Gorgeous flowers in artichoke technique

Instructions No. 323

Difficulty: Advanced

Working time: 30 Minutes

With the **artichoke technique** , folded ribbons of bows or Fabric cuts are flaky with the help of Pins on Polystyrene balls and other styrofoam figures. This creates the typical "artichoke effect". Through different Folding techniques and variations when attaching it can be cleverly modified and of course has the Selection of the materials also has a great influence on the appearance. Also Paper is well suited, folded or cut to fit.

With fantasy and a few tricks, artichoke balls are transformed into unusual decorative objects. Thus the A classic, which wrongly has a somewhat "dusty" image, once again highly topical.

And this is how it is done:

For the flowers you need **Acetate ribbon or Organza ribbon with Wire edge,** Polystyrene balls, Handicraft paint, Pins, wooden skewers and brushes as well as scissors.

First, the Polystyrene balls are primed with yellow Handicraft paint . Once the balls are dry, use the artichoke technique to form petals from the ribbon with Wire edge and attach them to the ball:

You will need eight 4 cm long pieces of yellow Organza ribbon. Fold the outer Lace to each other and fold them into a triangle. Of these, four triangles are each fixed opposite each other with the fold tip upwards in the

middle of the Polystyrene ball . The next four triangles are each inserted into the spaces on the outside.

Fold eight 4 cm long pieces from a contrasting Organza ribbon into a triangle and pin them in place.
Then lay eight 10 cm long pieces of loop tape to form a loop and pin them all around with the edge of the wire facing upwards.

For the outermost wreath, lay eight 15 cn long pieces Acetate ribbon to the loop and now fix them on the ball with the edge of the wire facing down

For a neat finish, cut a 6 cm long piece Acetate ribbon to size, fold each 1 cm outer edge in the middle to form a square. Fix this to the bottom of the ball.

With a suitably painted round stick, the flower becomes a fancy decoration-Plugs.

Article information:

Article number	Article name	Qty
600170	VBS Polystyrene ball, Ø 5 cm	1
560085-20	VBS Craft paint, 50 mlButtercup (unfortunately sold out)	1
620048	VBS Steel pins, 10 mm	1