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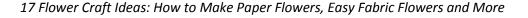
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Hello, Readers!

Flowers are not only fun to craft, but they have a wide variety of uses, too. You can make some to wear, to decorate your room with, and to even add embellishments onto other crafts. In this eBook, you'll find a bouquet of amazing flowers. From paper flowers to fabric flowers, these projects are guaranteed to add a little something special to whatever you put them on. Plus, you never need to water them, and they'll never wilt. These flowers will add a pop of color to your room or craft project for a long time to come.

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Four-Step Fabric Flowers

By: Jennifer Juniper of Hope Studios

Here is a great little project to liven up your wardrobe: Lovely Fabric Flowers. Embellish a shirt, dress up a pair of heels, or wear it as a pin. These four-step fabric flowers are versatile for everyday dress and a night out.

Materials:

- Synthetic satin/chiffon fabric that will melt
- Candle
- Sharp scissors
- Needle and thread
- Seed beads



Instructions:

- 1. Begin by cutting several circles from your fabric; these will be your petals. It doesn't have to be perfect, just a general circular shape. The more layers, the fuller your flower! Make each circle a bit smaller than the last - and if you are planning on needing a pair, cut out two of each size at once by folding the fabric in half. This way, your flowers will match.
- 2. Hold each circle of fabric over the flame until it begins to melt the very edges. Keep it moving, do it quick! It takes a light touch but once you get the hang of it, it's like riding a bike.

Note: See how the melted edges cause the petal to cup? It's cool. It's nestable now! Do you have some stubborn edges that are hard to reach? Try using a hand held lighter like this to catch those trouble spots.







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- 3. Now, nest your petals together. You can stick with one color and texture or mix it up! I got wild and crazy by mixing satin in brown and blue and some chiffon in black.
- 4. Now, with your needle and thread, sew up through the layers. String three seed beads onto the thread, then stitch back through the layers. You've just attached all your petals and gussied it up a bit. You can hit any odd edges with the hand held lighter after you've finished.





Strip Fabric Flowers

By: Cyndee Kromminga

When spring and summer pass and the pretty, colorful flowers wither away, you can make your own Strip Fabric Flower that will last all year long. Scrap fabric crafts help you save money on supplies - it's a great excuse to use what you have on hand.



Materials:

- 2 guarts of water
- Instant tea
- Measuring cup
- Mixing spoon
- Soup pot
- Stove
- White or off white canvas scrap
- Bit of lace, button and/or charm

- Muslin (One yard of 45-inch-wide muslin will produce approximately 10 flowers.)
- Scissors
- Crochet thread
- Sewing machine
- Compass
- Hot glue gun

- 1. Mix 2 quarts of water and 1 1/2 cups of instant tea in a soup pot. Place on the stove and bring to a boil. Add your muslin to the pot. Continue to boil, stirring constantly for 5 minutes. Turn off the heat and allow the tea mixture to cool. As soon as you are able to handle the fabric, remove it from the pot and wring out the excess moisture. Hang the fabric to dry. Outside is best to avoid a mess from drips. Note: This project uses a small amount of fabric, but while you are in the process, you may want to stain a lot more to have on hand for other projects that use tea-stained muslin.
- 2. Rip or cut a 4-inch-wide by 36-inch-wide strip of the tea-stained muslin.
- 3. Fold the strip in half, matching the two long edges. Place the edges under your sewing machine's presser foot on one end of the strip. Tie a knot in one end of crochet thread. Slip the thread under the presser foot, on the edge of the fabric, with the knot behind the presser foot. Set the machine on a wide zigzag stitch. Zigzag over the crochet thread along the length of the raw edge to the opposite end. The zigzag creates a casing over the crochet thread. Cut the thread and tie a knot in the end.

4. Lay the strip on your work surface. Cut 1/2-inch-wide strips from the folded edge to the zigzag stitch line.







- 5. Grasp the knot on one end of the crochet thread. Pull the thread to gather the edge. Gather until the edge measures 18 inches long.
- 6. Use a compass to trace a 2-inch circle on a scrap of white or off white canvas. Cut out the circle.
- 7. Lay the circle on your work surface. Apply a line of hot glue a couple of inches long on the edge of the circle. Starting on one end of the gathered strip, place the gathered edge on the glue line. Continue to add the hot glue in a line around the circle, a couple of inches at a time. Lay the edge of the strip in the glue. Continue to add glue and the strip in a spiral to the center of the circle. Trim off excess fabric if necessary.
- 8. Decorate the center of the flower using lace, buttons and/or charms.







