

## Cerulean Mazzarine Tutorial

### Flowers

**Step 1:** Paint a piece of cloth brilliant blue – this has the advantage of stiffening the fabric. (Remember you need to paint both sides!)

**Step 2:** Cut out the flower shapes and paint the darker blue ending to the petals.

That darker blue down the centre will help when you come to disguising the wires that support the flower head.



I also did the darker blue in the middle on the underside of the flower too.

**Step 3:** Make a hole in the flower head just beneath the 'antennae'. This is where you are going to push through the main garden wire support and the thinner wire that support the shape of the flower.

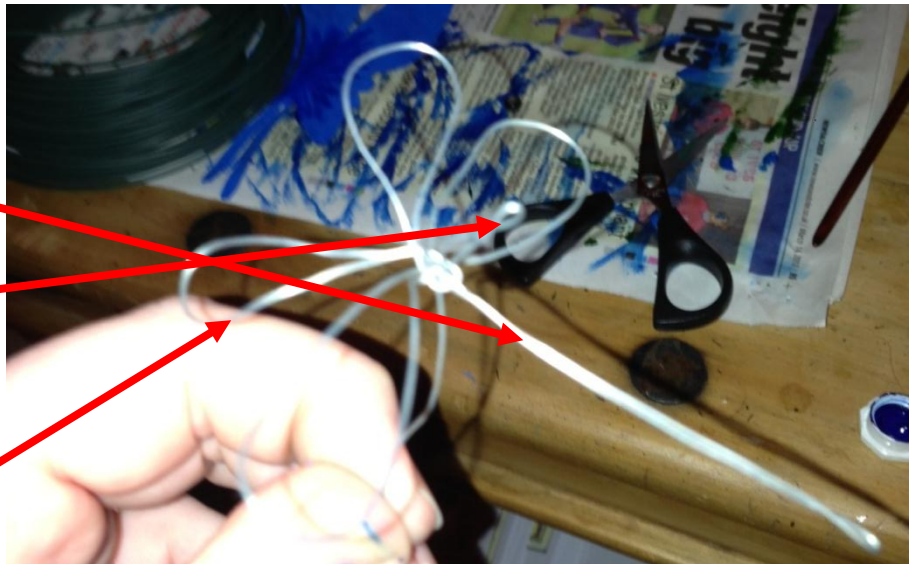
**Step 4:** Making the stem.

