

Large Gumpaste Rose

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE



PETAL LAYERS:

(USE THE THREE LARGEST SIZES OF YOUR PETAL CUTTERS)

- BUD: 1 petal - largest petal cutter (place it high up on the styrofoam ball)
- FIRST ROW: 3 petals - smallest petal cutter (of the three) (the top of the petals should be slightly higher than the bud)
- SECOND ROW: 3 petals - middle sized petal cutter (the top of the petals should be slightly higher than the first row)
- THIRD ROW: 5 petals - largest petal cutter (about the same height as the previous row)
- FOURTH ROW: 7 petals - largest petal cutter (a bit lower than the previous row)

TIPS:

- Use only gumpaste, not fondant
- Roll out the gumpaste very thin (about a 4-5 on a pasta roller)
- Only cut out the petals you are about to use. Keep unused gumpaste covered in a sealed ziplock bag to keep it from drying out.
- Let your completed rose dry at least overnight before dusting.
- Once dusted, keep in a cool, dry place and out of sunlight. (Sunlight will fade the color.)

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Wrap three 18 gauge wires together with floral tape and hot glue into a one inch styrofoam ball. Let set up.
- Add the petals in the sizes and quantities stated above in the 'petal layer' section.
- For the bud, attach the petal very high up on the styrofoam ball with a bit of water. Make sure to curl it around to shape it into a cone. This part may take a bit of practice and fidgeting.
- Continue on adding your petals. When you cut them out, make sure to thin the edges with a ball tool or the end of your small fondant roller. You can also use a veining mat to add petal veins. Don't forget to curl the edges back a bit with a toothpick. The curled edges will face outward when attached to the rose.
- For the last two rows, make sure to shape and dry them on spoons for about 15-20 minutes before adding them to the rose.
- To dry, you can hang the rose upside down by bending the wire and looping it over a drying rack. This will give your rose a more closed look. You can also push the wire through a bit of foam and sit it on top of a glass. Be sure to add some foam or paper towel around the petals to keep them from falling down. This method will give your rose a more open look.