HP Create: Paper Cosmo Flower Hair Clip

A long time ago… way before The Paper Mama blog, I made and sold a bunch of paper things. One of the items I used to sell was a paper flower hair clip. Now, you may be thinking that a paper hair clip would never last, but you'd be surprised. I had a yellow paper flower hair clip I wore for 2 years non-stop. I even wore it daily on our honeymoon in Greece. It really lasts. You can also spray a bit of acrylic sealer spray on the flower for some extra protection. Interested? Let's make some flowers! I've provided some printouts so you can make your own Cosmo flower hair clip.

Supplies:

- **Paper Cosmo Flower print out (Pink front/back, Pale Pink front/back, Blue front/back, White front/back, & Yellow front/back)**
- **Hair clip**
- **Hot glue gun and sticks**
- **Scissors**
- **Hole punch**
- **HP Officejet Pro 8600 AiO Printer + Original HP Ink**
- ***Optional: clear acrylic sealer spray***

Directions:

Step 1
Print and cut out all the shapes in the Paper Cosmo Flower print out (find download links in the supplies list). I've provided a front and back for each color. Just click the "two-sided" option when printing. Cut out the flower petal shapes and organize them in piles of Large, Medium, and Small.
Tip #1: You may not need all of the petals, but cut them all out anyway. It all depends on how you glue them together.

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Step 2
Heat up your hot glue gun. You will need 4 - 5 of each "petal" size. It all depends on how you glue them to each other. Put a dot of glue in the center of each petal and place a flower on the glue spot. Rotate each petal a little bit for each glue spot.

Tip #2: If these directions are a bit confusing, check out the video at the bottom of the post to see the whole process.

Step 3
Use your hole punch to cut out a bunch of mini circles for the flowers center.

Step 4
Dot a teeny bit of hot glue in the center of the flower. Very carefully place the mini circles on the glue. Repeat until you're happy with the amount of circles you've glued down.

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Step 5
Flip your flower over and use the hot glue to the flat side of the metal hair clip.

Tip #3: Pinch the hair clip open while the glue cools down, so the hair clip doesn't glue closed together.

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Step 6
Gently fold your petals toward the front of the flower (toward the hole punch flower center). ***Tip #4: Do not crease the petals as you fold. You're just adding a little volume to the hair clip to make the flower look more like a real Cosmo flower!***

Step 7
Optional: **if you live in a rainy area, spray a couple of coats of clear acrylic sealer spray on the flower (spray in a well-ventilated space with a mask and goggles). Let dry completely (about 24 hours).**

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You're done. Place this hair clip in your hair (or your kiddo's) and enjoy. Another neat idea for the flower: use as a gift bow! The gift recipient can take use the "bow" off and use as a hair clip after the present is opened! Double present!

Check out the video on the HP Create website for the whole process here!

- Chelsey, The Paper Mama

P.S. I would really love to see if you make this for yourself! Do you put it on a gift, in your hair, or do you have a different idea? You're welcome to share it in our Idea Exchange!