Sheer Spring Flowers

By: Debbie Buckland

Perfect for a wedding, Mother's Day, or just springtime decoration, these elegant Sheer Spring Flowers, from Debbie Buckland, are easy to make and look beautiful in a bunch or by themselves. These sheer flowers are perfect for bouquets or hair clips, too! While these flowers are a beautiful lavender blue, you can make them in any color you'd like...and an arrangement of colors would look great on your Easter table!

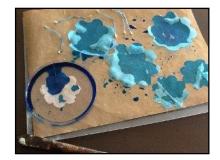
Materials:

- Sheer white fabric
- Stampin up! Re-inkers or other re-inker you prefer (I used tempting turquoise)
- Flower stamens spotlight stores or craft stores
- DMC thread that matches your chosen colour (I used 392)
- Fiskars Micro tip Scissors
- Small wide flat lid that fits your flower and some water



- 1. Cut out three flowers. I used quicKutz cookie cutter dies nesting flowers.
- 2. Put 4 drops of re-inker in the lid and put a bit of water in it and mixed it then put the flowers in the ink to colour them rest them on a stain resistant surface then transfer into a towel to dry naturally. (Blotting takes out the color) also do the stamens if desired. 4 for each flower is good.
- 3. Let dry for about 30 minutes.







- 4. Stack your flowers and find the middle then snip a small hole.
- 5. Fold stamens in half and poke them through the hole in the flowers.
- 6. Now get out your thread and secure the stamens in the flower by poking through the needle between the stamens and wrapping around.

7. Now to alter the actual first petal neat the stamens poke your needle half way through the petal and then through the middle of the flower. Pull firmly but not too much. This scrunched the petal a bit.







- 8. Now tie a knot in the thread and finish it off.
- 9. You have finished the flower!
- 10. Keep repeating for as many flowers as desired. Then enjoy them by putting them on your favorite projects.











Radiant Ruffled Blossom Bouquet

By: Jessica Seppa

A Radiant Ruffled Blossom Bouquet makes a delightful addition to any dinner table or mantelpiece. Learn how to make fabric flowers like these sublime specimens. These DIY fabric flowers look just like a darling bouquet of carnations!

Materials:

- White cotton fabric
- Maya Mist water-based pigments:
 - Amethyst Metallic
 - Antique Bronze Metallic
 - Antique Patina Metallic
 - Antique Silver Metallic
 - Avocado Metallic
 - Blue Corn Metallic
 - Blue Raspberry Metallic
 - Blueberry Metallic
 - Bubblegum Metallic



- Charcoal
- Cherry Metallic
- Heat gun (optional)
- Sewing machine
- Needle and thread
- Straight sticks

- 1. Cut white cotton fabric 5 inches wide and 45 inches long. You can also use white cotton print fabric for interest.
- 2. Spray fabric strip with Maya Mist and let dry completely. It helps if you use a heat gun to help heat set the mist. Each of these flowers were a different Maya Mist color.
- 3. Iron the fabric strips wrong sides together widthwise. Now, your fabric strips will be 2.5 inches wide x 45 inches long.
- 4. Open your fabric up and sew a long gathering stitch down the middle of the fabric strip.
- 5. Fold your fabric strip in half again and cut scallops on the top of the strip 2 inches wide. Sew the edge of your scallop.
- 6. Start at one end of the fabric strip and start to pull your gathering thread carefully.
- 7. Tie one end of the fabric strip to a stick and continue to gather and hot glue the fabric to your stick to make your flower.

Ribbon Flower Pins

By: Calli of Make it Do

Make flowers from fabric or ribbon with these fabric flower instructions. Ribbon flower pins are the perfect embellishment for any accessory.