First take a length of garden wire, like this –

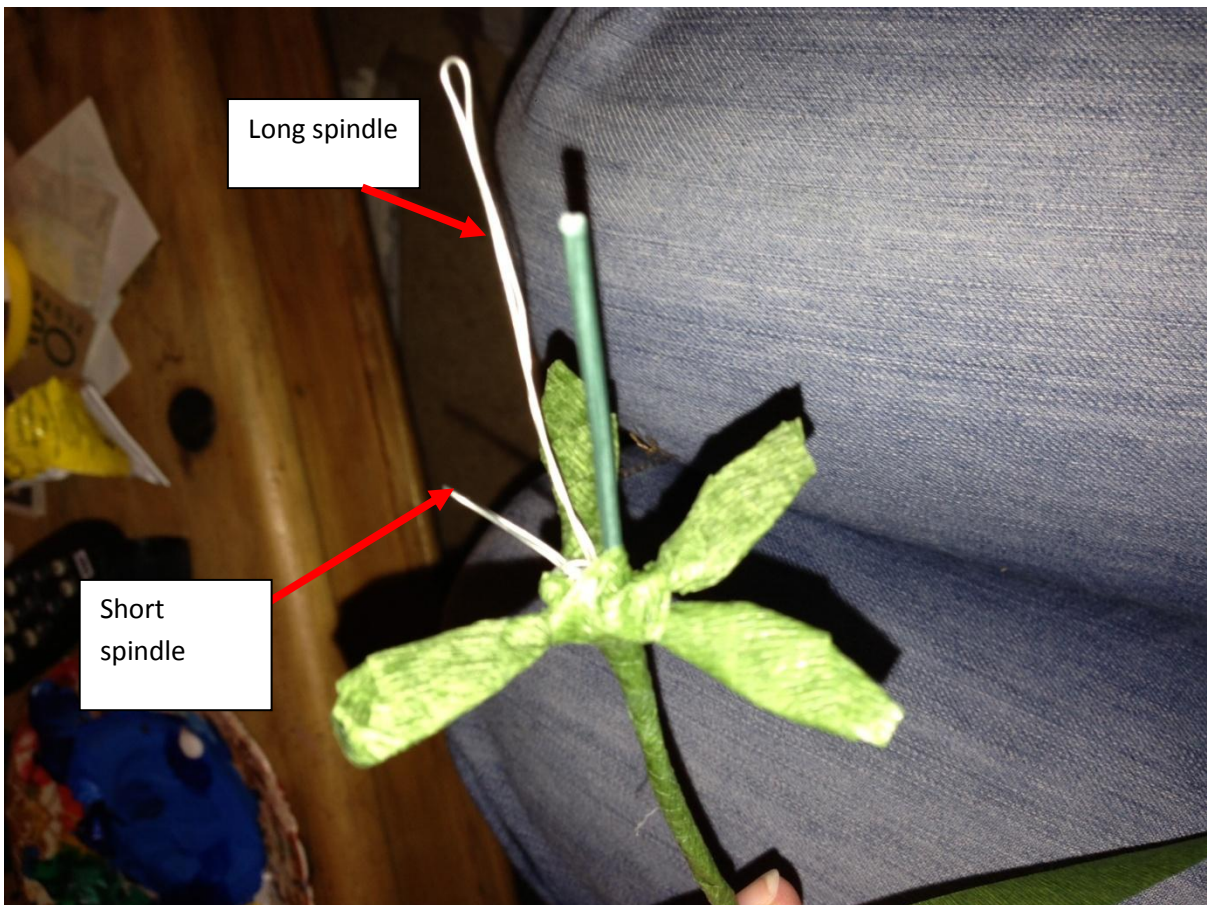


Then create a cradle of thinner wire like this:

There needs to be a long spindle that will run down the centre of the flower to hold it in place. A shorter spindle to come from behind the flow and between the antennae to help the shaping. And finally 4 'leaves' made from hoops of wire that will support the petals from underneath the flower head.



Cover the cradle in florists tape (or other tape that you can paint green) and attach to the garden wire using the same tape – cover the wire in the green tape EXCEPT for your spindles

