

# Fabulous Foliage

## Part 1

### “Leather Leaf Ferns “

Never before has there been such a easy and realistic way to create ferns. This Flower Pro Fern Mould can be used for various ferns, brackens and mimosa leaves as shown in the Flower Pro Book 1.



1. For the smallest fern frond (leaf) take a 1/4 length 28 g wire, dip into egg white and insert into a Number 4 ball of green paste, mold into a carrot shape (with the wire all the way up length of carrot.) Roll to the length of the cavity and rub cavity with a little vegetable shortening, white fat or NL E-Z release and press into the cavity using cosmetic sponge. Press back veiner of flower pro poinsettia if desired. Remove and pinch to desired shape and let dry.
  2. For medium frond repeat with Number 6 small ball of paste.
  3. For large frond repeat with Number 7 small ball of paste.
  4. For the main tip of the fern repeat but use 26 g wire and Number 8 small ball of paste.
  5. Once dry, tape the base of the fronds using 1/4 width light green floral tape adding a 22 g wire at the base of the large frond. Using half-width floral tape add fern fronds in pairs.
- Dust using Foliage Green around the edge and Dove Grey down the center and steam.
- Note : For the largest fern on the mould you would make using Number 9 small ball of paste and use with or without a 24 g wire.

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## Part 2

### “Eucalyptus “

There are many varieties of this popular foliage and is used often at weddings. My new Flower Pro Wedding Foliage Mould has three varieties of eucalyptus, including compact or spiral, silver dollar and seeded varieties. The mould also has English Boxwood, Italian Ruscus and Dusty Miller.

### “Baby Blue Compact/Spiral Eucalyptus “

1. Take No 5/6 small/6 balls of paste.

I used 3 parts blue to 1 part green plus a little grey gel.

Rub mould lightly with white vegetable fat/shortening or NL E-Z Release.

Press the ball into the mould that has been dusted with cornstarch, pressing into the mould edge with a cosmetic sponge. Create a ridge using your fingers or companion tool.

2. Dip a 1/4 length 28 g white wire into egg white and insert about half way into the leaf.

Press the Poinsettia Back Veiner onto the back by lining up the “V” shape over the middle of the wire, or use back veiner for hydrangea.

Remove from mould, soften edge slightly on the back of the leaf on your finger or pad using the shaft of the Companion Tool. Hollow front of leaf base using pointed end of the Companion Tool.

Let dry on crate foam former.

3. For the small leaves at the top, take 3x 22 g wires and tape down entire length using 1/2 width grey or white floral tape.

Take a No. 2 ball of paste, roll into a 5mm sausage, brush a little egg white on end of wire and insert about half way up the sausage. Blend the base onto the wire so it will be approx. 15 mm, cut in half using fine scissors and pinch to flatten each piece to create 2 lobes. Mark down each side using needle tool end of Companion Tool.

Make a small leaf in the mould, but without a wire in it. Remove and trim to form 2 wings like “butterfly wings,” and brush with a little egg white.

Below top leaves, mould around the base to create 2 small leaves.

Let all components dry.



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4. Tape the base of the leaves approx. 2.5 cm/1cm using 1/4 width grey or white floral tape.

Start taping the small leaves, alternating then. The medium and large leaves are taped in pairs.

5. Dust with some blue with a little Pearl Dust, a little Eucalyptus around the edge and a little Pale Chocolate at the base of the leaves. Steam to set colors.

Note: If using white floral tape, dust grey.

## **Part 3**

### **“Blossom Cutter Leaves “**

This unique way of making leaves from a blossom cutter is great for so many leaves and a variety of different flowers like the sweet pea, periwinkle, fuchsia, dogwood, gardenia, honeysuckle, etc., or used on their own and can be made in various colors or even variegated varieties.



### **Leaves:**

1. Roll out green paste No 3 on pasta machine and cut out with S (70 mm), M (90 mm) and L (110mm) with the NL Flower Pro Cutters. Recut on overlap to make a “daisy shape,” and cut in towards the center to create S, M and L leaves.

2. Dip 28 g wire in to egg white (L 26 g) and insert into wider end of the leaf halfway into the leaf and mould at the base. Place into Multi-Flap and once all the leaves are completed, thin around the edge using a large 1 inch/25mm ball tool.

Rub right hand side of Flower Pro Multi-Leaf Veiner with a little vegetable shortening/fat and position the leaf so the wire is in the channel. Bring left hand side over and press around the edge.

3. Remove from veiner and soften back of leaf with the shaft of Companion Tool. Turn over to front side and hollow base of leaf around Companion Tool and punch like a “taco shell.” Place into crate (convoluted) foam former to dry.