Materials:

- 2-4 yards of wire ribbon (depending on how large and tight you want your flower)
- Quilting thread or other strong thread
- Small amount of felt
- Hair clip or pin (or both)



- 1. Pull on the wire of one side of the ribbon to ruffle. Ruffle the entire length of your piece of ribbon. Not all wire ribbon is the same. Some are more fragile, so pull gently. Leave a few inches wire hanging out from the ends, but clip away the rest to get it out of your way.
- 2. To start, fold your ribbon back on forth a few times (on the side of ribbon which you've just pulled the wire). Using quilting thread run a stitch through the ribbon several times to secure.
- 3. Start wrapping the ribbon around. Secure each wrap by stitching all the way through the layers in a star pattern.
- 4. Once it is large enough to be difficult to stitch through all the layers, secure by stitching to the previous layer.









- 5. When you come to the end of the ribbon, fold the the corner of ribbon back inside to hide the raw edge. Stitch into place. Cut off any excess wire hanging out of the ends.
- 6. Cut a circle out of felt to cover the back of the flower. I cut a second layer of felt in a wide strip and secured it with a zigzag on each side. That way I could easily slip in onto a hair clip or a pin.
- 7. Stitch the felt into place on the back of the flower using a blind stitch.







Coffee Stained Roses

By: Melissa Conner

Did you spill coffee on your favorite white tee shirt? Don't toss it! With these Coffee Stained Roses, you can transform stained tee shirts into new wearable accessories. Old tee shirt crafts like this are great for cleaning out your closet and building your accessory collection.

Materials:

- Old white tee shirt
- Scissors
- Hot glue gun/glue sticks
- Cup of cold coffee



- 1. First you're going to want to cut a circle out of your tee shirt.
- 2. Cut into your circle and continue cutting around the circle until you have a spiral. I'm showing you with felt so it's easier to see. You can add a spiral edge to give your flower a more textured look if you'd like.
- 3. Starting at the small end of your spiral, begin wrapping the felt around itself until a rose begins to form. Secure the tail end with a little bit of hot glue.
- 4. Place some hot glue on the bottom of your rose and cover it with a scrap piece of fabric. Cut off the excess and there you have it! An adorable felt rose!
- 5. Once your roses are made, drop them in the coffee and let them sit for at least 2 minutes.
- 6. Remove from the coffee and let dry completely.

Faux Calla Lily

By: Maria Noble

This Faux Calla Lily looks so much like the real deal that you won't even realize that it's made of paper and clay! Great for decorating your home year round, these Faux Calla Lilies are sure to brighten up your decor. A beautiful bouquet of these lovely flowers would also make a great gift for Mother's Day or an upcoming birthday. You could even spritz them with some perfume to give them a little scent!

Materials:

- Doublette crepe paper orange or ivory
- Stem wire 18 gauge
- Air drying clay in yellow
- Tacky Glue
- Scissors

- 1. Cut a doublette crepe paper of choice into half and place the half sheets one on top of other. Using template cut a pair out.
- 2. Apply tacky glue and paste the 2 layers together.
- 3. To make center, make a ball out of air drying clay. Roll onto a cheese grater to form 3" long roll.
- 4. Apply glue onto 18 gauge wire and gently push 1/2" into the center. Leave aside to dry.



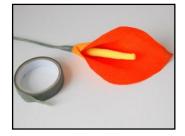




- 5. To form flower, place the center onto the calla lily shape.
- 6. Apply glue on lower left edge of the template and fold over edges and stick.







Two Toned Tissue Paper Roses

By: Benetta Strydom

These beautiful Two Toned Tissue Paper Roses are great for summer, because they don't require any water! Great for a garden party or just for adding some color to your home, these tissue paper flowers are great for crafters of all ages. Gather flowers together in a bouquet to give to mom or grandma or arrange your colorful tissue paper roses in a large vase on the dining room table for a beautiful centerpiece that is budget friendly and maintanence free!

Materials:

- Light pink tissue paper
- Dark pink tissue paper
- Green fabric rose leaves
- One wooden kebab skewer
- Dry floral foam
- Floral tape
- Floral moss

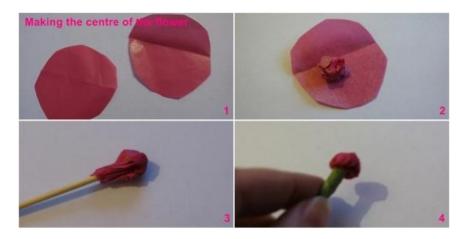
- Matching pink ribbon
- Quick-drying silver spray paint
- Grey-colored decorative glass sand
- Plastic flower pot with a height of 2.4"
- 2" heart-shaped cookie cutter



Instructions:

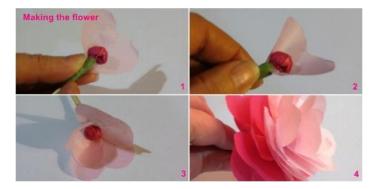
For the center flower

- 1. Cut two circles from the dark pink tissue paper.
- 2. Crumple up the one circle and put it on top of the second circle.
- 3. Fold the second circle over the crumpled-up one.
- 4. Add to the skewer and secure with floral tape.



