

To Mom with Love Tulip Bouquet

Approximately 16 inches tall

Supply List

- Glass Vase for tulips
 - White flannel
 - Green material for leaves
 - Paint – Antique White, Real blue, Canary Yellow, burgundy, vintage orange, cinnamon brown
 - Cheesecloth
 - 20 gauge wire
 - Wire cutters
 - Wire pliers
 - Green Floral Tape
 - Floral foam
 - Spanish moss
 - Card stock (for printing the tag)
 - Hot glue gun and glue sticks
 - Paint brushes
 - Toothbrush
 - Finishing spray or sealer - Matte
- Staining:** Instant coffee, vanilla extract, fragrance oil. Optional for staining: Old cookie sheet, rags, wax paper, glass jar with lid.
- White-wash painting:** Antique white paint, water, glass jar with lid.

Suggested shopping for fragrance oils –

- The Chemistry Store – <http://www.chemistrystore.com>
- From Nature With Love – <http://www.fromnaturewithlove.com>
- Save on Scents – <http://www.saveonscents.com>
- Bramble Berry – <http://www.brambleberry.com>
- To Die for Soap – <http://www.todieforsoap.com>

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To Mom with Love Tulip Bouquet and Painted Speckled Glass Vase

Each flower (with stem) approximately 16 inches tall

Read through all directions before beginning.

For illustrations of the different steps and techniques as well as the stitches visit my "Stitch 'n' Stuff" page on my website at <http://www.lilliemaescrafts.com>

Painting Glass Vase:

1. Prepare your glass vase by washing it thoroughly and removing any type of stickers, price tags, etc.
2. To prepare your glass vase for its first coat of paint, you will need to spray it completely, with a sealer or finishing spray. Whether or not this is gloss, matte, etc., really does not matter as we are going to paint right over this. The sealer/finishing spray is simply to keep the paint on the vase. You will spray your vase with a coat of this in-between each coat of paint.
3. Paint your first coat being sure to paint the bottom also; let dry thoroughly.
4. Spray a coat of sealer/finishing spray.
5. Paint a second coat.
6. In a small cup, squeeze out some Cinnamon brown paint, add a little water just to dilute the paint. Dip your toothbrush into this and, pointing the toothbrush at your vase, briskly run your thumb through the bristles of the toothbrush. This will create a "country" speckled look to your vase.
7. Finish this with a gloss sealer.
8. When it has dried, put the bottle into a cold oven and set the oven for 250 degrees. Bake for 15 minutes, turn oven off, do NOT remove vase, leave vase in oven to cool down for another 15 minutes. This will give the paint on the bottle a hard finish, resistant to heat and moisture. At this point, your vase should be dishwasher safe, however, to be on the safe side I have always washed mine by hand.

Tulips:

1. Print out tulip patterns #1 and #2 and tulip center pattern.
2. Trace tulip patterns on single layer white flannel; cut out.
3. Stack tulip #2 on top of tulip #1 and hand sew a running stitch along the bottom; pull to gather so that the edges are overlapping just slightly. Being sure the sides and the bottom are all lined up, hand stitch the bottom closed and with just a few stitches sew the two layers together where they have overlapped.
4. Attach a small piece of thread to the bottom of each tulip to hang for drying.
5. Color Wash – in glass jar with lid mix 1/4 part paint color of choice, 1/4 part antique white paint, mix 1/2 parts water. Mix thoroughly. Paint each tulip in the colors of your choice being sure to paint

all layers of each petal that might show; hang to dry. Before hanging to dry, push the petals on the side down just a bit so they are overlapping with the petal underneath them.

6. When completely dry, spray with staining mixture for a "prim" look; see recipe and directions following at the end of these instructions.

Variations: Make as many tulips as you like (picture has 4) in various colors or make them in the same color but with subtle differences, perhaps speck them with a color other than brown. A yellow tulip would also be nice; in this case perhaps you could paint your tulip centers orange.

