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HOW TO MAKE GATHERED FLOWERS

To begin, collect your equipment:

Ribbons, sewing needle, pins, thread, tape measure, scissors, stamens/pearls, floristry wires, glue (hot glue gun or craft glue).



Now, take the specific ribbons that are provided in your kit to make your **gathered** flowers.

<u>Ruby</u> = Nebiolo + Mushroom Crushed Satin <u>Citrine</u> = Oyster Chiffon



<u>Gold</u> = Olive Silk + Ivory Wired Organza

<u>Aquamarine</u> = Cornflower Chiffon + Mushroom Crushed Satin

<u>Amethyst</u> = Foxglove Chiffon + Aubergine Satin



To make your first flower, cut 3x 40cm pieces of ribbon. Lay all 3 together on top of one another, pin, and using double thread, sew a running stitch along the bottom edge.



Now, pull the cotton, gather your ribbon up tightly, and make a few stitches at the end to secure the gathers in place.



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Next, join one end of the gathers to the other to form a circle. Pull tightly to close the gap, make a few stitches and tie a knot to complete.



Tease your ribbon layers apart to create a full bloom.





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To attach the stamens/pearls, take a wire and bend over 5cms at the top. Thread your pearl, or twist and **glue** 3 double ended stamens into the top of the bent wire. Wind the remaining wire down the stem.



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Thread the wire down through the centre of the flower and position the pearl/stamens. Then, turn over and apply a little glue at the back, to keep the wire in place.



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Cut the wires to your desired length and arrange in a vase to create a beautiful display that will last all year long.



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