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## **3D Lotus Flower Sculpture**

Supply List

Paper template	Cellophane (for 3 resin layers)	Silicone
Resin & Hardener	1 plastic plate	Cups, Stir Sticks
Paints	2 plastic bowls	Apron & Gloves
Crushed glass		Alcohol (bubble release)

NOTE: This kit requires your continued access to the project for several hours as the resin cures. Please do only when you have the time available to complete the project.

## INSTRUCTIONS

<u>\*You will use the paper lotus flower template to create 3</u> flowers on the cellophane.

- Step 1: Build the flower structures on the cellophane. Place the template under the plastic so that you will get 3 copies of the same flower. There is enough space for all 3.
- Open silicone and cut off tip. Following the template under the cellophane, lay a solid bead of silicone around the edge of the flower.
- Repeat two more times so that you have 3 identical flowers on the cellophane, outlined in silicone. Allow to dry (about 20 minutes).
- Add another bead of silicone on top of first silicone layer of each flower. All to cure (about 20 minutes)
- Create your own color palette by blending colors as you like. A little paint goes a long way in resin.
- Add 3/4 bottle of resin to 3/4 bottle of hardener <u>must be equal parts</u>. Mix vigorously for 4 solid minutes. NO CHEATING! (Otherwise, it won't set properly)
- Divide resin into smaller cups, & add small amounts of paint (1-2 drops at a time) to each cup. Blend thoroughly. Adding too much paint can destroy your resin, so add slowly.
- Pour each color, making sure that bottom of each flower is fully covered. *Some options:*
- 1. Yellow/ white center, with pink, purple or red petals. Or vice versa.
- 2. Alternate petal colors for each flower (white center, with pink, coral and yellow flowers)

3. Starburst – Add one color to center, one to petals, and use stick to drag from petals to the center or vice versa. Add glass to the petals of the outer flowers, and to the center of the inner flower (if desired – if using as a candle holder, do not do this)

## **VERY IMPORTANT**

- To create the multi-layer curved sculpture, you must time your next 1-5 hours, depending on the temperature and humidity at your location.
- <u>Allow the resin to cure until the flowers are tacky to the touch (with stir stick), but not</u> sticky.
- Cut cellophane so that each piece is separated. Decide how you want to layer the pieces, and then place accordingly into each of the 3 molds. Make sure that each resin piece is seated to the bottom of its mold.
- Allow to cure for 48 hours, then remove from bowls and cellophane.
- Mix remaining resin and harder, stir for 4 minutes, and place a small amount on the bottom of the 2 bowl
  pieces to secure.

Allow to cure for 48 hours.

This kit was inspired by Sue Findlay at <u>https://suefindlaydesigns.com.au/</u>.

