

ASHTEAD CARD MAKING & CRAFT CLUB

STEP BY STEP GUIDE TO DRINK CAN FLOWERS as demonstrated on 28/3/2012

1.	Get readyyou will need:	• Die Cut Machine e.g. Cuttlebug • Flower Dies & various embossing folders • Alcohol inks plus applicator & felt pads • Piece of aluminium cut from drinks can • Silver Mirri card • Strong glue (that will adhere metal)
2.	Emboss a piece of silver mirri card using a C6 or 5"x7" size embossing folder - a floral screen type pattern of branches &/or leaves works best. Colour your embossed background using a combination of 2 or 3 alcohol ink colours. Trim the card to the desired size - you can then mat & layer it accordingly.	
3.	Die cut flower shapes from the aluminium. Make sure the silver side is uppermost & for best results use Sizzix originals dies (i.e. the thicker ones like the one shown) - when using these dies the spacer plate (A) is not needed - simply sandwich the die & metal between 2 B plates.	
4.	Once cut out you can then emboss your flower shapes by putting them back through the Cuttlebug within an embossing folder - a small repetitive pattern works best for this.	

5.	Colour your cut & embossed flowers with your choice of Alcohol inks.	
6.	Add shape & definition to your flowers by curling the petals around a wooden skewer.	
7.	Add a sticky gem to the centre of each flower & then glue them in place on your background using a strong glue that will adhere metal (such as Glossy accents or UHU) Alternatively you could layer up flowers of different sizes & possibly even make them into a wearable jewellery item by attaching the relevant pin or fixing.	
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