

# Roses for Mother's Day

## Supplies Needed

10mm Mulberry Roses

Tri Leaf punch

#30 green paper covered wire

Green printed or painted paper for punching the rose leaves. ( see free PDF file)



## Creating the Rose Bush or Trellis

The rose leaves are punched out using the Tri Leaf punch. It will take several of the leaves depending on how large you want your bush or trellis. Start with a ½ sheet worth.

The roses are altered Mulberry paper roses 10mm size. A bush or trellis will be made up of roses of different sizes.

To alter the roses all you need to do is remove a row or two off the back of the rose thus creating buds and half open roses that all match. Keep the pieces you remove just in case you decide you want a larger rose instead of the altered one. You can always slide the petals



back up the stem.

You are now ready to dampen the rose leaves so they can be shaped and curled a little. You will use a paper plate and 2 pieces of paper toweling.

Spray mist the first piece of toweling with water until it feels damp but not dripping wet. Lay it across the paper plate and press it on smooth. Now lay out the rose leaves (maybe 15 -20 to start) on the damp toweling and cover it with the second sprayed towel. Press down gently on the pile to put a little moisture in the leaves. Remove a few of the leaves at a time and set them on your piece of art foam. Using a med size ball stylus run it down the center vein of each leaf. Do not hold the leaf down while doing this or it will rip the leaf when you try to vein it. You are looking for a soft curl to the veined leaf. The photo shows a leaf right out of the punch compared to the dampened veined ones.



Take your tweezers and move the curled leaf to another work surface to dry. Repeat the process with each leaf until they are all shaped.

Cut the wires into about 1 ¼ " length pieces then glue a wire down the center of the back of each leaf trio.

We are now ready to assemble the rose trellis or bush.

Pick up a rose stem plus a couple of leaf stems and apply a dab of glue on the leaf stem about half way down the wire and down to the bottom of the stem. Put the leaf stem against the rose stem making them about even at the top and then pinch together where the glue is. Roll the wires between your fingers forming the main branch. Repeat with a couple more leaves moving slightly down the steam. Add in a rose and then more leaves.



Make 2 more of these branches then add them onto the main branch by gluing and rolling the stems together. Add in additional roses and leaves as needed to make the size bush or climbing rose you desire. At this point you should have only one stem that can be placed attached to a trellis or planted as a bush.

