



Layered *flower clip*

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This crafty layered flower clip can serve double duty as both a gift-wrapping decoration and a gift unto itself that can later be used to accessorize a cardigan, headband or purse. The fun is in the layers of color and embellishment, which can easily be customized to your recipient's taste!

What you need:

- › Flower and leaf templates (available in the "Templates & Techniques" section at the end of this issue)
- › 4½-inch square scrap of green wool felt
- › 4-inch x 6-inch scrap of red wool felt
- › Two 4-inch x 6-inch scraps of yellow fabric
- › Two 4-inch square scraps of blue fabric
- › Embroidery floss, red, green, white, yellow and blue
- › 19 white mini buttons
- › Green ½-inch button
- › Red ¼-inch button
- › Alligator clip
- › Lightweight fusible interfacing (such as Lite Steam-A-Seam 2)
- › Glue (such as Fabri-Tac)
- › Hand embroidery needle
- › Scissors
- › Pinking shears
- › Pushpin or awl (optional)
- › Iron

Preparation & Cutting

1. Following manufacturer's instructions, fuse blue and yellow fabric scraps onto both sides of lightweight fusible interfacing.
2. Cut one small flower from fused yellow fabric, and use pinking shears to one small leaf from fused yellow fabric.
3. Use pinking shears to cut one circle from fused blue fabric.
4. From green wool felt, cut one large scalloped flower.
5. From red wool felt, cut one small scalloped flower and one large leaf.
3. Use yellow floss to stitch two rows of a large running stitch around inside perimeter of blue fabric circle.
4. Use red floss to sew a mini white button onto each petal of large green felt flower.
5. Use red floss to stitch a large running stitch around inside perimeter of small yellow fabric leaf.
6. Use blue floss to blanket stitch around all edges of large red felt leaf.

Embellishing

Use six strands of embroidery floss for all steps. If needed, use a pushpin or awl to pre-punch stitching holes through stiff interfaced fabric pieces.

1. Use green floss to stitch a large running stitch around inside perimeter of small yellow fabric flower. Stack red button on top of green button and use white floss to stitch buttons onto center of small yellow flower.
2. Use white floss to blanket stitch around all edges of red felt flower.

Assembly

1. Stack embellished flower shapes from largest to smallest and glue in place.
2. Arrange embellished leaves on back of flower as desired and glue in place.
3. Glue alligator clip to center back of completed flower.
4. Use fingers to work edges of flowers and leaves to add dimension and texture as desired. 

