

Freestyle Topiary

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This festive little tree can be altered to suit any occasion. This springtime version would make a great table decoration to celebrate the wonders of Spring. The Purple Cows Freestyle cutter makes it an easy and fast project, so you can make it in no time flat.

Supplies:

- Purple Cows Freestyle Cutter
- 2 Sheets of Fabric or patterned Paper (12" x 12")
- High Tack glue
- Small straight pins
- Foam Topiary form



1. Cut the patterned papers into 3" x 12" strips. Take one strip and fold in half lengthwise, with the patterned side facing together.
2. Using the Freestyle cutter. Shred the folded edge. Leave about a 1/2" of the strip uncut. Be sure to cut all the way through both layers. We used the straight blade for the green rows and the wave blade for the pink rows to add more texture.
3. Unfold the strip. Add a small bit of adhesive along the bottom of one uncut edge. Do this on the wrong side of the paper. Now fold over so that the wrong sides of the paper are now together. This will create a strip of loops.
4. Using the pins as an aid, glue the strip around the bottom of the form. Repeat with additional layers. Be sure to overlap the layers as you fill the tree. Fluff the loops as needed. Decorate to your tastes.