

## THE *LACIS* FLOWER MAKING MASTER IRON SET

The flower iron allows the creation of the most realistic and spectacular artificial flowers. By controlling temperature virtually any fabric can be used including cottons, satins, silks, velvets, linens, ribbons and metallics. Different sizing or stiffener compounds can be experimented with to give the fabric desired body.

This 16 head kit includes all the tools you will need to suit any particular project. The sponge serves as the working surface, allowing shaping of the piece through controlled pressure of the iron.

### THE HEADS:

- (1) *Rat Tail (steel) curling tool*: To curl the edges of leaves and petals as well as for veining.
- (1) *Knife (steel)*: To make deep veins
- (5) *Radius (brass) ball tool; 15, 12, 10, 8 and 5mm*: To cup petals and leaves.
- (3) *Spoon (steel); Small, Medium and Large*: To shape narrow leaves
- (3) *Chrysanthemum (steel) veining tool; 1, 2, & 3 grooves*: To create closely shaped veins.
- (1) *Forget-Me-Not (steel)*: To make decorative dimples.
- (1) *Dimple (steel)*: To make small indents.
- (1) *Hammer (brass)*: To make hollow stems by drawing narrow strips of fabric through the funnel shaped openings.

### THE IRON:

Designed to hold the working head securely and transfer the heat from the iron to the head, the following precautions should be noted:

- With iron turned off, insert the appropriate tip in the iron, aligning the hole in the shaft with the locking screw. Tighten screw so it locks into hole in tip.
- The tip temperature can increase rapidly and excessively especially when a thin tip is used. Use the temperature control dial, or on/off switch to control temperature.
- Let the iron cool completely before changing tips or storing. If multiple tips are in use, it is suggested that multiple irons be used.
- Remove the tips after every use to avoid having the tip and holding screw seize.
- Never leave iron unattended. When not using, be sure the tip of the iron is properly supported above the table on the supplied rest.
- When using iron for the first time, it may emit a small amount of smoke. This is normal and will stop after a few minutes when the protective oil is burned off.

### INITIAL PREPARATION:

Cover the working sponge with white cotton fabric pinning it to the under side. Most materials are best if dampened prior to applying the heated iron. Lay a dampened terry cloth towel on your working area for use to dampen the fabric.

It is quite remarkable what can be accomplished with this tool. Experiment with different fabrics, the different heads and dyeing possibilities.

### REFERENCES:

FABRIC INTO FLOWERS (TX13), Judy Ford Hogan. A complete guide with specific projects. 183 pgs. (p)

HANDMADE FLOWERS FROM FABRIC (MO60), Using all the different heads. Includes patterns, step by step photos. 156 pgs. (p) Mandarin text.

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