

Stephanotis

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Skill Level 1 (of 4)

Stephanotis are a very useful flower to have in an arrangement because of their shape and size and used frequently in bridal bouquets.



See www.culpitt.com for Rose, Lily and Freesia "How Tos", to make this beautiful flower spray.

Equipment and Materials for Stephanotis			
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Non stick board		Small fine palette knife	
Non stick rolling pin		28# white florist wires	
Petal Pad		Dusting powders, Spring green, pink & white	
Dog bone tool		Culpitt Stephanotis cutter	
Dresden tool		Petal paste, white, green	
White fat (e.g. White Flora)		Jem short friller tool (Tool 15) or similar	
Edible glue and brush		Florist tape moss green	
Scissors and wire cutting scissors			

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Method

1. Cut some 28# white wires into lengths of 4.
2. Take a small piece of white petal paste and roll it into an elongated cone.
3. Using your finger and thumb, flatten the fat end of the cone to form a 'saucer shape'.
4. Roll out the saucer shape thinly with the small rolling pin
5. This is called a #Mexican Hat'
6. Place the Stephanotis cutter over the top of the Mexican hat and cut out. Transfer to a petal pad and use the dog bone tool on the back of each petal to smooth and cup slightly.
7. Using the short friller tool, and the ridged end, press lightly into the throat of the Stephanotis, and pressing each petal against the tool to vein and thin the petals.
8. Make a small hook on the end of the white wire and dip the hook into the edible glue.
9. Thread this into the throat of the flower, bringing the hook through to sit in the throat.
10. Using your fingers and thumb, ease the paste down the wire to approximately 3 centimetres leaving the very bottom part slightly fatter. See image.
11. Holding the flower in your hand, make small indents in between the petals by the throat.
12. Leave to dry.



Colouring

1. Mix a pale pink dusting powder and very sparingly, dust the stem of the flower at the base.
2. Mix some pale green dusting powder and dust the very end of the stem pale green. The colouring is barely noticeable.



Calyx

1. Roll out some green petal paste thinly on a non stick board lightly greased with white fat.
2. Cut out the calyx and shape the back as for the Stephanotis flower.
3. Attach to the base of the Stephanotis with a little edible glue to complete.

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Buds

1. Make a dog bone shape with white petal paste and thread onto a hooked 28# white wire dipped in glue.
2. On the top of the bud indent 4 lines to represent the flower petals ready to open.
3. Colour and add a calyx as for the open flower.



Extra Filler Flowers

1. Have some fun with left over paste to create the filler flowers below.
2. Wire in similar way to buds.
3. Colour up as required.



Finally

1. Tape up into bunches of 2, three, five or more depending on requirements.