

Patchwork Cutters

Make a Flower Baby



You Will Need.....

plant pots

cup cake cases

green sugarpaste (for tops of pots and piping)

chocolate and rice crispies (or cup cakes)

flesh coloured flower paste

flower paste in your chosen dress colour

white flower paste *i*

flower paste in your chosen flower colour

green flower paste (leaves)

yellow flower paste (for centres)

vegetable shortening

Isopropyl alcohol *i*

fairy head mould *i*

fantasy flower set *i*

dust colours: pink, white, brown, lime green.

paint brushes numbers: 3, 6, 0000.

ruler

small scissors

Jem frilling stick *i*

circle cutter (to fit the top of the cup cake)

cocktail sticks

small pot of water

paint palette

palette knife

small piping bag



The Pot



1. Line a flower pot with a cup cake case



2. Mix melted chocolate with rice crispies and fill the pot

3. Cut a circle of green sugarpaste and place onto the crispies, leave to set. Alternatively, place a baked cupcake into the pot, spread with jam and attach the green sugarpaste top



The Head



1. Roll a small piece of flower paste into a ball measuring 1.5 cm across.

Moisten the end of a cocktail stick with water. Insert the stick into the ball and leave to dry overnight



2. Rub a little vegetable shortening such as Trex or Crisco into the largest head mould.



3. Roll flesh coloured paste into a ball measuring 2.5 cm across. Place the ball smoothest side down into the mould.





4. Dampen the small dried ball with water (not too wet) and place it onto the large flesh coloured ball of paste.

5. Press firmly onto the dried ball pushing it into the large ball of paste, do not press over the neck area. Gather the paste around the small ball of paste





