to dry.

