

Anthurium Flower and Leaf - Tools and equipment

Flowerpaste of your choice - Different pastes will be available in different parts of the world, you will need to test some pastes and see which one works for you in your region. Simply Heaven Ultra Fine paste is my preferred one - but everyone has different temperature of hands and will have their own preference. Renshaws and squires dry very quickly so can crack if you are taking longer to work with it, platinum paste, piece of cake and saracino don't like humid atmospheres but can be rolled nice and thin, smartflex takes at least 2 - 3 days to dry properly , maybe even longer. You can of course make your own, there are many good recipes out there - the best ones I have found are Marilyn Hill's, Lesley Herbert's and Nicholas Lodge's and you can also mix pastes together to suit you.

Small amount of Royal icing and piping bag

PME '0' or '1' piping nozzle

Paste/gel/dust colours - You will only need colours for paste if you want to start with a base colour or you can use pre coloured paste(I used Fractal colour 'Grass green' for leaf

Wires 20 and 18 gauge wires

Wire cutters

Florist Tape - mid green florist tape (nile green or light moss)

non stick board (grooved if you like to use grooved board) & nonslip mat

foam pad

rolling pin

Cornflour pouch and / or trex

sugar glue (made with tylo or egg white)

brush for glue

tea light and matches/lighter (if you have them)

ball or bone tools

dresden tool

cutting wheel or craft knife

tinfoil or dimpled foam pad

oasis block/polystyrene for dry flower arranging

Dust colours: selection of whatever colours you want - the ones I have used are:

Pink: Fractal Colours 'plum' or Edable Art 'blackberry' or 'dark peony'

Green: Sugarflair 'spring green', 'apple green' and 'Forest Green' also Crafty colours 'Kiwi'

Yellow: Sugarflair 'lemon' or a similar colour, Crafty Colours 'Buttercup' or pale yellow

White dust colour or cornflour

Selection of dusting brushes

Box and tinfoil or parchment for dusting over

kitchen roll or tissues for taking off excess dust colours

Steamer (Beldray handheld clothes steamers you can find for £10)

1/2 glaze (50:50 dipping solution and confectioners glaze) or Glaze spray

Anthurium Cutter - my cutter is a rather basic heart shape and I can't remember where I got it from, but there are lots of nice cutters available from various sources or you could use a large heart cutter **OR** a template

Anthurium Veiner - for the flower I have used Squires Kitchen Great Impressions

Anthurium veiner 9.5cm **OR** you can vein using a dresden tool and a ball tool

Anthurium leaf Cutter - I have used a template and not a cutter but they are available

Anthurium leaf veiner - I have used a Squires kitchen Great impressions veiner **OR** I also veined the leaf using the dresden tool