

Fabric carnation tutorial

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Induced by my flower bouquet I decided to make this tutorial for fabric carnations which may be used as embellishment and accessories in many ways. This is the carnation brooch I made.

Step 1 — Prepare your fabric



For this project you need light jersey with a lot of elastic in it for better looks and stretch for that matter.

Step 2 — Cut a long strip



Cut a long, thin strip. I had a metre of the jersey but in order to make the strip longer I cut all around it without stopping and the above piece has about 3,70 metres. The longer the strip, the thicker the flower. Remember, it should be about 1 or 2 cm wide.

Step 3 — Wrapping time



Start wrapping it around your palm. While doing it, pull the strip tightly. Jersey tends to curl up and that would add up to the looks of the flowers and make them more beautiful.

Step 4 — Rolled up



Here it is all rolled up.

Step 5 — Remove it from your hand



Take it off carefully and holding it firmly tie a knot around it with a previously cut short strip.

Step 6 — Tie it tightly



Tie the knot tightly. Like this.

Step 7 — Cut



When it is secured. Cut the upper part. Like this.

Step 8 — What does it look like?



It looks like this. Then cut the strips on the lower part (the other side).

Step 9 — Trim



Now, some of the "petals" will be bigger than others so here you do a little trimming until you make them all even.

Step 10 — A little break for comparison reasons



A break in the steps for comparison. Here you can see what you'll get if you use a slightly wider and shorter piece of fabric (the pink one being a sturdier cotton).

Step 11 — Exposed middle fix



When you finish trimming both sides, the flower will be left with the middle exposed, so you have to fix that too.

Step 12 — Fixing it



Start by pulling the little strips to the other side but not very strongly because if the tie is not tight enough you might pull the strips off, and you also roll them up in your hands to get a nice round flower.

Step 13 — Done



And ta-dah! Here it is! Your sweet carnation!

Step 14 — Extras



Now you can take a bamboo stick (plastic stem, or whatever you come up with) insert it inside and make yourself a lovely flower.

Step 15 — Extras



And with a couple more of them you can make a bouquet :) Or you can take a pin and make a brooch as shown in the intro picture. Have fun!

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