

Scorpion Fern

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## **Equipment**

- Non stick board
- Rolling pin
- Gum glue
- Petal pad
- Small ball tool
- 26 g wire
- Dresden Tool
- Gumpaste/Flower paste
- Cornflour/starch for dusting

## **Directions**

1. Roll out gumpaste on non-stick board, rolling moderately thin.
2. Cut out shapes and place under cover to prevent drying out.
3. Trim off one side of leaf to start the 1st leaf on top of stem. Using ball tool on petal pad draw it from the base of leaf outwards, stretching and thinning the paste, widen stem of fern, by using ball tool as well.
4. With Dresden tool draw a central vein in fern leaf.
5. Moisten stem with a small amount of glue, gently wrap on to wire which has been taped with florist tape, rolling the stem between your fingers to make it nice and even.
6. Wire stem must be bent into shape BEFORE you add any more leaves, as it isn't possible to bend the stem when fern is completed.
7. Repeat with the remaining cut out leaves.
8. I pinch the upper leaves more closed, and as I work down the stem you can open them up more, to a fully open look, even curl some edges back if desired, but this will make the fern even more fragile, once it has dried.
9. Make the stems in various sizes and add to your arrangements.
10. Colors can be varied from White, Ivory, Green, through to Black, Silver and Gold for luxurious looks.
11. Color as desired, steam to set colors and dip in  $\frac{1}{4}$  or  $\frac{1}{2}$  strength glaze.



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