Tulip Centers:

1. Trace the tulip center pattern 3 times on double layer cheesecloth; cut out.
2. These strips of cheesecloth will want to roll itself back together, and that is the look that we want. Mixing your yellow color wash, as above in step #5, totally immerse the tulip centers in the yellow paint and just hang them over an old wire hanger to dry.
3. Fold each in half and holding 2 of them together, wrap matching yellow embroidery thread around the base of them to hold them together. You might even take a few stitches also.
4. With matching yellow thread, sew these 2 to the center inside the tulips through the bottom.

Attaching to Stems:

1. Cut wire to 14 inches.
2. Stick one end of the wire through the bottom of a tulip. If you need to, make a small slit with your scissors to give your wire a helping hand. With wire pliers, twist the tip of the wire just a bit to keep it from sliding back out of the tulip.
3. With your hot glue gun and being very careful, place glue all around where wire has been inserted through bottom of tulip just to help give it a little more strength.
4. Wind green floral tape up the entire length of the wire; secure at top with a bit of hot glue.
5. Cut another piece of green floral tape; approximately 5 inches, and wind it up the very top of the wire, then up around the bottom of the tulip thus connecting the tulip and the stem. Again secure with a bit of glue.
6. Sew 2 more centers inside the center of the tulips hiding the wire stem as much as possible

Leaves:

1. Print out leaf pattern and trace on double material being sure to place on fold where indicated.
2. Stain with recipe and directions given at the end of these instructions.
3. Do not press these, but tie one to each stem straight out of the oven for a more "prim" appearance; tie to stem with one knot.

Vase Bow:

1. Print out vase bow pattern, trace on double layer white flannel being sure to place on fold where indicated.
2. Attach a piece of thread for hanging to dry.
3. Paint with your choice of paint and hang to dry.

4. When thoroughly dry, spray with staining solution and bake as below in staining instructions.
5. Position on vase and glue with hot glue gun.

Finishing:

1. Cut a piece of foam to fit the bottom of your vase.
2. Place some Spanish moss in the bottom of your vase, place the foam you just cut on top of this with more Spanish moss filling the vase.
3. Arrange the tulips. If you like add some greenery.
4. Print off tag on card stock. With a one-hole punch, punch out the hole and tie to one of the flowers.
5. Tie a bow to the center of the vase if desired.

Staining: Combine ¼ cup instant coffee, 2 cups hot water, ¼ cup Vanilla extract and ¼ teaspoon fragrance oil (Some of my preferred scents are cinnamon bun, sugar cookies, and vanilla) in a glass jar with lid. Shake for few minutes until thoroughly mixed. If the scent is not strong enough for your preference, add another 1/8 teaspoon of fragrance oil and continue this until the scent is to your liking. However, I would suggest only adding 1/8 teaspoon of fragrance oil each time because if you add too much and the scent is too strong for you, you will have to start over. Line an old cookie sheet with old rags and lay what you're staining here. With a sponge brush or spray bottle thoroughly coat. Bake for 10 minutes at 250 degrees. Check often as this can catch on fire. If you have to bake longer, only bake at 5 minute increments and always **KEEP** checking the oven. Store left over stain mixture in glass jar with lid for your next primitive project.

