

Paper Flowers

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These little paper flowers are so versatile! They can be used as place-markers at the table, for luncheon table centerpieces, as favours at a bridal shower using the bride's colours for the petals, on food trays at hospitals and long-term care facilities to brighten up a patient's day, and so much more!

These ones I inserted into what was handy in my craft room – plastic medicine cups. You can use whatever you desire; shot glasses, little baskets, fancy tea cups, your imagination is the limit. ☺

When doing up a large number of these flowers, prepare the stems and centres of the flowers a day ahead to allow for drying time.

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Materials Needed



1. Construction paper of various colours
2. Styrofoam eggs and ball shapes. I used 2" eggs and 1" balls, but you can use what size you would like. The larger the styrofoam shape, the bigger the flower.
3. Wooden bbq or "shish-kabob" skewers
4. A sharp knife
5. Paints and brushes, and a water container
6. Glue gun
7. Glue
8. Scissors

Let's Get Started: Preparing your Stems

1. Break the skewers in half and smooth out the broken ends so that there are no sharp edges.
2. Paint them green for the flower stems. You do not have to paint the part that will be stuck in the styrofoam shapes.
3. Stick the painted skewers into something so they aren't sticking to anything and allow them to dry. (I used a block of foam oasis)

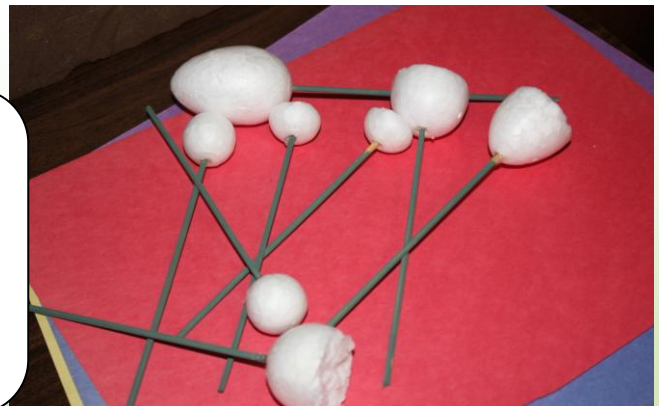


4. With your sharp knife, cut some of the styrofoam eggs and balls in half. Leave some whole.

Do NOT smooth out the cut edges as these are the centres of the flowers, and flower centres are not naturally smooth. 😊

5. When your flower stems are dry, put some hot glue on the end that will go into the styrofoam shapes and insert firmly into the styrofoam.

Allow the glue to dry.





6. Paint your styrofoam shapes whatever colours you want your flower centres to be.

You can be creative here! Dab some brown “seeds” onto orange for sunflowers or coneflowers.

Now that your basic set-up is done, it's time to create some beautiful flowers.

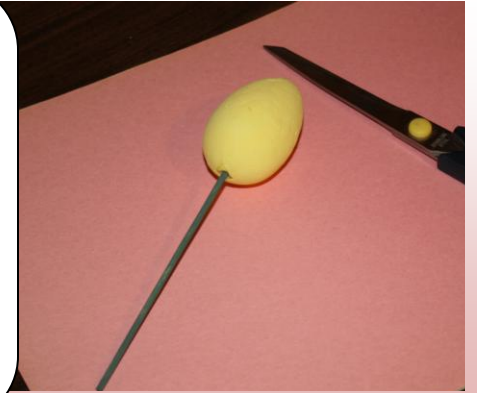


Pretty Pink Points

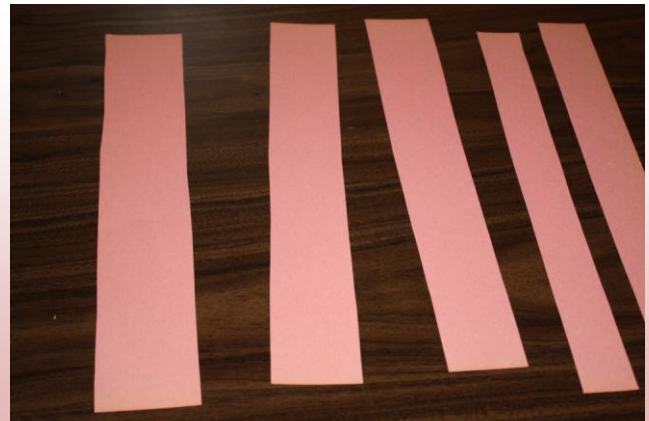


For this flower, we are going to use the egg shape.

