

Weekend in Norfolk 2020

## **Karen Rossi Workshop: Upcycled Metal Flowers**

Sunday, August 2, at 2:00 p.m.

### **Suggested Materials**

Collect aluminum soda cans, wash thoroughly. Arizona ice tea cans are recommended (tall, soft, colorful). I have also been using Pellegrino cans. Other beverage cans may work fine, also. They are untested by me, but there are many fine options out there. Scissors, a long pair and a short pair are helpful.

Drill with 1/4-inch bit and a piece of wood to drill into (so you don't go through to your kitchen table)

8-32 machine screws with matching nuts. Coarse thread is fine. Another size will work, but make sure you have the corresponding drill bit.

Safety glasses

Garden gloves

Wire hangars

24 or similar gauge wire if flowers need to hang on wall, or for decorative purposes.

Needle nose pliers

Tools: I like to use my 1/4-inch hole punch but I often use a 1/4-inch drill bit in a drill. Always be sure to use gloves or pliers with safety glasses when using power tools. For tools I don't use too often, I purchase them at Harbor Freight. You can always look online or go to your local hardware store. Home Depot can be frustrating but, if you know what you're looking for, it's a good place to go.

Connecting multiple layers: The easiest way is with nuts and bolts. If I'm using 1/4-inch bolts I'll often use a slightly larger drill bit (the next size up) for the hole. If there are any "hangnails," then I don't have to fuss with the drill and the bolt will fit easily.

Glue: E 6000 is good or you can use a two-part Epoxy. Both work best when adhering services are slightly roughed up with a file or sandpaper. Make sure to use them in a well ventilated area or outdoors. You should let the E 6000 set for a good 24 hours.

Coloring: Nail polish, fabric paint, spray paint, oil base paint pens and sharpies all work well on the metal. Acrylic paints would work if you first put a primer on the metal such as Rustoleum paint primer. You can seal the colors with a clear Rustoleum (I like the clear gloss). Modge Podge will also do the job. Sealing is not required but beneficial if the pieces are headed outdoors.

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