For the flower

- 5. Trace and cut 16 hearts from the light pink tissue paper. These will be the rose petals.
- 6. Fold the bottom part of each petal around the skewer, and secure the bottom point of each heart to the skewer, using the floral tape.
- 7. Continue until all the rose petals have been secured.
- 8. Now, trace and cut 12 hearts from the dark pink tissue paper, and secure these with the floral tape to the skewer. The dark petals will form the outer edge of the rose.



- 9. Gently fold the petals of the rose open.
- 10. Cut the skewer shorter so that it will be in proportion to the size of the pot.



- 11. Cover the whole skewer with floral tape, so that the rose will have a green stem.
- 12. Add the green rose leaves to the bottom of the rose.



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Final Touches

- 13. Spray the whole pot with the silver spray paint. First spray the outside and allow to dry thoroughly, spraying the pot for a second time, if necessary, to obtain a nice even look.
- 14. Turn the pot around and spray the inside of the pot, and allow to dry thoroughly.
- 15. Add a small piece of dry floral foam to the inside of the pot.
- 16. Gently push the stem of the rose into the foam.
- 17. Tie the ribbon around the stem of the rose, make a bow and cut the ends shorter to produce a neat result.
- 18. Add some moss and decorative glass sand to cover the floral foam.

Crepe Paper Rose Bouquet

By: Becky Kazana

Learn how to make realistic roses with sturdy yet inexpensive crepe paper. This technique is a great way to create a bouquet of roses gift or decoration for Valentine's Day. These roses cost less and last longer and are sure to be appreciated by everyone! Best of all, you can make these beautiful roses in any color you'd like. Mix and match colors for a stunning arrangement that is sure to make your home beautiful. These colorful paper roses also make a wonderful gift for Mother's Day or an upcoming birthday or anniversary.



Materials:

- Assorted colors of crepe paper
- Florist wire and wire cutters
- Floral Tape
- Pattern
- Pattern 2

- 1. Create a stamen (the center of the rose) by cutting fringe on a single strip of crepe paper.
- 2. You can cut your petals free hand, or you can print the images above to use as templates. For each rose, you will need fourteen to sixteen outer petals, five to six inner petals and one stamen. Make sure the grain of the crepe paper is running vertically when you cut them so that you can shape them properly.
- 3. To shape, place your thumbs together in the center of the petal and gently press down and tug outward. This will make your petal rounded and more natural looking.







- 4. Using a bit of floral wire (or a toothpick if you prefer) roll the tip of the petal outward over the wire to create a lip and a natural looking inner petal.
- 5. Use the same technique on the rounded edges of the heart shaped outer petals.

6. Now coil your stamen around the floral wire.







- 7. Move the stamen a little down the wire.
- 8. Fold the wire over to secure the stamen in place. Tape the stamen down with your floral tape. (Remember, it gets sticky as you pull on it, so pull gently on the tape as you go.)
- 9. Begin adding the small inner petals, taping each one securely.
- 10. Gradually add the larger petals, working in a circular motion and overlapping each new petal over the preceding one.











Funny Flowers

By: Nicole Snow

Wake up and smell the funnies! These Funny Flowers are made with the comics from the newspapers and would look adorable as artificial flower arrangements or as gift package accessories. You could even use wrapping paper, too! This easy to follow tutorial is great to have on hand when you're crafting with paper or felt.

Materials:

- 4 pages of newspaper
- Stapler
- Felt balls
- Hot glue gun



- 1. Hand draw a flower template.
- 2. Fold the newspaper sheets in half, and then in half again. Keep doing this until your template will fit the space without hanging off the edge of the newspaper.
- 3. Trace the template on to the newspaper and then cut out the flower shape. Now you have a nice stack of flowers. Arrange them so that you can see lots of the petals.
- 4. Take your stapler and put 3-4 staples in the center to secure all of the layers together. Then to hide the staples, hot glue a few felt balls in the center.

