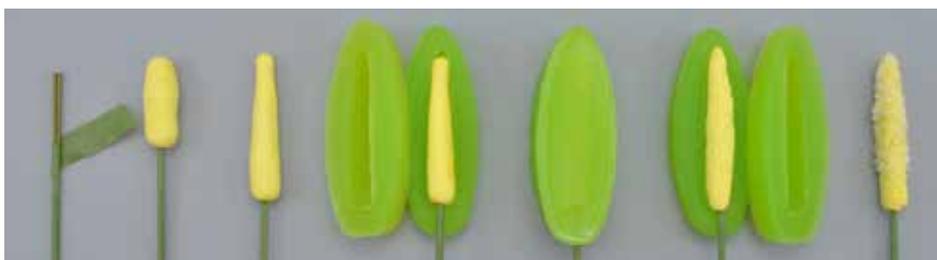


The Large Calla Lily Tutorial

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The Calla Lily is an iconic flower. It is an enduring favorite among brides, and can be featured in weddings of any season. This popularity has found its way into the cake decorating world; all three of my gumpaste flower books include directions on how to recreate lifelike Calla Lilies, and I have produced an instructional DVD on Lilies including the Calla Lily. There is no better flower to showcase in my first ICES article than the sophisticated and stylish Calla Lily.



Supply List:

In addition to your basic set of gumpaste flower making tools you will also need the following items to complete the large Calla Lily.

- Spring Action Scissors
- Full Strength Confectioner's Glaze
- 5mm Green Tubing
- NL Calla Lily Veiner & Center Mold
- NL Round Foam Set
- NL Large Calla Lily Cutter
- NL Large Drying Rack/Stand
- 18 gauge Green Wire
- Full-width Light Green Floral Tape
- Sugar Crystals
- Dusting Powders:
 - Super Pearl
 - NL Prairie Green
 - NL Moss Green
- Lemon Yellow Gel Color

Spadix (Center)

Take three 18 gauge wires and cover using full-width Light Green floral tape. Brush 2½" down one end of wire with egg white and insert into a No.11* ball of Lemon Yellow gumpaste (9 grams) that has been rolled into a 1½" sausage. Stretch the gumpaste down to make the center 2½" long with a slightly bulbous end at the base. Open the NL Spadix Center Mold like a hot dog bun and insert the gumpaste. Position the second half of mold on top and press both sides firmly together. Remove the spadix from the mold and trim any excess gumpaste using the Spring Action Scissors. Brush the top two thirds with Confectioner's Glaze and roll in Sugar Crystals. Allow to dry overnight.

**Chef Nicholas originally designed the Size Guide to aid in maintaining consistent gumpaste sizes when making flowers at home, in Chef's in-person classes, as well as on his Craftsy classes. A No.11 ball of gumpaste should fit into the Size Guide No.11 hole with 1/3 below the hole and 2/3 above the hole.*

Spathe (Petal)

Roll out some white NL Brand commercial gumpaste, No.1 on the pasta machine, and cut out the spathe on the green side of the NL Patchwork/Tap-it Mat.

Place into NL Multi-flap and smooth around edge of the top two thirds with your thumb.

Remove the spathe from the Multi-flap and place onto the NL Calla Lily Veiner, pressing down using a Round Sponge.

Next, soften the back of the spathe using the NL Medium Pin or large Ball Tool on the back of the NL No-Flip Pad or NL Foam Flower Pad (5). Turn the spathe over to the veined side and place onto the soft (black) side of the NL Foam Flower Pad; vein down the center of the veined side with the Dresden Tool (6). Brush egg white in a triangle shape at the base of the spathe (see diagram) and then position the dried spadix into the center of the spathe (7). Wrap the left hand side around the base of the Spadix (8), then the right hand side (9). Mold at the base until smooth and secure and open up at the top to the desired shape (10). Hang upside down on a NL Large Drying Rack to dry. Slide some large (5mm) Green Plastic Tubing up the wire and secure with hot glue. Dust all over with Super Pearl. Use NL Prairie Green to dust at the base of the flower and the tip of the flower point. Finally, dust a little bit of NL Moss Green at the very base of flower around the tube. Steam to set color and give a waxy look.



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