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Paper To Petal: 75 Whimsical Paper Flowers To Craft By Hand



Synopsis

Paper Flowers are Always in Season — Make playful party decorations, luscious bouquets, and sophisticated floral centerpieces with inexpensive tissue and crepe paper. Paper to Petal walks you through the easy basics of transforming simple materials into a vibrant display of fanciful handmade blooms suitable for every occasion. — Design experts Rebecca Thuss and Patrick Farrell inspire you to get creative with their time-tested techniques. Customize every petal, leaf or stem to go dramatic or delicate; mimic nature or fashion your blossoms in any color you can imagine to make something uniquely personal. You'll be amazed how easy it is to produce these gorgeous flower projects. These exquisite blooms never wilt, are always in style, and are endlessly fun to create, share, and give to everyone you love.

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Customer Reviews

THUSS + FARRELL are husband and wife team Rebecca Thuss and Patrick Farrell, a photography and design duo who have worked together since 1991. In addition to still-life, portraiture, and travel and lifestyle photography, their work together encompasses a wide variety of creative disciplines, including set design, furniture design, crafting, creative direction, and graphic design. Their clients include Chronicle Books, Landor Associates, Procter & Gamble, Corcoran, Daniel Boulud, Per Se, Random House, Abrams: Stewart, Tabori & Chang, EMG, Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia, Keri Levitt Communications, Bonpoint, and the New York Times. Rebecca and Patrick live in Upstate New York with their daughter, Poet.

What I really want to make is huge flowers; 14"-20". Those instructions hide in Pinterest, and I was hoping I would be able to scale the flowers in this book to be very much larger. Jury is out on that point. I have made 14 poppies about 8" across out of a recycled curtain using one of these patterns. Easy enough. The flowers are fun, and whimsical / funky, and I have ideas I didn't have before, and ideas I hadn't seen on Pinterest. I have parts lists, and instructions, and suggestions for making variations on a theme. I got my money's worth from the book. I don't see a problem with the patterns being printed on both sides of the page, by the way. I can't imagine why anyone would need to trace the patterns; if I use a pattern at all (not likely), I will look at the suggested shape and draw something freehand. It's not tool-and-die making. The flowers are mostly created petal-by-petal. There is no speed-flowering here, except for a few frilly wraps. Many of the flowers are variations on a theme, rather than 75 entirely different flowers. I wish there had been a few spiky flowers, like a glad or a bird-of-paradise, or maybe a bromeliad or three. Instead, there are lots of variations on daisies and poppies and peonies. No calla lily.

This is a really amazing book and a wonderful resource for crafters of any experience level with paper flowers. The authors provide endless inspiration for both creating flowers and ways to use your creations. The book is split up into several sections, including pictures of completed flowers for pure inspiration, a detailed how-to section with lots of instructions and tips on general techniques and materials, step-by-step instructions on how to make flowers featured in the earlier chapter, and then the largest collection of templates I've ever seen. Not only do the authors tell you how to make the flowers in the book, they also encourage you to mix and match templates and create your own to form entirely new flowers. While the flowers in this book are not the typical life-like recreations of real flowers found in other books, many of the designs can be altered to create realistic and beautiful flowers that can be mixed in with traditional crepe or tissue roses, daisies, and the like in any bouquet, arrangement, or favor. There are also a number of fun, whimsical designs that seem very fitting for more casual purposes. I am working on creating paper flowers for my wedding next summer, and am excited to include a number of flowers and ideas from this book. The images included are just gorgeous and the instructions are very detailed, even rated for difficulty so that users can know what to expect when starting a project. Honestly, the resources listing in the back of the book alone is invaluable for someone who has been trying to track down all the various online stores for different kinds of crepe paper, tissue, flower stamens, floral tape, decorative scissors, etc. I would highly recommend this book for anyone interested in crepe-paper flower making. Especially

if used in conjunction with a book like "How to Make 100 Paper Flowers" by Maria Noble, you'll learn everything you need and never run out of ideas and projects!

I have read the whole book from start to finish, but have yet to make anything. However, I know that it will be easy once I start, since the templates, how-to photos, and instructions are extremely clear, and still engaging. I absolutely love the photography in this book, and the instructions are cleverly laid out and look beautiful at the same time. They're gathered together as a single tableau rather than several step-by-steps, which sounds like it might be confusing but it isn't. Love it!

This book is wonderful for inspiration, especially if you are interested in playful, whimsical, non-realistic flowers. I'm personally interested in more realism so I wish this had been more clearly communicated in the book description. That being said, the images are beautiful and lush and the book is clear and well written. The templates are wonderful. Overall a great addition to any paper artists library, no regrets for purchasing it.

This is the best instruction book I have ever see, such beautiful flowers and such easy to follow instruction everything you need to know is right there. No more spending time looking through countless videos

When I received this book, I just kept picking it up and looking through it. It is presented in beautiful full-page photographs. It is more than thorough as well, with sections explaining types of paper, techniques, supplies, and where you might find them. There are many templates provided and detailed instruction on each flower, both in pictures and text. I thought we were making paper flowers for my daughter's wedding and I had also looked online for ideas. This book represents a very different take on making flowers, in particular with color combinations. We have decided not to do the flowers for the wedding, but after all the chaos is over, I plan to try some of these.

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This is hands down the best paper flower book I've seen. The hardback book is huge with over 250 pages. The first half of this book is full page colored photos of different flower arrangments. The next part is about supplies, then techniques, then all of the templates. I thought almost \$20 was a lot

but trust me, this is worth \$30 or even more. The photos could be framed, they are shot so beautifully.

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