



Button Bloom

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Materials

102 4mm black round glass beads (G)
62 8mm fire-polished capri blue beads (F)
6 20x7mm black glass bicone 20mm x 7mm (B)
1 clasp set
4 crimps
4 bead tips
4 4mm jump rings
1m tiger tail
23mm button and tool
Piece of oriental fabric
Piece of black vinyl
Piece of blue vinyl

Tools

Sizzix Big Shot machine
Sizzix Bigz Die - Tattered Florals
Button Making Kit (www.sunsetdesigns.com.au)
Flat-nose pliers (two pairs)
Round-nose pliers

Step 1

Find a 23mm round section of your fabric that you would like to feature on the front side of your button – cut out a 40mm circle from this area of your fabric, using the cardboard template included in the button-making kit.

Place the fabric circle right-side down into the button tool. Push the rounded front of the button into the tool, so that the fabric is now tight around the button edge. Tuck the excess fabric into the back of the button. Place the shank back onto the button and, using the cap tool, push the two parts of the button together until tight. Then remove your completed fabric-covered button.

Step 2

Place a piece of black vinyl over the Tattered Florals cutting die. Now place the clear cutting boards either side of this and then place into the Sizzix Big Shot machine. Using the handle, roll this through the machine. Remove and the place flowers to the side. Repeat using the blue vinyl.

Take the large black flower and fold in half and then in half again. Make a small snip across the folded corner – this will create a small hole at the centre of your flower shape. Repeat with the medium black flower and the pointed blue flower. Now, place the shank of the covered button through these holes – from smallest to large flower, using the project photo and Photo 1 as a guide.



Step 3

Cut the tiger tail in half. Take one 50cm length and thread on one charlotte end and one crimp, squeezing the crimp closed at the very end of the tiger tail. Then close the charlotte end over the crimp.

Thread on the following beads: one G, one F, repeat G/F pairing three times, one G, one B, one G, one F, repeat G/F pairing five times, nine G beads, thread your tiger tail through the shank of the button, nine G beads, one F, one G, repeat F/G pairing three times, one B, one G, one F, one G, repeat F/G pairing six times, one B, one G, one F, one G, repeat F/G pairing nine times, thread on one charlotte end and one crimp. With the beads sitting snugly together – with enough room to drape – squeeze the crimp closed inside the open charlotte end. Trim any excess tiger tail and close the charlotte end over the crimp.

Take the other length of tiger tail and add a charlotte end and crimp, as you did for the first strand. Then thread on the following sequence: one G, one F, repeat this G/F pairing six times, one G, one B, one G, one F, repeat this G/F pairing twice, eight G, take the tiger tail through the button shank and thread on another eight G beads, one F, one G, repeat F/G pairing twice, one B, one G, one F, one G, repeat G/F pairing five times, one B, one G, one F, one G, repeat F/G pairing 12 times, thread on one charlotte end and crimp and finish as you did for the first strand. Use a jump ring at the end of each strand to attach your clasp pieces – attaching one end of each strand to each half of your clasp.

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