Blooming Scrapbook Flowers

By: Meagan Moores

Add life to your scrapbook layouts with these Blooming Scrapbook Flowers from Reminisce. Making flowers from paper is a great way to add dimension and character to your layouts. You can also embellish picture frames, journals, and greeting cards.

Materials:

- The Power of Flowers paper (SKU IB-001, Reminisce Paper)
- Embossing Folder
- Thumb Tacs



- 1. Cut out the flowers from the Power of Flowers paper.
- 2. Run the flowers through an embossing folder to add extra texture and dimension.
- 3. Bend up the edges of the flowers to add some depth.
- 4. Embellish with thumb tacs, markers, or whatever you'd like!

Pleated Paper Rosettes

By: Victoria for Vixen Made

You can use these pleated paper rosettes from Victoria Lavertu as pretty party decorations or to embellish a scrapbook or homemade card. Use our templates to make paper flowers and learn how easy it is to make them yourself.

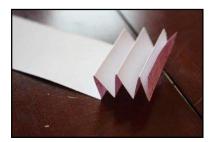
Materials:

- Paper (scrapbooking paper comes in such a variety)
- Hot glue gun
- Pencil/ruler
- Double sided tape
- Scissors or a cutter
- Embroidery thread and needle (you'll see why)
- Buttons/embellishments
- Paper punch (optional)



- 1. First take some paper of your choice. Decide how big you want your rosette. I did a variety of sizes. Let's do a mid-size rosette.
- 2. Mark out your measurements on your paper. For the mid-size rosette, do 2 inch strips. You'll need 3 strips. I used the length of my scrapbook paper which is about 12".

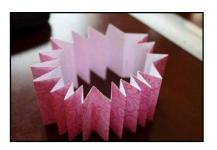




- 3. Cut out your strips and accordion fold them like this. Be sure your folds are the same size. You can make them wide if you want your rosette's to have a lot of height or short folds for low height.
- 4. You can fold each strip separately or tape all 3 strips together and accordion fold the whole length. I did them both ways and I think it was easiest to do one whole strip instead of 3. But that's completely up to you.

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- 5. If you're making your rosette's smaller. Like 1.5" strips or smaller, you can use only two strips. That's what I did for the smaller ones and they worked out fine. Now, if you folded the strips separately, tape them together using your double sided tape. You could use regular tape too. You'll have a ring of accordion paper like this.
- 6. Push down the center and you have your rosette shape.

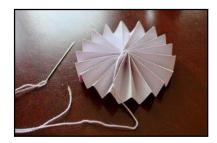






- 7. I, personally, had issues with my rosette's staying in place. So I took some embroidery thread and pulled it through each fold.
- 8. Pull your thread tight, you have a nice tight rosette that won't pop back up. Be sure to knot your thread.
- 9. Now you can embellish! I took a scalloped circle punch and buttons and hot glued them on. You can layer your paper and buttons for a different look too. That's it. You're done. You can hang your rosettes from ribbon, stick them on the wall or add them to a favor bag. Or make some lovely paper rosette garland.







Giant Tissue Paper Flowers Made Easy

By: Savannah Starr

This Giant Tissue Paper Flowers Made Easy project from Savannah Starr is the perfect way to boost your mood. You'll find it impossible not to smile when you're making tissue flowers like these. Choose your colors and transform that tissue paper into blooming blossoms easily. Learning how to make tissue paper flowers has never been easier, thanks to these craft instructions. Use these giants among crafts as a party decorations or as a way to spruce up your home.



