## dahlia flowers



## **TOOLS & MATERIALS**

Hot Glue Gun Needle-Nose Pliers/Wire Cutters Scissors or Curling Tool Wood Dowels in Assorted Sizes Green Floral Wire — 18- and 24-Gauge Green Floral Tape (optional)

## INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Gently punch flower petals and leaves from paper.
- 2. Use small wood dowel or toothpick to form petals of the four smallest layers.
- 3. Bunch one layer together and pinch at base. Glue inside second layer. Glue third and fourth layers in rotation to form center of flower. Pinch petals to bunch together at top then reopen.
- 4. Use medium wood dowel or round chopstick to shape remainder of petals.
- 5. Glue each of five sets of petals together at centers; set aside.
- 6. Glue two largest petals together in rotation, aligning at center hole.
- 7. Glue each pair of petals in order of size and stagger each layer.
- 8. With needle-nose pliers/wire cutters, bend tip of 18-gauge floral wire 45 degrees.
- 9. Slide bent tip of wire into center hole of largest two petals, and glue petals onto back of bloom.
- 10. Slide green sepal onto wire and glue onto base of flower.
- 11. Use curling tool to shape leaves. Bend tip of 24-gauge wire down.
- 12. Glue base of leaf to wire; then glue second leaf at an angle.
- 13. (Optional) Cover wires with floral tape and wrap the leaf stems to the flower stems.