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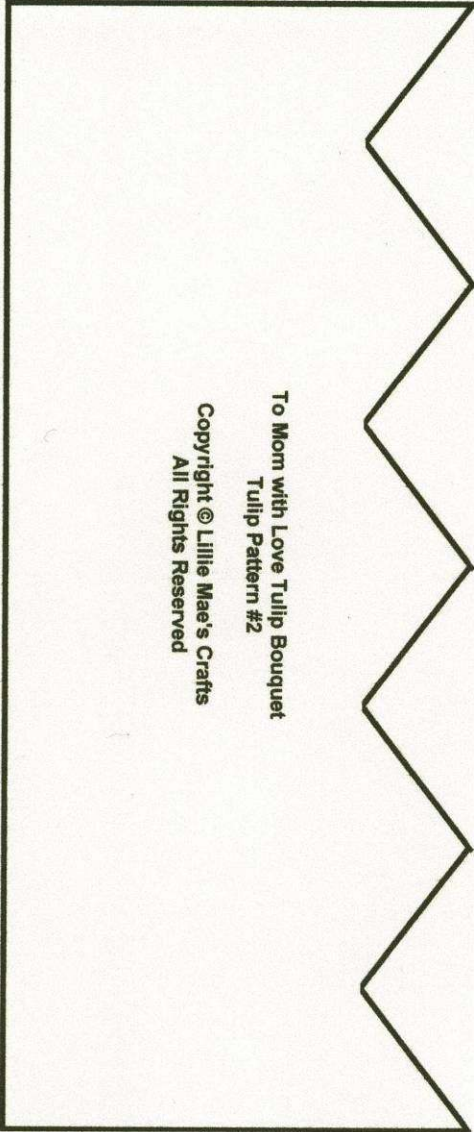
1. Flannel is fairly thick and with 2 layers; can take a long while to dry. To supplement this, and because I'm very impatient, I will usually help with the drying time by using my blow dryer on the flowers for a while.
2. Painting on glass, paint the 2 layers on the bottom of the vase first. This way you will not have to turn your vase upside down (for the paint on the bottom of the vase) to dry. Many times when I've had my glass project sitting to dry upside down, I have turned it back over only to find some paint missing which had stuck to whatever it happened to be on at the time.
3. To finish your vase, spray it with least 2 coats of a finishing or sealer spray.
4. To help with the appearance of the green floral tape at bottom of tulip; cut about a 5 inch piece of floral tape, place some strategically placed hot glue all around the bottom, place the beginning of your tape on one of these spots, hold for a second and go on to the next, then start winding down and hold with another dab of hot glue.

NOTE: When spraying the finishing spray/sealer, please make sure you are in a well-ventilated area and take all the necessary precautions given on the back of the can.

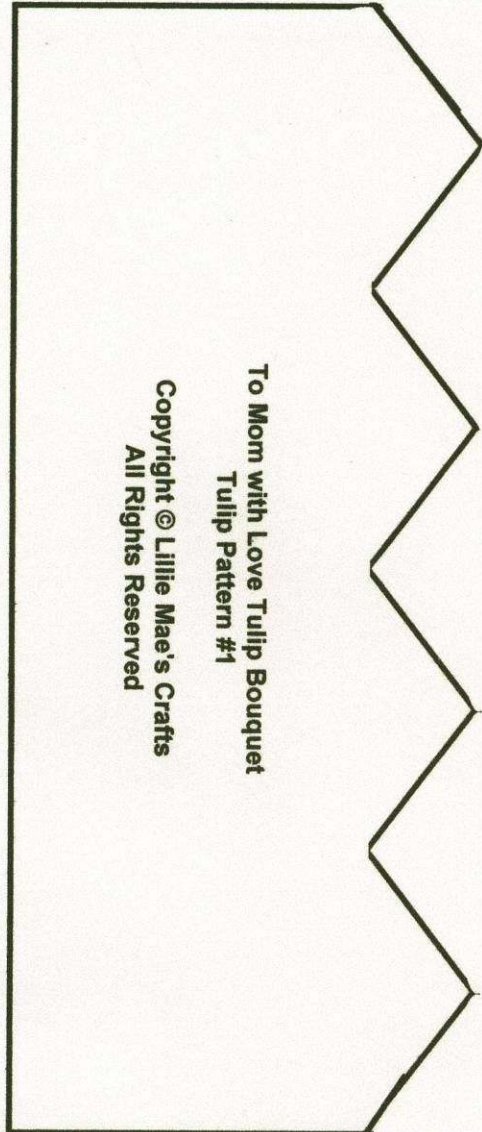
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