



## BOMB PEONY TUTORIAL

Hello and welcome to the world of paper flowers! If this is your first time making a paper flower, I've designed this peony to be an easy and fun way to get started. It's a nice, big fluffy flower that carries a lot of impact.

I've detailed all that you will need to make this flower below and how to purchase the Italian crepe paper for this project for best results. Enjoy!

### Supplies

- 16 or 18 gauge florist wire - Available at Golda's Kitchen, Michaels, Dollar Stores
- 24 or 26 gauge florist wire - Available at Golda's Kitchen. If unavailable, anything with a thinner weight will suffice
- Green Florist Tape - Available at Golda's Kitchen, Michaels, Dollar Stores
- Wire Cutter
- Scissors
- Tacky Glue - Available at Michaels, Dollar Stores (I use the Aleene's brand)
- Hot Glue Gun - Available at Michaels, Dollar Stores
- Hot Glue Sticks - Available at Michaels, Dollar Stores
- Tape Measure or Ruler
- Paper Tissue
- 1 Roll Carte Fini Crepe Paper - Available online at [cartefini.com](http://cartefini.com) (details below)  
in your flower colour
- 1 Roll Carte Fini Crepe Paper - Available online at [cartefini.com](http://cartefini.com) (details below)  
in green for the calyx/leaves



## Crepe Paper

Carte Fini Italian Crepe Paper      [cartefini.com](http://cartefini.com) (US), Shop online with worldwide delivery

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<https://bouqpaperflowers.com/cityline>

After subscribing, you will be given a discount code that you can enter on the Carte Fini website ([cartefini.com](http://cartefini.com)) to receive your discount!

For the tutorial, I used the following 180gm crepe papers.

For the Flower - Sweet Pea (569)

<https://www.cartefini.com/products/italian-crepe-paper-roll-180-gram-569-sweet-pea>

For The Flower – Alternate Choice - Very Pale Pink by Tiffanie Turner (616)

<https://www.cartefini.com/products/italian-crepe-paper-roll-180-gram-616-very-pale-pink-by-tiffanie-turner>

For the foliage - Olive Green by Tiffanie Turner (17A/8)

<https://www.cartefini.com/products/italian-crepe-paper-roll-180-gram-17a-8-olive-green-by-tiffanie-turner>

**Note on colour:** Sweet Pea appears very light in the tutorial but is actually quite a bit more pink in real life. If you would prefer a very light pink, I would suggest 'Very Pale Pink (616)'.

The 60gm Lightweight papers are excellent for producing finer looking flowers as the grain of the papers is minimal and with no machine lines. This paper is delicate however and I suggest spray gluing 2 pieces together to give the paper more weight. If making the flower with this paper, use the final dimensions for cutting as the paper should not be stretched like the 180gm I used in the tutorial. Similar pinks in this paper to the above 180gm options are:

For the Flower – Camelia Pink (201)

<https://www.cartefini.com/products/italian-crepe-paper-roll-60-gram-201-camelia-pink>

For the Flower – Light Pink (205)

<https://www.cartefini.com/products/italian-crepe-paper-roll-60-gram-205-light-pink>



