

Shrink-Film Flower Corsage

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Materials and Tools:

Grafix® Shrink Film in metallic or clear
Sizzix® Big Shot™ die cutting machine
Sizzix® Thinlits™ and Framelits™ dies in flower shapes
Sizzix® Movers and Shapers dies (optional)
Leather (optional)
Small cabochons or beads for center of flowers
Pin back
Heat gun
Metal tongs
Tweezers or popsicle sticks
DAP® RapidFuse™ All purpose adhesive

Artist's note: This project is somewhat experimental; you might not achieve perfect results the first time, so keep trying until you get the results you desire!

Instructions:

1. Place the shrink film into the die cutting machine and use the Thinlits dies to cut out various concentric flower shapes.
2. Line up a cabochon with a small flower cut-out (note that the flower should be about three times bigger than the cabochon). Use tweezers or a popsicle stick to hold the cabochon in the center of the small flower on top of a piece of glass or other heat-resistant surface. Use the heat gun to heat the center of the flower shape, letting the shrink film curl up around the shape of the cabochon. Hold the flower petals in place while it cools. (Note that it's ok to stop and start again in order to get the petals in place.)
3. Repeat using the second largest flower shape. Repeat until you have used all of your flower shapes, stacking the layers as you go.
4. If necessary, use glue to attach some of the largest flowers to one another for extra security. Glue a pin back to the back of your flower stack. Or you may create a pendant using smaller flowers, but be sure to punch a hole before shrinking.
5. Optional: You can cut extra flower shapes out of leather and glue them in between shrink film layers to change the texture.