# Elizabeth Anne Designs

## **Fabric Flower Bouquet**

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If you love flowers but don't love having to throw them out after your big day, a fabric flower bouquet is just the right thing!



# Supplies needed:

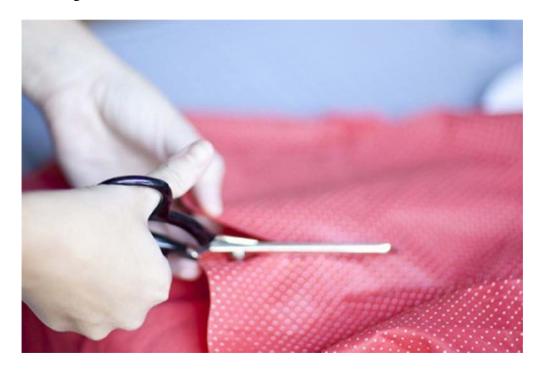
- assortment of fabric (choose fabrics with a variety of different textures, for these we used silk, cotton, and linen. You can also use fabric remnants or scraps to add a vintage or sentimental feel)
- hot glue gun
- glue sticks
- fabric scissors
- cardstock
- fabric marker
- buttons
- felt flowers
- ½ yard length of 2" thick ribbon
- floral cloth wire
- felt circles
- hand sewing needle
- all-purpose sewing thread

### Make Fabric Yo-Yo Flowers

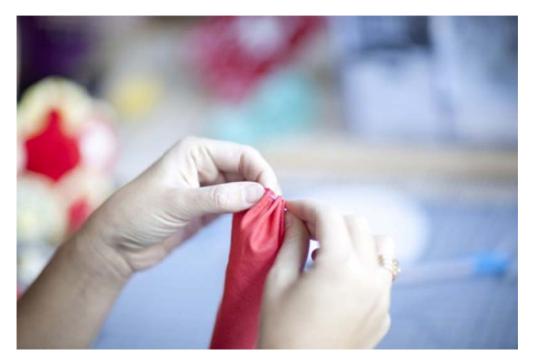
1) Cut 6", 5", and 4" diameter circle templates out of cardstock. Trace an assortment of circles onto fabrics.



2) Cut out all circles using fabric scissors.



3) Thread your needle with the all-purpose sewing thread, knotting it at one end. begin to sew around the edge of the circle. As you stitch, begin pulling the thread, you will notice the fabric beginning to come together into lovely folds. Once the fabric ruffles enough that it begins to make a flower, knot your thread on the back (flat) side.





4) Continue making yo-yo flowers until you have a variety of sizes and colors to choose from. Stitch beads to the center of each or glue buttons or pre-made felt flowers to the centers. You can also layer different sizes on top of one another.



# Construct the Bouquet

1) Bend the floral cloth wire in half and then bend the ends to create a flat surface for the flowers.



2) Add hot glue to the back of the flower and attach the "stem" to it.

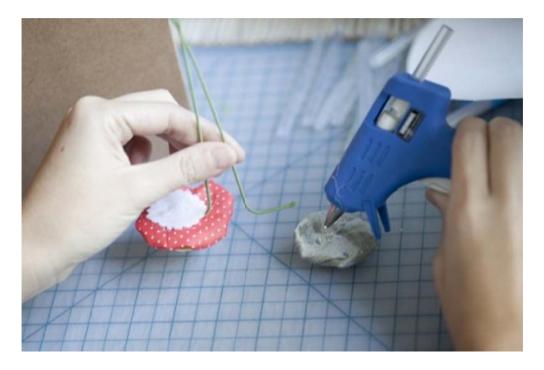




3) Cover the stem with a piece of pre-cut felt and glue down the edges. This will give the flowers a more finished look.



4) Do the same with the other stem. Repeat steps 1-3 until you have the desired amount of stemmed flowers.



5) Begin to bunch all the stems together. Start wrapping some of the stems around the bundle to secure it in place. This will also shorten the stem so you can start to play with different stem heights.



6) When you are happy with the size of your bouquet, tie the ribbon around the bundle for a finished look and enjoy!

