

There is a brand new Bigz Die called Island Floral that has debuted in the Summer Mini Catalog and you can create some absolutely gorgeous 3-D flowers using it that would be just perfect for creating decor for a summer table, events such as bbq's and luau's, weddings and you can even use these flowers to create your very own lei's for guests to wear...



**You can find this die on pg 27 of the Summer Mini Catalog and it is exclusive and only available from Stampin' Up!**

To make these flowers you will need the Island Floral Bigz Die, your Big Shot with standard cutting plates, Cardstock in colors of your choice, your Paper Trimmer with Scoreblade or a Score Tool, a Paper Piercing Tool and some yarn, twine or string...



Using your Big Shot and Island Floral Die cut out 5 flowers and two leaves in colors of your choice - I used Rose Red and Old Olive...



Next take your paper trimmer with scoreblade inserted or using a scoring tool, score 5 lines onto each flower from the edge to the center and fold...



Cut 4 lengths of yarn, twine or string to be approximately 8" in length and tie a knot at the end of each. Thread each piece through a flower so you end up with 4 flowers threaded and one leftover...



Take the leftover flower and make the hole in the center a little larger - I simply used a pencil point to make mine larger - and thread all 4 strings through that hole...



Being gentle, pull the strings through and pull them so that they are snug - you can adjust your flower petals to display them how you wish and once you have them how you want them to be, tie the strings together and cut off the excess - try to tie the strings as tightly as you can to keep your flower shape...



Finally take your leaves and a Paper Piercing tool - grasp one of the leaves in your hand and take your paper piercing tool in the other - run the tool up the length of the leaf - this will create a curl in your leaf and make it look more realistic...



When done, adhere the leaves to the underside of the flower using Sticky Strip or Snail and there you have an absolutely beautiful flower that you can use for any occasion simply by changing the colors to suit your decor...



This Die co-ordinates beautifully with the Island Oasis Designer Series Papers, Tropical Party Stamp Set and Party Favor Boxes which makes it so easy to produce co-ordinating decor and favors for a summertime event - using the cute Polka Dot 6x6 Album you can even make up a scrapbook of your event to give to those special attendees afterwards as a keepsake...you can find all of these items on pgs 26 & 27 of the Summer Mini so be sure to check them out...

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