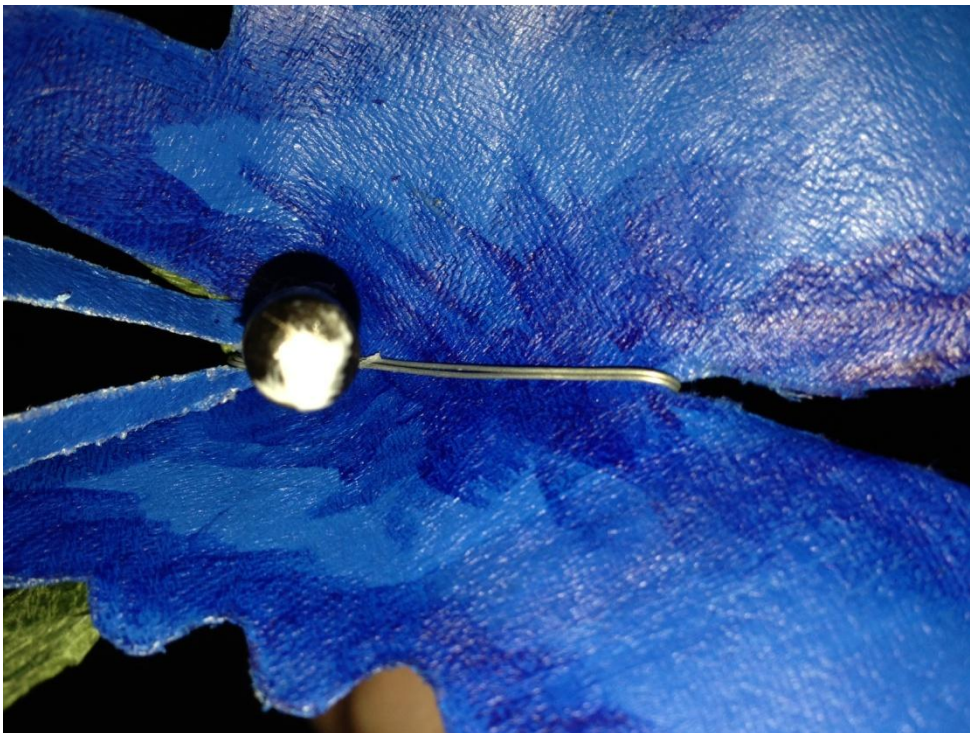


**Step 5: Attaching the flower**

Push the exposed garden wire and the exposed spindle through the hole in you flower head. Like so:



Then clamp the flower in place using the spindles, the long one down the centre of the flower, and the short one from the back and over the middle of the antennae.



The back should look like this at this point:



**Step 6:** Tidy up the flower head by painting the spindles with a good blob of blue paint.



**Step 7: The stamen**

Cover the exposed garden wire with glue (I used PVA).

Then slide beads onto the wire. I put a little glue on each bead as I put them on the wire so that they would stick to each other as well.



Cut off the excess wire and leave to dry.

Then paint bright yellow.





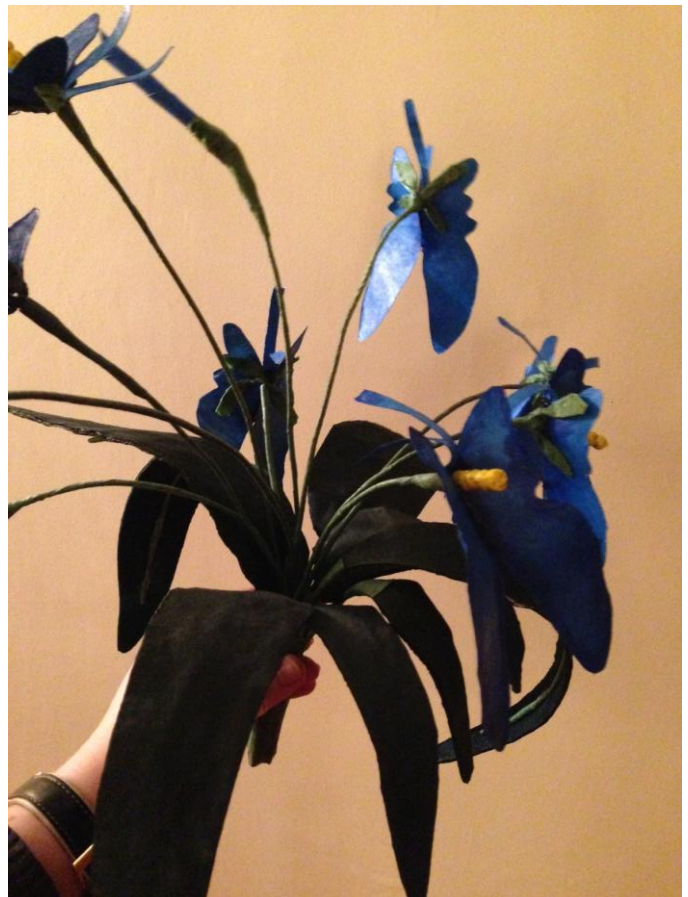
### Leaves

The leaves were far easier; paint your fabric in a rich dark green.

Cut out the shapes and stick a piece of florist tape wrapped wire down the underside I used PVA glue and left it to dry in its own time.

Then paint the wrapped wire with the dark green to camouflage it under the leaf. Bend to get the flop that you want.

Finally Use the florists tape to tie the individual stalks together into a pleasing bunch.



Once you've worked out how to make the Cerulean Mazzarine it's only a short jump to making all the herbs:

