

## Instructions for making a fuchsia



# 1 & 2



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1. **Stamens:** Choose 1 long stamen and 4 or 5 shorter ones.
2. Bind together a 4" piece of thin covered wire and the stamens using  $\frac{1}{4}$  width white florist tape.
3. I coloured the gumpaste with a small amount of Sweet Inspiration pink petal dust.
4. Wrap a very thin layer of gumpaste over the florist tape and leave to dry.



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5. **Under petals:** Make a small cone from gumpaste.
6. Roll out thinly so that there is a "Mexican hat" shape and a small cone in the middle. Don't make the cone part too big. It's a little too big in the photo below.



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7. Place the cutter so that the cone is centred.

8. Cut out the petals



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# 9, 10 & 11

9 Tool each petal with the ball tool to thin and widen the petals. Make a small indentation in the center of the petals where the stamens will be inserted.

10 Frill slightly the ends of each petal and with your hand, shape the petals down to form the correct shape.

11 At this point you can add another set of petals. You do not need the cone on this set,

12 Dampen the hole with water or egg white and insert the stamens into the petals, coming out the top of the cone. Neaten the cone and tidy the petals. Bend the wire and hang to dry so that the petals dry keeping the cupped shape..



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- 13, **Top Petals**: Make the top set of petals in the same way as the first set, as above. The paste should not be as thin for these.
- 14, Tool each petal so it is cupped and turns up a little.
15. Make a larger hole on the underside with a pointed tool, dampen with a little water or egg white and push onto the top of the first petals.
16. Straighten the wire and push into a piece of styrofoam to dry so that the second set of petals dries hanging down.



17. I added another layer of the first set of petals and a small green seed bud, and wrapped the stem with Nile green tape.
18. The last photo is another combination of colours, purple and a very deep pink.