6. Holding the stick lift the head from the mould and press around the neck to bring it into a neat shape

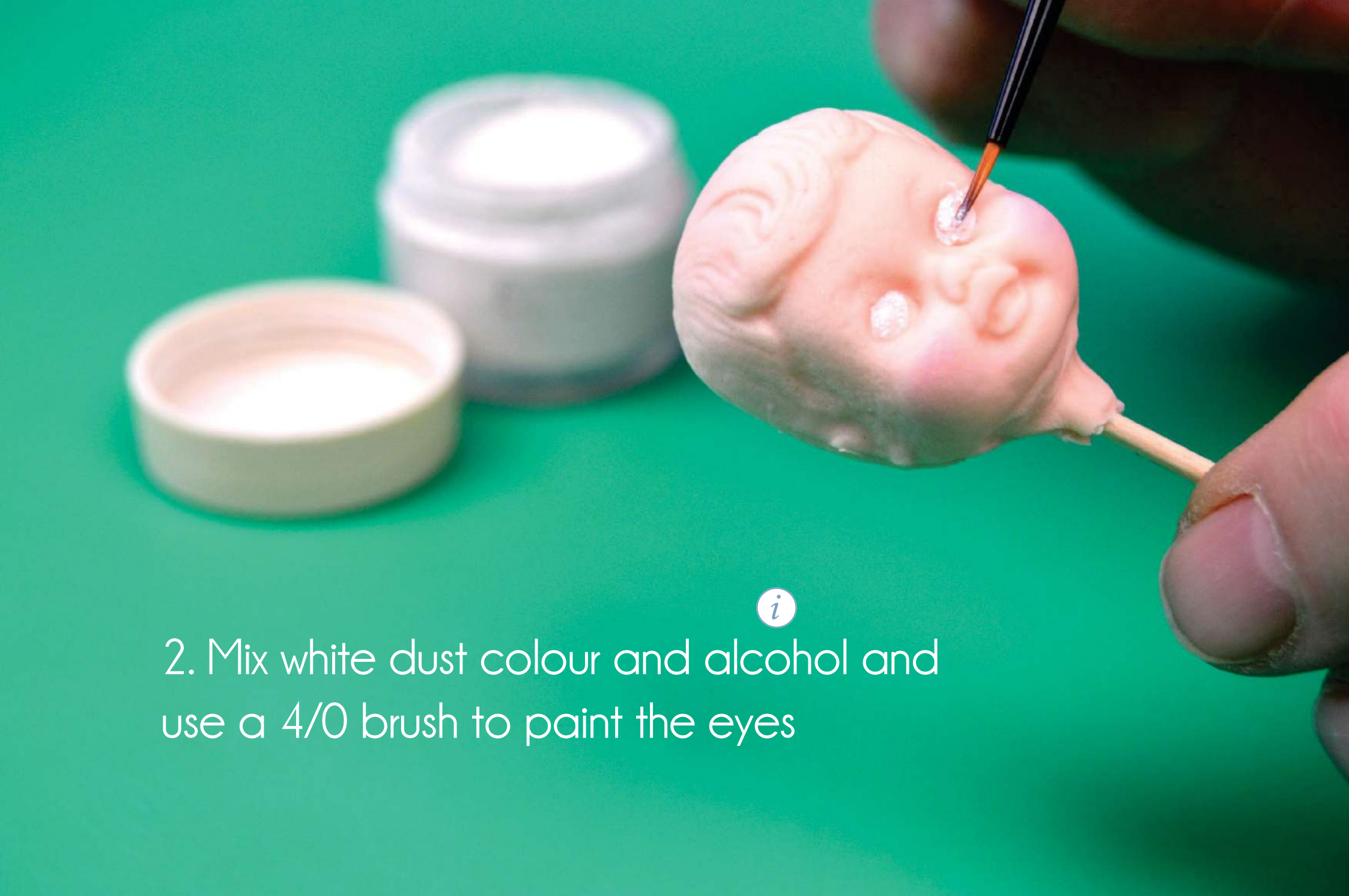


7. Viewing the head from the side and using a small pair of scissors trim the back of the head into a neat round shape. Leave to dry

Painting the Face



1. Brush a little pink dust colour onto the cheeks



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2. Mix white dust colour and alcohol and use a 4/0 brush to paint the eyes



3. Mix brown dust colour and alcohol and paint the pupil onto the eye

4. Paint a tiny white highlight onto the brown pupil. Mix alcohol and pink colour and paint only the lower lip to create a gentle smile





5. Mix brown dust colour and alcohol and using a number 3 brush paint the hair using the embossed hair line as a guide

The Flowers



1. Rub a little shortening onto a non stick board. Roll out blue flower paste (do not lift the paste when rolling) and grease the flower cutter

2. Place the cutter onto the paste and press firmly, remove the cutter re-grease and cut another flower.
Remove the surplus paste



3. Widen the petals of each flower with a frilling stick by rolling the stick across the paste



4. Turn one of the flowers over and moisten with water. Lift and place onto the head





5. Repeat with the second flower, place this flower slightly behind the first bringing it lower down at the neck

Curl the petals back around the face add extra petals if necessary

Attach a small cone of green paste onto the back of the hat to make a 'stalk'



6. Cut three more flowers and widen the petals as for the hat.
Place the flowers into a paint palette to dry



7. When dry mix white with lime green dust colour and alcohol and paint lines onto the centre of each petal

8. Press three small balls of yellow paste into a sieve to form stamens.





9. Moisten and place into the centre of the flowers

10. On a lightly greased board roll out white flower paste cut 3 daisies and place them into a palette.

Dust the centre with lime green.

Make centres the same as for the large flower but use a smaller piece of paste. Leave to dry.



Flower Pots

1. On a lightly greased non-stick board roll out green flower paste, grease the leaf cutter place onto the paste and press firmly. Remove the cutter, re-grease and return it to the paste and cut four more leaves



2. Moisten the green icing on the flower pot with water and arrange the still soft leaves around the edge



Putting it all Together



1. Soften a small piece of green sugarpaste with water, paddle with a knife and keep adding water until the consistency is similar to thick cream. Place into a piping bag and keep to one side.

2. Roll a piece of the blue flower paste into a ball 2cm across, moisten with water and attach it onto the centre of the cake to form the top part of the body





3. Insert the cocktail stick into the body so the head rests neatly on top



4. For the sleeves roll two pieces of blue flower paste into 1.5cm balls. Press a ball tool into the side of the paste and cover with cling film until needed.



1. Roll a piece of flesh coloured paste into a ball 1.3cm across and then roll into a sausage shape 3cm long

6. Between both forefingers roll the paste to form a wrist (a) don't make the hand too big. Move half way along and roll again to form an elbow (b)

(a)



(b)





7. Flatten the hand (c) and using small scissors make a cut half way along the hand at an angle (d).

Make a second cut and remove the section to make the thumb (e)

(f)



(g)



(h)



8. Make three equally spaced cuts into the hand to form four fingers (f). Press the palm of the hand with the handle of a small end of a bone tool or paintbrush handle and curl the fingers into position (g). Make a second hand cutting the thumb on the opposite side (h)

9. Moisten a sleeve with water and insert the arm



10. Attach onto the figure using water for sticking, if the hand is to be placed onto the face then moisten with water and place into position holding it until it has attached





11. If the hand is to rest on a flower, attach one of the dried flowers using the green softened sugarpaste made earlier and position the hands onto the flower

12. Use the softened green paste in the piping bag to attach the dried large flowers onto the cake with the smaller daisies in between.



Ideas

Mix the flower colours to create a colourful centrepiece

Use Christmas roses and holly for winter babies or daffodils for spring

Attach names onto the pots for party guests or place settings