Materials:

- 20" x 30" tissue paper (non bleeding tissue paper is the best the cheaper tissue papers can quickly lose their colors when exposed to light) colors and patterns of your choice you will need two sheets for each flower
- Smooth sided pencil (or pen)
- Scissors
- Chenille stems (one for each flower)
- Wire cutters
- Optional: Aleene's Tacky Dot Singles

- 1. Stack two pieces of tissue paper together and fold in half lengthwise.
- 2. Cut along folded edge.
- 3. Fold in half crosswise. Fold in half again and again until you have folded your tissue down to about 1" wide. If needed, use smooth edge of pencil to get crisp folds and be sure to try to keep your edges aligned.
- 4. Open tissue back up and accordion fold (using folds as guide lines) from one end to the other.
- 5. Fold in half and secure at center with chenille stem.
- 6. Cut ends to point.
- 7. To make a fluffy flower, very carefully start to peel back each layer of tissue, pulling it to the center (where the chenille stem is). If you accidentally tear the tissue, don't worry! Keep going.
- 8. Carefully fluff out all the tips of the flower petals.
- 9. If you want to attach your giant tissue flowers to the wall, cut chenille stem wire to approximately 2" and fold back.
- 10. Apply several Tacky Dots to back of flower and attach to wall.
- 11. Or, leave the chenille stems in place and arrange your flowers in a vase.

Fancy Whitewashed Wreath

By: Kim Garner

This Fancy Whitewashed Wreath looks like it took hours to create, yet it is easy to produce many of the layered pieces with just one pass through the Fiskars Fuse Creativity System®! This is a beautiful front door wreath that all your guests are sure to love.

Materials:

- Fuse Creativity System[®] Starter Set
- Medium Design Set 100780 Circle
- Medium Design Set 101130 Flower
- Medium Design Set 100850 Bird
- Buttons Melissa Frances/Vintage
- Canvas Prima
- Hot glue gun
- Kraft wrapping paper
- Pins Maya Road



- Ribbon Maya Road
- Stapler
- Styrofoam wreath form
- Vintage dictionary paper
- White tissue paper

- 1. To create each layer of the flowers, you will need to die cut each layer with the Fuse.
- 2. 1st Layer: Kraft Wrapping Paper folded into an accordion fold and then passed through the Fuse machine with the Circle Design Set. You will need one circle for each fancy flower. This is the base of the flower. In total, you will need eight circles.
- 3. 2nd Layer: You will need eight doilies for this layer. No cutting necessary!
- 4. 3rd Layer: Kraft Wrapping Paper folded into an accordion fold and passed through the Fuse machine with the Flower Design Set. You will need anywhere from 8-16 flowers, depending on how you prefer to layer them.
- 5. 4th Layer: 5-10 sheets of vintage dictionary paper passed through the Fuse machine with the Flower Design Set. You will need four flower pieces for each fancy flower, which is around 32 flower pieces in total.
- 6. 5th Layer: 10-20 sheets of white tissue paper passed through the Fuse machine with the Scalloped Circle Design Set. You will need eight circles for each flower center, which is approximately 56 tissue paper scalloped circles.
- 7. Leaves: Printed Canvas passed through the Fuse machine using the Bird Design Set. You only have to cover the wing portion of the design set with your canvas. This is used as a leaf on the flowers.
- 8. Before assembling the fancy flowers, the tissue paper flower centers need to be created.

Flower Center Assembly

- 1. Take two scalloped circles and fold them in half. Gather the fold and staple the very end point. Flatten out the circles. This will be the base of the flower center.
- 2. With each of the other six scalloped circles, fold them in half, then gather and staple the gathered fold.
- 3. Using the hot glue gun, place glue in the base of flower center. Add each of the six pieces to the glue dot. Arrange the tissue paper pieces. The flower centers will have the look of a carnation flower.
- 4. Layering the fancy flowers will be easy now that we have all the pieces ready for assembly. Using the glue gun, start with the Kraft Wrapping Paper circle as your base. Glue the doily to the circle a little off centered. They do not need to be right on top of one another.
- 5. Place a Kraft Wrapping Paper flower and four dictionary paper flowers on top of each other. Gather and twist the bottom of the flowers and staple on the gathered paper. Flatten out and glue the flowers to the circle and doily.
- 6. Add the tissue paper flower centers with glue, and on some of the fancy flower centers, add vintage buttons.
- 7. Fold the leaves to give each a little dimension. Glue two leaves to each fancy flower. Add pins and or buttons as an embellishment.
- 8. Wrap the Styrofoam wreath base with ribbon.
- 9. Arrange each of the fancy flowers on the wreath base. There should be 7-8 fancy layered flowers.
- 10. Add a double bow in the place of the flower center on one of the fancy flowers. Glue the fancy flowers to the wreath base.







