

No-Sew Fabric Flowers

This craft article is from our good friend, Shelley from Single Stone Studios. Shelley is a fabulous designer of wall decals and she has several articles on our site that you should visit. Check out Stylish Nurseries and Wonderful Wall Decals. Now take it away, Shelley!!

“This fabric craft doesn’t have anything to do with decals but I couldn’t help but share it! I love digital art but I have always been a get-your-hands-dirty kind of crafter at heart. So, I pulled out my fabric stash and went to town making no-sew FABric flowers!



I have been seeing fabric flower embellishments all over lately. There are many different types but I'm not one who works with fabric all that much so I went with the easy, no-sew version! No-sew is always a good option for me.

These flowers are quick too. I made them in just a few minutes. Um, instant gratification anyone?! Yes, I'll take that. You can make them subtle with softer colors, add some pearls, beads, ribbons, leaves - whatever you desire. I wanted to have fun with some bright colors and mix and match patterns.

The step by step is really simple. You need strips of TORN fabric. You want the raw edges - at least I did. I think it adds some texture and character to them.

I chose a pumpkin polka dot, black and white cat's eye and a teal and lime damask. I didn't end up using the lime floral fabric tonight. I'll save that for another project.



SUPPLY LIST:

Fabric - I used quilter's cotton.

Felt - for the backing

Hot Glue - or fabric glue

Scissors



Step 1: Tie a knot in one end of the fabric strip. Put a dab of hot glue on the felt and glue the knot to the felt.

Step 2: Start twisting the fabric strip. You can play with the look a little. Tighter makes it a little cleaner or you can go a little looser/fluffier - totally up to you.

Step 3: As you twist the fabric glue it down with hot glue making a circle around the knot. Keep wrapping until you've come to the end of your ~~rope~~ fabric. The longer the fabric strip the bigger the flower will be. And don't limit yourself to one fabric per flower - you can mix and match to make them really fun!



Step 4: Trim the felt around the bottom of the flower. I like to cut very close and at a bit of an angle so you do not see the felt peeking out under the flower.

Step 5: Just a photo of the back side once you've trimmed the felt.

Step 6: You're DONE!



I can think of a MILLION ways to use these fun flowers. Headbands, flip flops, pillows, t-shirts, bib necklaces. Embellish a fun summer skirt or dress a pair of jeans or a jacket. Canvas sneakers. They bring up the fun factor on anything you might use them on! Oooh a fun lampshade - I dig it!!

I used them on a canvas apron I've been working on for a couple of weeks. I love the colors and mix of patterns and the dimension and texture they add. Just what I was looking for!!



If you make some flowers of your own upload your photos to Matt and Shari's Facebook Page. We'd love to see your creations!"

Shelley

P.S. – Thanks again Shelley, I love any craft that uses a hot glue gun and fabric....hey, how about embellishing a canvas purse or bag with these?! Drapery panels, window toppers or cornices, pillows, chair backs, bedspreads, OH MY!!

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