



### What you need!

- Hydrangea cutters
- Small amount of royal icing
- Flower formers
- Small brush
- Kitchen roll
- Stay-fresh mat
- JEM frilling tool & PME ball tool
- Florist paste
- Paste colours
- Dusting powders

### Introduction

Hydrangea blossoms always look so exquisite because of their delicate nature and wonderful colours. We have used three colours – pink, lilac and ruby but you can develop your own shades to match your colour theme.

#### Pink

To make the blossoms, colour white petal paste with Sugarflair claret and dusky pink paste colouring. To dust the blossoms use Sugarflair Blossom Tint Dusting Colours, dusky pink mixed together with a little burgundy.

#### Lilac

To make the blossoms, colour white petal paste with Sugarflair dusky pink and a little baby blue paste colouring. To dust the blossoms use Sugarflair Blossom Tint Dusting Colours, dusky pink mixed together with a little burgundy (same as for pink).

#### Ruby

To make the blossoms, use Beau Florist Paste in burgundy. To dust the blossoms use Sugarflair Blossom Tint Dusting Colours, burgundy mixed together with a little dusky pink.

**Handy hint -** *Dust your hands in a little cornflour to prevent the flowerpaste becoming sticky.*

*To prevent streaking of colour when dusting petals, have a piece of kitchen paper handy and after taking up the dusting colour onto your brush, gently brush the kitchen paper before the petal. You can add more colour to your petals but not take it off!*

### Step 1

Roll out the florist paste very thinly and cut out one blossom using the hydrangea cutter. If you have a stay fresh mat you can cut out a larger quantity and leave them under the mat to work on as required – this saves quite a lot of time and effort!

Knead the remainder of the paste back into a ball and store in an airtight bag or container for later use. *(Photographic examples below)*

### Step 2

Place the blossom in your hand and using the Jem frilling tool, roll it carefully across each petal. This will gently vein the petals.

### Step 3

Take a ball tool and press it into the centre of the blossom so that it cups slightly around the tool.

### Step 4

Place the blossom in a flower former to set in shape overnight.

### Step 5

To bring the blossoms to life, brush the centre of each blossom and the petal edges with dusting colour (see above).

### Step 6

Finally, pipe a small dot of royal icing into the centre of each blossom and arrange the flowers onto your cake or cupcakes securing them in place with a little royal icing.