You will need a sheet of construction paper for the petals, scissors, and a glue stick.



1. Cut the paper along the short edge as follows:
 - 2 strips that are about 1 ½ inches wide
 - 2 strips about 2 inches wide
 - 1 strip the width of the leftover paper (about 2 ½ inches wide)



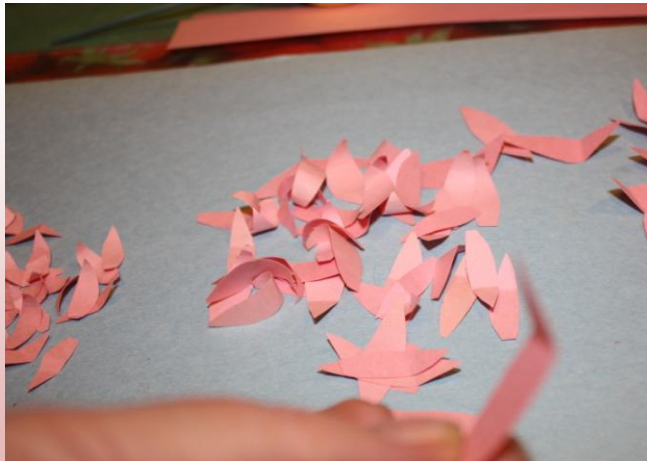
2. Cut the strips into petal shapes.

Make sure that the petals have one end that is pointed.

Refer to ruler for width. The height should be the width of the strips.

You will end up with three sizes of petals, small, medium and large. Keep the sizes separate.

Your petals do not have to be perfect shapes!



3. Take each petal and fold it about $\frac{1}{3}$ d of the distance from the pointed end.

You will have about $\frac{2}{3}$ flat and $\frac{1}{3}$ folded.

4. With the glue stick, glue four of the **small** petals onto the flower centre as shown on the photo, with points folded out toward you.

Make sure that your points are at an even height as this will be the foundation for building your flower. It does not matter if the petals are not even along the bottom.



5. Now, fill in the gaps with more of the small petals, making sure to keep the points even with the first four petals.





6. Overlapping the petals of the first row, glue the 2nd row of small petals in place.

Glue the petals so that their points are about even with the folds of the first row.

7. With the **medium** size petals, glue on another row, hiding any yellow of the row above.

Again, make sure your petal points are even with the petal folds in the row above.



8. Do three rows in total with the medium size petals.

Again, make sure to cover yellow in the rows above, and do not worry if your bottoms are not even. 😊



9. Turn your flower upside down and glue 4 of the **large** petals as shown in the photo. Make sure to place the bottom edge of the petal against the flower stem.

10. Glue in more of the large petals, overlapping the first four large petals.

Make sure to glue them against the stem.



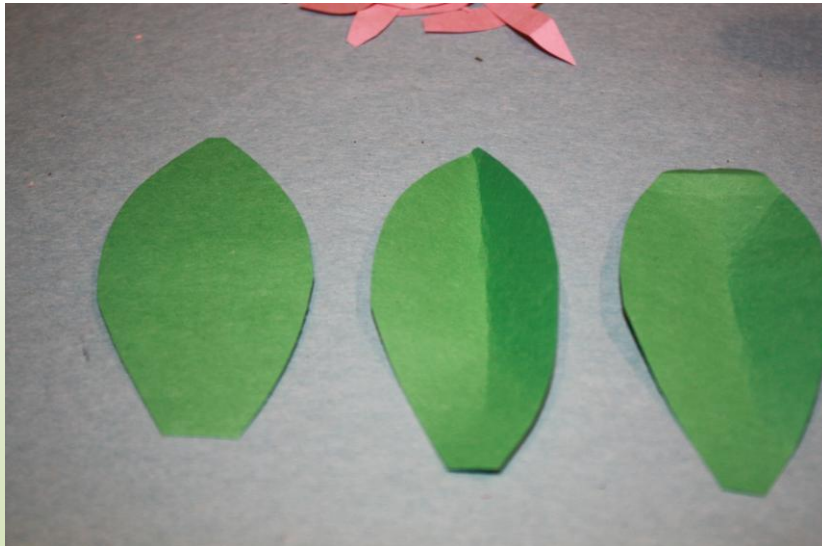
Your flower should now look something like this. 😊

Now to make the leaves...



