Double Fuchsia

Materials:
Perle cotton size 8 in fuchsia colours of your choice, shuttle, 24 gauge green wire, yellow stamens, PVA craft glue.

Method:

Trumpet (make three)
Wind shuttle and cut from ball.
R1 10 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 10 cl, DNRW
R2 10 + (j to last p of R1) 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 10 cl, DNRW
R3 10 + (j to last p of R2) 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 10 cl, DNRW
R4 10 + (j to last p of R3) 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 + (j to 1st p of R1) 10 cl
Tie ends close and dab knot with glue.

Outer petals
Wind shuttle and cut from ball
R1 15 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 15 cl
leave 3mm space
R2 15 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 15 cl
leave 3mm space
R3 15 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 15 cl
Tie ends (leaving same 3mm sp as before)
cut threads close and dab knot with glue.
Calyx (make one)
Wind shuttle but do not cut from ball.

R1 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 cl RW
Ch1 leave sp to depth of p on R1
  5 - 5 + (j to next p on R1)
  5 - 5 + (j to next p on R1)
  5 - 5 + (j to next p on R1)
  5 - 5 + (j to starting point) DNRW
Ch2 6 + (j to next p on Ch1) 6 + (j to sp bet to chs on CH1)
  6 + (j to next p on Ch1) 6 + (j to sp bet to chs on CH1)
  6 + (j to next p on Ch1) 6 + (j to sp bet to chs on CH1)
  6 + (j to next p on Ch1) 6 + (j to starting point)
Ch3 7 + (j to next p on Ch2)
  SCMR of 12 -- 12, 7 + (j to sp bet chs on Ch2)
  7 + (j to next p on Ch2)
  SCMR of 12 -- 12, 7 + (j to sp bet chs on Ch2)
  7 + (j to next p on Ch2)
  SCMR of 12 -- 12, 7 + (j to sp bet chs on Ch2)
  7 + (j to next p on Ch2)
  SCMR of 12 -- 12, 7 + (j to starting point)
Cut and tie ends, dab knot with glue.

To make up:
1. Cut 3 wires 7cm in length.
2. Tape 3 stamens to one end of each wire.
3. Glue a trumpet to each wire at the base of the stamens.
4. Cut 1 wire 10cm in length.
5. Tape 1 long & 2 short stamens to one end.
6. Tape each wired trumpet to the centre wire, one

Be sure to cut the florist tape in half lengthwise and to use sparingly otherwise the stem will be too bulky to allow the calyx to slide over it!
7. Slide the outer petals over the stem from the base of the wires and glue to the base of the trumpets. Position the petals to sit between (but overlapping) the trumpets.

8. Slide the calyx into position in the same way and glue to the base of the flower.

9. When completely dry, gently coax the calyx SCMR’s to bend upwards into the natural fuchsia shape.
Large leaves:

Materials:
Green cotton size 20, shuttle, 24 gauge green wire, PVA glue, green florist’s tape

Method:
Wind shuttle but do not cut from ball.

R1  3 - 3 - 3 - 3 cl
R2  3 + (to p on R1) 7 - 7 - 3 cl
R3  3 + (to p on R2) 3 - 3 - 3 cl RW
Ch1  5 RW
R4  3 + (to p on R3) 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 cl RW
Ch2  3 - 3 RW
R5  3 + (to p on R4) 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 cl RW
Ch3  3 - 3 RW
R6  3 + (to p on R5) 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 cl RW
Ch4  5 RW
R7  3 + (to p on R6) 3 - 3 - 3 cl RW
Ch5  5 - 5, work 2nd half of double stitch without flipping the stitch to make a turn, 5 + (to last p made) 5, j to base of R7 as if joining to a p and then work the 2nd half of the stitch to anchor join. RW
R8  3 - 3 - 3 - 3 cl RW
Ch6  5 RW
R9  3 + (to p on R8) 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 cl RW
Ch7  3 + (to p on Ch3) 3 RW
R10  3 + (to p on R9) 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 cl RW
Ch8  3 + (to p on Ch2) 3 RW
R11  3 + (to p on R10) 3 - 3 - 3 + (to p on R1) 3 cl RW
Ch9  5 j to base of starting point.

To make up:
1. Cut a wire 10cm in length for each leaf made.
2. Dab spots of glue to the underside of a leaf.
3. Press a wire to the glue and leave on a flat surface until dry.

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Small leaves:

Method:
Wind shuttle but do not cut from ball.

R1  2 - 2 - 2 - 2 cl
R2  2 + (to p on R1) 5 - 5 - 2 cl
R3  2 + (to p on R2) 2 - 2 - 2 cl RW
Ch1  3 RW
R4  2 + (to p on R3) 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 cl RW
Ch2  2 - 2 RW
R5  As R4 RW
Ch3  2 RW
R6  2 + (to p on R5) 2 - 2 - 2 cl RW
Ch4  5 - 5, work 2nd half of double stitch without flipping the stitch to make a turn, 5 + (to last p made) 5, j to base of R6 as if joining to a p and then work the 2nd half of the stitch to anchor join. RW
R7  2 - 2 - 2 - 2 cl RW
Ch5  2 RW
R8  2 + (to p on R7) 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 cl RW
Ch6  2 + (to p on Ch3) 2 RW
R9  As R8 RW
Ch7  3 j to base of starting point.

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3. Press a wire to the glue and leave on a flat surface until dry.
Buds

For each bud cut a wire 7cm in length and glue a medium size bead 1cm from one end and leave to dry.

Cut white florist’s tape in half lengthwise and bind over the bead to make a teardrop shape.

Cut a disc of fine fabric, such as organza, approximately 2.5cm in diameter.

Dab the teardrop with glue and press the disc to it with three fingers. Hold in position for a couple of minutes. Dab a few spots of glue to each surface.

Twist the fabric anti-clockwise and hold in position for a couple of minutes.

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If the fabric comes too far down, trim it back with sharp scissors. Using half width green tape start winding approx 2cm down the wire working up towards the bud, turning the wire in a clockwise direction. Gradually cover the base of the fabric, reaching a third of the way up the bud and then work back down again.
Tape buds, leaves and flowers together, in a natural way. They can then be used to decorate items such as the card below or put into a little pot to represent the plant itself.