

Pohutukawa Floss Flowers



As a decorative feature on a special gift box or added to a pine branch wreath, these pohutukawa flowers, made with DMC Stranded Cotton, add a distinctively kiwi touch that blends nicely with traditional Christmas decorations.

They are so easy to make that it could be a project that includes the children of the family and with each flower taking only three skeins of stranded, the cost compares favourably with many commercial decorations.

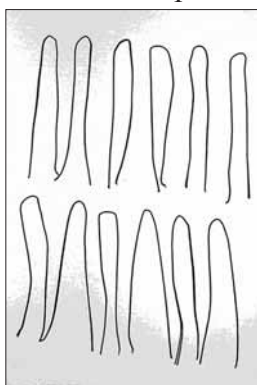
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MATERIALS for 1 Pohutukawa Floss Flower:

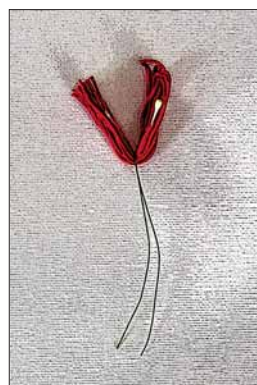
- 3 skeins of DMC Stranded Cotton colour 817
 - 6 30cm lengths of fine green florists' wire
 - 1 bundle of Yellow Pearl Flower Stamens (DR02PFS.26)
- Wire Cutters & Pliers
Florists' tape



Step 1: Cut each piece of florists' wire into 2 equal lengths and fold the pieces in half.



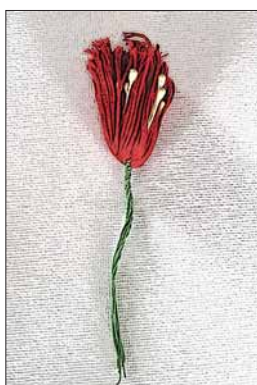
Step 2: Cut the loop at one end of a skein of thread and remove the labels. Cut the thread into 4 equal lengths. Repeat for other 2 skeins. Place 2 flower stamens on 4 of the bunches of thread.



Step 3: Put one section of thread and stamens through one of the pieces of wire.



Step 4: Twist the wire together with the pliers to tighten. Repeat for the other three bunches of thread and stamens.



Step 5: Twist these 4 bunches with stamens together to form the inner part of the flower.



Step 6: Repeat steps 3 & 4 for the other bunches of thread without the stamens and add them as an outside layer to the flower.



Step 7: Trim floss to even out petals.



Step 7: Wrap the wire stem with florists' tape.