Tissue Paper Flower Embellishment

By: Keisha Campbell

These easy tissue paper flowers from Jenni Bowlin Studios will add style and dimension to albums, scrapbooks, frames, and more! Get creative with this Tissue Paper Flower embellishment!

Materials:

- 1 Tissue circle
- Stapler

- 1. Fold paper in half.
- 2. Fold the half again.
- 3. Then fold one last time.
- 4. Fold the the bottom tip up & staple.









- 5. Now pull folds out carefully.
- 6. Shape flower to your liking-then flatten a bit.
- 7. Now add your center with a bit of glue or glue dot!









Tropical Paper Flowers

By: Amanda Formaro

Tropical craft projects can transport you to another time and place, no matter the weather outside. Create a bouquet of Tropical Paper Flowers and brighten up your space. You don't have to spend a fortune on these florals and there's no need for water.

Materials:

- Card stock in bright colors (orange, red, bright green, turquoise, yellow)
- Scrapbook paper in colors that compliment card stock colors
- Flower pattern
- 5 green pipe cleaners (1 per flower)
- 15 pony beads (3 per flower)
- 5 yellow pipe cleaners, (1 per flower) cut into thirds
- Glue stick
- Glue dots
- Hot glue gun
- **Pattern**



- 1. Print out pattern. Use the larger template to cut out card stock pieces. Use the smaller template to cut out scrapbook paper pieces.
- 2. Use glue stick to attach the small scrapbook paper flower to the larger card stock flower.







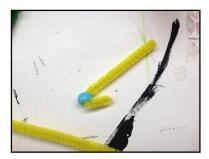
3. Roll the flower up tight, spread the top out as if you were forming a cone shape. Seal cone shape with a glue dot. Wrap each flower petal around a paintbrush or a pen to curl them.

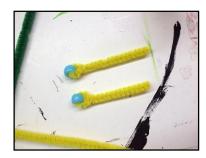


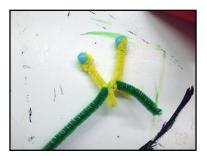




4. Thread a pony bead onto a one of the short yellow pipe cleaners and bend at the top to close it around the bead. Repeat this for a total of three. Wrap the ends together with the end of a green pipe cleaner to attach them all together. Poke the end of the green pipe cleaner down into the center of the flower. Hot glue in place.







Decorative Paper Flowers

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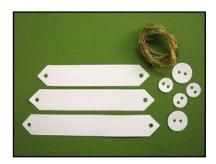
Decorate your space with beautiful Decorative Paper Flowers. The best part of this fun paper craft idea? You don't have to remember to water these flowers! Celebrate spring with this easy and inexpensive craft.

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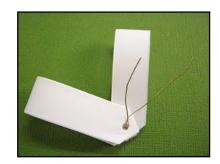
- Paper
- Hole punch
- Wire
- Wooden skewer



- 1. Cut strips of paper. Use any pattern or solid paper. You can stamp, paint and ink it. You can cut as many strips as you want and in any size you want.
- 2. I used: 8 strips 5 inches on 3/4 of an inch (13 x 2 cm), 12 strips 4.5 inches on 3/4 of an inch (11.5 x 2 cm), 6 strips -4 inches on 3/4 of an inch $(10 \times 2 \text{ cm})$.
- 3. Cut the edges of the strips to form an arrow. Punch a hole on each side.
- 4. Cut 5 circles 3/4 of an inch (1.5 cm) in diameter. Punch two holes side by side to make the circles look like buttons. You can also use actual buttons.
- 5. Cut a piece of wire, about 6 inches long.
- 6. Thread the wire through the two holes of the button piece.







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- 7. Twist the wire to form one strand.
- 8. Start with the medium size strips. Thread the wire through the hole, loop the strip and thread the wire through the other hole. Continue to thread all 6 strips.
- 9. Separate the wire and add another button. The button makes it easier to handle the layers while you are assembling the flower.
- 10. Add the next layer of loops, large size.
- 11. Repeat the process with the rest of the strips, separating each layer with a button.
- 12. Add rolled strips of paper as stamens.
- 13. Cut more strips for leafs.
- 14. Take a wooden skewer and push it through the middle of the flower. Thread the loops on the skewer to create leafs.

