

Ribbon, Lace &
Fabric Flowers
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You will need:

- WIDE RIBBON OR FABRIC (CHOOSE A FABRIC WITH A HIGH POLYESTER CONTENT)
- LACE - ANY WIDTH WILL WORK, THOSE WITH A SCALLOPED EDGE LOOK PARTICULARLY PRETTY
- NEEDLE, THREADS, SCISSORS ETC
- DIAMANTE OR PEARL EMBELLISHMENTS
- GLUES - GEM-TAC
- BROOCH PINS IF REQUIRED

Flower 1. Cut several circles of satin fabric or ribbon (they don't have to be too neat and make each one slightly smaller than the other). The more layers of fabric the more 'full' the final flower will be. Carefully hold each fabric circle near to a naked flame (but not touching) as you swoop the fabric near to the flame the edges will seal and curl.

Layer your fabric circles on top of one another with the smallest on the top, secure with a stitch then attach your favourite diamante/pearl embellishment (sew or Gem Tac) into the centre. If you wish to make a corsage or brooch then add a brooch pin to the reverse. Admire your handiwork!

Flower 2. The lace flowers are sooooo simple (don't tell anyone!) If using a scalloped edge lace sew a running stitch along the straight edge leaving 5cm of thread loose at the start. As you get to the end leave another 5-10cm of thread. Take both ends of thread and gather the lace up until it's as small as it will go then tie a knot and cut off any excess thread. Finish with an embellishment as in flower 1 and tell your friends it took you hours!

Flower 3. Take a circle of fabric and sew a running stitch around the edge, taking up the loose threads draw up the thread, knot and tie off (with the gathered thread in the centre) the result is a sort of 'flat' shower cap (although you couldn't fit your head in!)

Repeat if you wish to have more 'layers' then decorate as in flower 1 - just try and resist the temptation of going 'Ta Dah' to all your friends!

