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WORLD CARNEVALE: Float de Fleur

It was on the seafont of Nice that the first *Bataille de Fleurs* (Flower Parade) was held in 1876. The exchanges of bouquets of flowers between decorated carriages and spectators developed into an essential part of the Carnival de Nice.

Each year over twenty floats are decorated with fresh flowers from the Côte d'Azur region of France. Four to five thousand stems are needed to cover each float and their design and preparation is painstaking work, with each flower individually placed in a magnificent fragrant mosaic.



MATERIALS

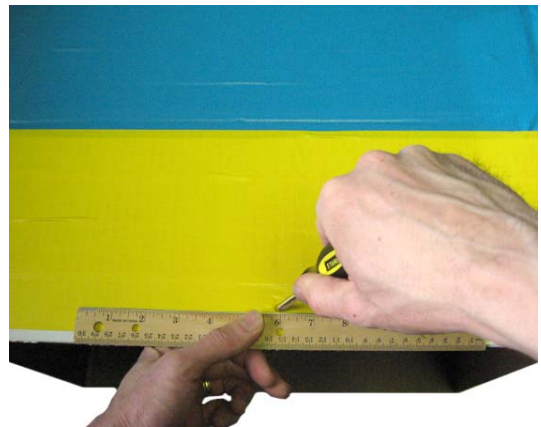
- Decorative material: markers, sequins, glitter glue , etc
- Large cardboard box
- Thin disposable table cloth / Flowers (fake or real)
- Craft knife / box cutter
- Colored duct tape
- Philips head screwdriver
- Glue / tape / stapler
- Heavy ribbon

DIRECTIONS

1. Keep the closed end of the box taped close and wrap duct tape around the box.



2. Place a ruler along the bottom middle of the box and use the philips head screwdriver to make holes 1 inch apart. Make each hole gently by twisting the screwdriver while pressing down.

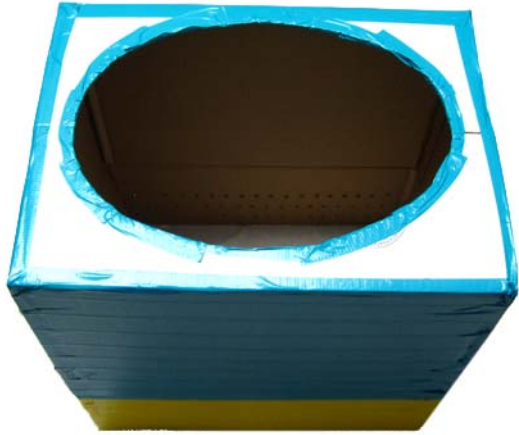


3. To create grid a pattern place the ruler on top of the previous line of holes and continuing as in step two.

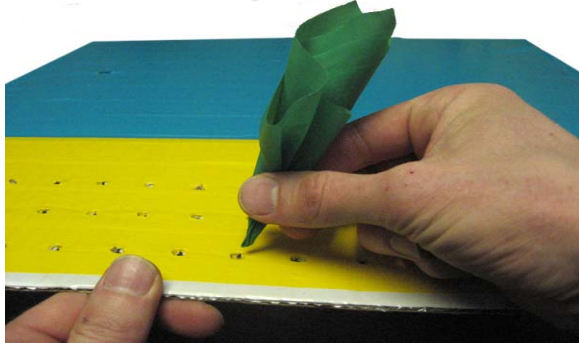


4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 on all side of the box.

5. Use box knife to cut hole on top the closed end of the box (an oval shape big enough to fit around the waist). Cover the edges of the oval with duct tape. ***ADULT NEEDED**



5. Cut tablecloth into pieces 6 inch square. Pinch the square in the middle and pass through a hole. Continue adding squares and/or flowers until the side is filled.



6. To make the shoulder straps. Cut two pieces of ribbon long enough so the box hangs around waist level. Attach ribbon to the inside of the oval

TIPS

1. Use different colors of plastic tablecloth and combine with flowers to make a pattern.
2. Use different colors of duct tape to create a design.

Batille de Fleur from Nice, France

