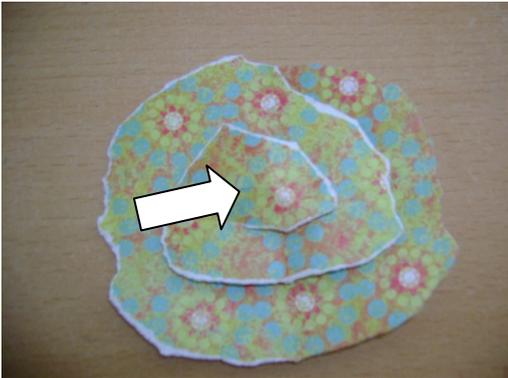


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- Making Tatty Roses



Tear a circle free hand from some scrap of card or paper - the shabbier the better. If you tear toward yourself you will have the paper core visible. (You can do this with Core'dinations card - which makes lovely shabby roses: Roughly tear the circle, scrunch the card up tightly, flatten & sand to distress then proceed to the next step).



Roughly tear the paper or card into a spiral. It needs to resemble a coiled up snake - see what I mean? You actually need the 'head' part I am pointing to, as that is what holds it all together.



Begin to roll the spiral, you don't need it tight, so don't strain your fingers trying. Try to keep the inner edge of the coil level (where the arrow is indicating).



Stop when you have coiled up to the snakes head & allow it to 'rest' on your workspace while you get the glue ready.



Now if you look closely you will see that it is almost there!



Okay, so tip it upside down on your work surface & gently tease the 'snakes head' back a little so you can see inside.



I have always used tacky glue to construct my roses, but that is just my preference - you use whatever you are happy with. Just 'squidge' some inside, like I have done in the photo.



Now this is part of where the 'snakes head' come into play, cause you are going to close it up over the hole where the glue is & turn your creation right way up onto your work surface. While the glue is drying you can gently tighten or loosen the coil - whatever suits you. But then allow the glue to dry properly before you begin shaping the petals - or it will fall apart.

I use my tweezers, kind of the sideways, to gently curl the edge of the petals - but do remember it is a TATTY ROSE so you are not looking for perfection here!

You can easily make nice neat one using a circular die or punch, & then cutting the coil with scissors? Personally I have invested in some dies that cut out the spiral for me - though I still do them by hand more often than not!