## Preparing Your Crepe For The Flower

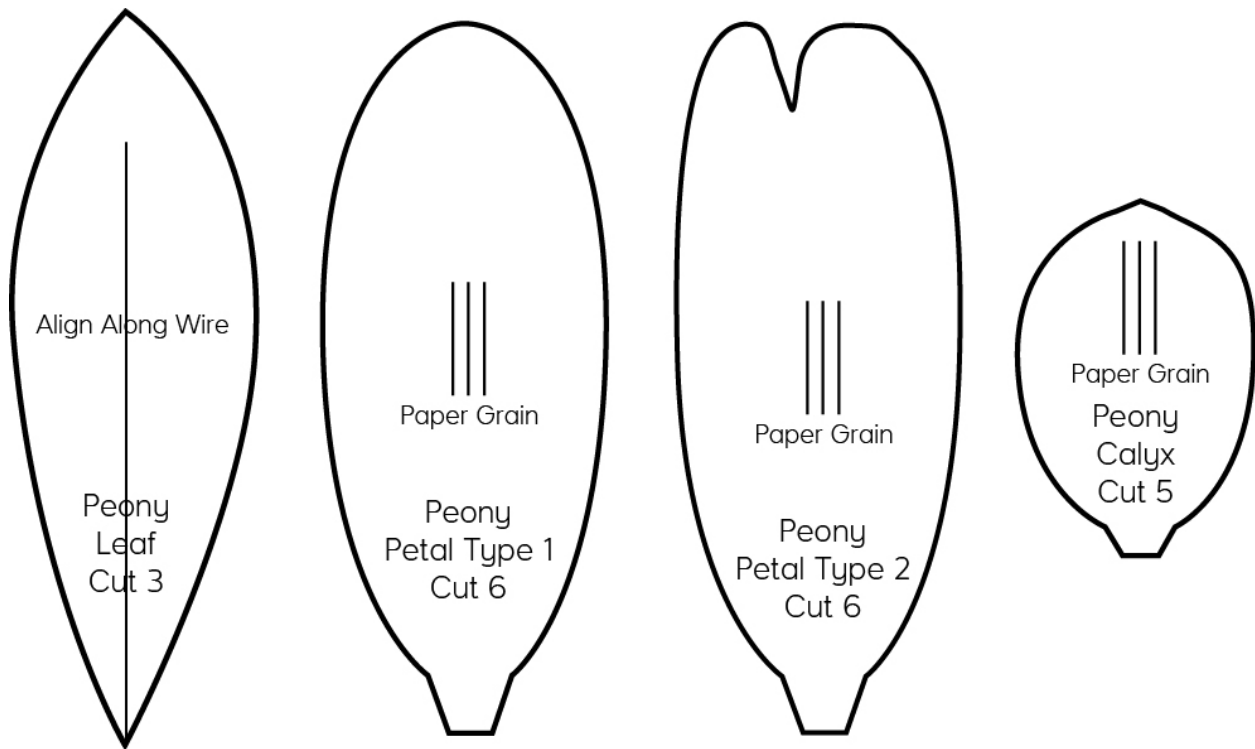
1. Using the roll of crepe paper for the flower, cut a 12" wide piece.  
You will have a 12" x 19 ½" piece
2. Cut this piece in half perpendicular to the grain of the paper. You should end up with 2 - 12" x 9 ¾" pieces. Each piece can be used to make one flower. Set one piece aside.
3. Cut 2 - 4" wide strips perpendicular to the grain. You should have 2 - 12" x 4" strips. Set the remaining scrap aside
4. Stretch both pieces of crepe to 25". Set one aside, this will be for the flower's bomb center
5. Take the other stretched piece and cut 4" off the end, giving you a 4" x 4" square piece. This will be used to cover your tissue.
6. The piece that you have cut the 4" x 4" square from should be 21" x 4". This piece will be used for your petals
7. Cut the petals strip in half. One half will be used to cut 6 - Petal Type 1, and the other half to cut 6 - Petal Type 2

NOTE: 1 Roll of crepe should yield roughly 16 flowers!

## Preparing Your Crepe For The Calyx and Leaves

1. Using the roll of crepe paper for the greenery, cut a 1 ½" wide piece.  
You will have a 1 ½" x 19 ½" strip
2. You will notice the machine lines running across the paper, each 2" apart. Cut out the first 3 full 2" squares along the machine lines
3. Stretch each of these pieces to 3" wide, then cut in half. You will then have 6 - 1 ½" x 2" pieces. You will only need 5 of these to use for cutting out each of your calyx
4. With your remaining unstretched crepe, cut 3 pieces, each 3" in height
5. Stretch each of these 3 pieces to 3". You will have 3 - 3" x 3" squares
6. Stack all 3 squares and cut a diagonal through them, from one corner to the other.  
Once you have prepared the leaves as per the tutorial, you can use the leaf template to cut each of them

## Flower Templates



If you enjoyed making this flower, please visit me at [bouqpaperflowers.com](http://bouqpaperflowers.com) for more crepe paper flower inspiration and tutorials. I'd love to see the flowers you've created! Tag your creations with #studiobouq on Instagram so I can see them 📷 Have fun!