

fabric rosebuds

In our "Comin Up Roses" issue on p. 83, we gave you the instructions below for making fabric roses from cheesecloth. At right, you'll see how to make accompanying rosebuds. We used both plain red cotton and cheesecloth.

RUP 569
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RUP 19



Fold (don't press) a 3" x 46" bias strip lengthwise. Square ends and hand baste raw edges.

RUP 18



Pull gathers to 18".

RUP 17



Swirl rose center; stitch bottom edges as you swirl.

RUP 16



finished rose back

RUP 15



finished rose front (left); after washing (right)

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Cut out 1 of each size petal using the petal pattern (next page).

RUP 18



Hand-gather 2 rows so that you end with your threads back at the beginning

RUP 17



Gather petal 1 to 2½", petal 2 to 3", petal 3 to 3½", and petal 4 to 4"; knot threads.

RUP 16



Wrap petal 1 around itself to make the bud center.

RUP 15



Take a few stab stitches through the layers at the bottom.

RUP 14



Using petal 2, line up the widest part of the petal over the narrowest edges from petal 1. Wrap the rest of petal 2 around petal 1, overlapping the narrow edges.

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Whip stitch bottom edges to under layers.

RUP 18



Repeat steps 6 & 7 to add petals 3 and 4.

RUP 17



Fluff and spread the bud by pulling the outer layer up and down. Inner layers can also be fluffed as desired.

RUP 16



Finished bud

RUP 15



Bud samples in red cotton and cheesecloth, and cheesecloth bud after washing.

RUP 14