4. Once dry, tape down stems 1”/2.5 cm using half width brown floral tape or color of choice. Assemble onto 22 g wire. Dust all over with Apple Green and add stripe using Foliage Green down the center and around the edge. Steam to set color and brush with leaf glaze or spray with edible spray lacquer.

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## Part 4

### “Free-Hand Leaves”

These oh so useful leaves are perfect for so many flowers like wisteria and jasmine and are perfect used on their own too! The leaves can be made in size no 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 and grouped in odd-number combinations.

### “LEAVES”

1. No. 5 ball of green gumpaste, brush egg white 3/4” (20mm) on the end of a 28g green wire and slide ball onto wire. Mold into a carrot shape 3/4” (20mm) long. Flatten between thumb and finger and place on green (hard) side of the NL Mini Pad and roll down the length of the leaf with NL Green Stick or NL Black Medium Pin.

2. Vein on NL Flower Pro Multi-Leaf Veiner, rub lightly with vegetable shortening (white fat) or NL E-Z Release onto the right hand side of the veiner. Lay the leaf on the tip of the veiner with the wire in the center groove. Bring the left hand side of the veiner over and press firmly around the edge. Remove and hollow base of leaf

around the needle tip end of Companion Tool. Pinch into a slight "V" shape and bend wire to a curve, if desired. Let dry.

3. Assemble by taping the base of each leaf 1/2” (12mm) using quarter-width Light Green Floral Tape adding a 22g wire as you add the last two leaves. Change out to half width light green tape.

Dust Moss Green down around edge. Steam then spray with Edible Lacquer.



center of leaves, and brush with NL Leaf Glaze or



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***Ferns:***

NLSG1	Size Guide
NLC006	Flower Pro Ferns Mold
NLC0010	Flower Pro Book Vol. 1
MFP04	Pearlescent Spring Green Paint
TP105	Tylose Powder
W28G	Floral Wire 28g Green
HT-126	Wire Cutters
NL75	Magnet Square
NL108	Flower Pro Mini Mat-Round/Green
NL88	NL Mini Mat (Square Mat)
NL130 Egg	White Container Set
NL84	NL E-Z Release
CSP004	Cosmetic Sponge-Set of 3
FMM262	Dresden Tool
NLC011	F.P. Poinsettia Mold & Veiner
FOAM FORMER	Convuluted Foam-Single
FOAM FORMER2	Convuluted Foam-2 piece
NL1301	Cornstarch Pouch - Set of 2
1325	Blue Icing Spreader
NL0122	NL Floral Tape Cutter
FT7132	Lt. Green Floral Tape
W22G	22g Green Floral Wire
W22W	22g White Floral Wire
28717	Metal Tweezers
28713	Fine Metal Tweezers
NLP511	Foliage Green Dusting Powder
NLP030	Dove Grey Dusting Powder
NL81505B	Rainbow Brushes-Set of 5

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***Eucalyptus:***

NLC026	Flower Pro Wedding Foliage Mold
PRO01	Rainbow Dust Grey Gel Color
NLC0002	Companion Tool - “Nick Stick”
W28W	28g White Floral Wire
NLC020	Flower Pro Hydrangea Back Mold
NLC0015	Flower Pro Flexi-Scraper
NL1150B	NL Mini Pad with Companion Tool
W22G	22g Green Floral Wire
W22W	22g White Floral Wire
FT7142	Grey Floral Tape
Ft7134	White Floral Tape
T111	Spring-Action Scissors
NLP030	Dove Grey Dusting Powder
NLP01010	Super Pearl Dusting Powder
NLP526	Eucalyptus Dusting Powder
NLP307	Chocolate Dusting Powder

***Blossom Cutter Leaves:***

CUT001	Blossom Cutters-Set of 3 Sizes
NL0127	NL Multi Flap
W28G	28g Green Floral Wire
W28W	28g White Floral Wire
4214	XL/XXL Ball Tool
NLC008	Flower Pro Multi Leaf Veiner
FMM260	Ball Tool
W26W	26g White Floral Wire
W22W	22g White Floral Wire
W22G	22g Green Floral Wire
FT7136	Brown Floral Tape
NLP507	Apple Green Dusting Powder
NLP511	Foliage Green Dusting Powder
PME700	Spray Lacquer 100ml/3.38 oz.
NL788210L	NL Leaf Glaze

***Free Hand Leaves:***

NL1200	Small & Large Sticks-Set of 2
NL0121	Medium Pin
NLP528	Moss Green Dusting Powder