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Items Needed:

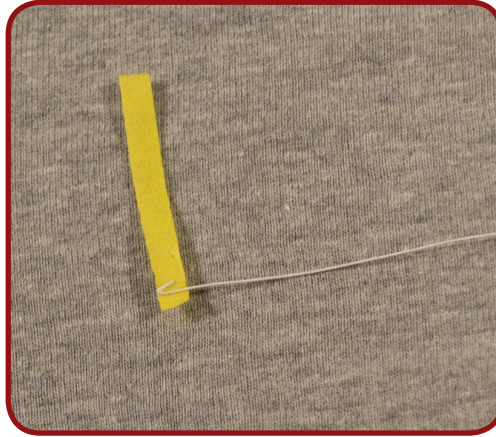
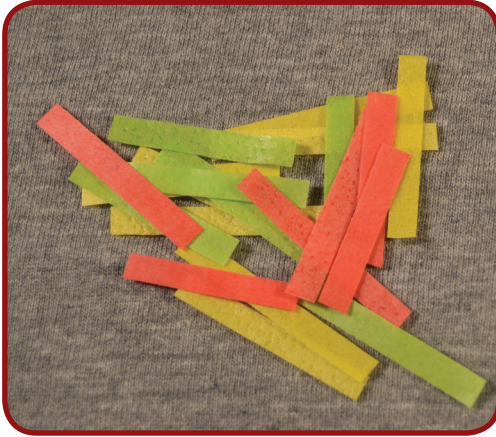
- Silhouette Cameo for realistic and precise cuts
- Red, yellow and green wafer paper
- Mist sprayer or water pen
- 45-50 pieces of 30 gauge white wire cut in to 9-10 cm lengths.
- Floral tape
- Pearl or rainbow food-safe glitter
- Optional: Icing Images Edible printer with iDesigns™, airbrush



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Step 1:

Use the Silhouette Cameo or the template to cut two sizes of wafer paper petals. I prefer using the Cameo for this as it is precise and easy to cut out many decorations at a time. You can hand cut them, however you do not have the same precision as you do with the Cameo. Separate them by size in to tops and bottoms. You can use any number of petals. I used 5 small petals and 15 larger petals.

**Step 2:**

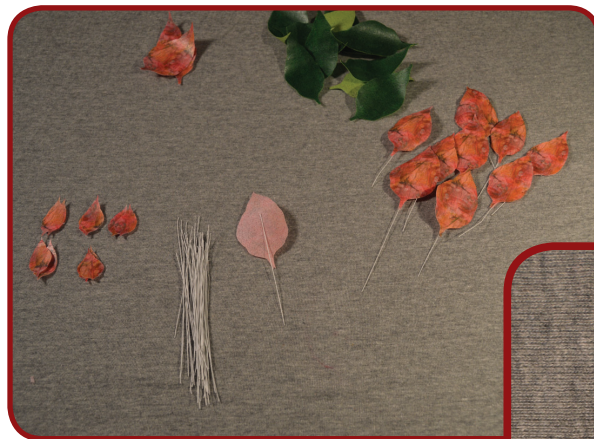
Cut the stamens out of the wafer paper scraps. Stamens are .50cm x 3-3.5 cm long.

Step 3:

Bend a small hook in the top of the wire. Wrap wafer paper around the hook and dampen a bit as you go. By applying water, it will cause the wafer to begin to melt. Shape the wafer in to the stamen. Create about 18 stamens.

Step 4:

Wrap stamens together with floral tape.

**Step 5:**

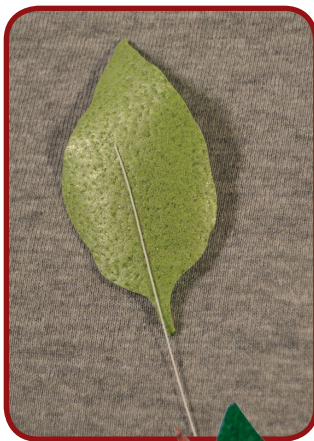
Lay petal face down. Using a mist sprayer or water pen, slightly moisten the back of the petal. Do not use too much water as it will cause the wafer paper to melt. Place the wire 3/4 of the way up the petal. Place a second petal over top of the wire creating a sandwich. Press the petal and wires together.





Step 6:

Once you have the 5 small petals complete, join the stamens together with the petals using the floral tape. Continue on to create the larger petals and continue wrapping them together with the floral tape.



Step 7:

Create and attach the leaves using the same method that you used to create the petals.



Step 8:

Dry brush Super Pearl or rainbow glitter as desired on Poinsettia.

NOTE: For these wafer petals and leaves, I printed an Icing Images iDesign™ to create the variation of color in the petals. You can also carefully airbrush the wafer paper.