Making Flower Leaves

You can go as plain or as fancy as you like when creating leaves for your flowers. The leaves shown with each flower are only suggestions for you. ☺



1. From green construction paper, cut out 3 leaf shapes.
2. Gently crease the leaf from the point to about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from the bottom.
3. Make creases at the top where the veins on a leaf would go.
4. You can also make little folds in a few leaves to show a “bent” leaf.

5. Glue the leaves from the stem outward...



...and you have a finished flower! ☺

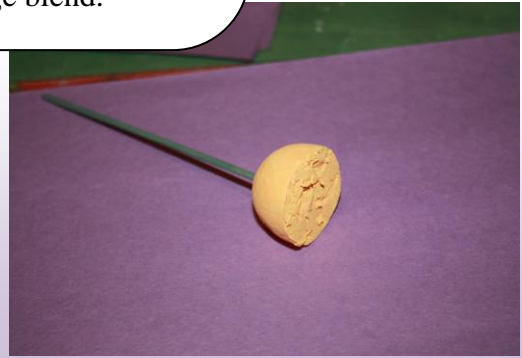
Passionate Purples



For this pretty flower, we are going to use the bottom half of the egg shape for a large flower.

If you would like a smaller flower, use the bottom from one of the small styrofoam balls.

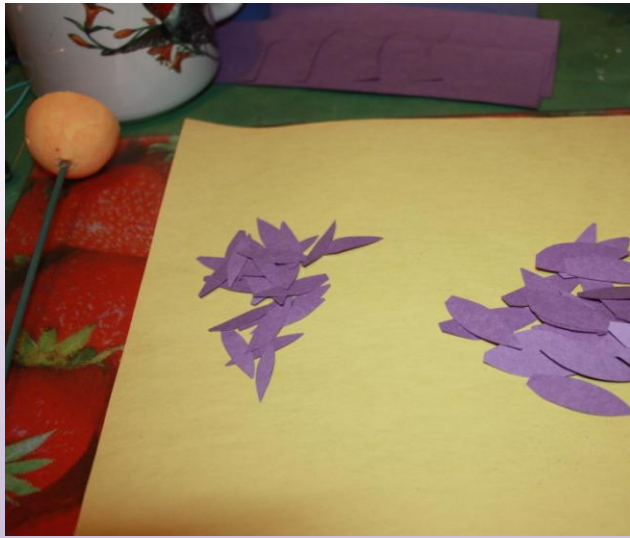
I painted this flower centre a yellow-orange blend.



1. Cut your paper into strips.

Make one strip 1 inch wide for the small petals.

Make three strips about 2 inches wide for the large petals.



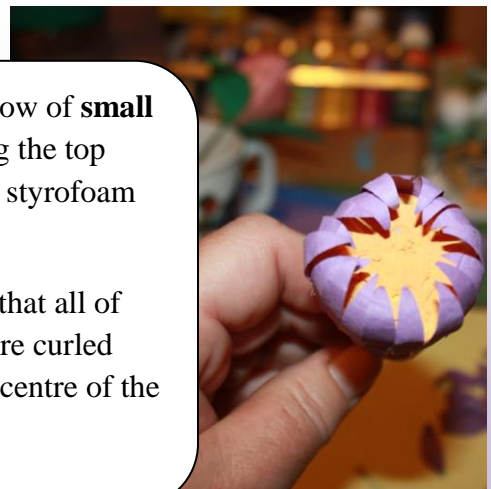
2. Cut your petals into narrow “spearhead” shapes. Keep the small and large petals separate.

3. With the stem of your flower, gently curl the pointed ends of each petal.



4. Glue a row of **small** petals along the top edge of the styrofoam shape.

Make sure that all of the petals are curled toward the centre of the flower.





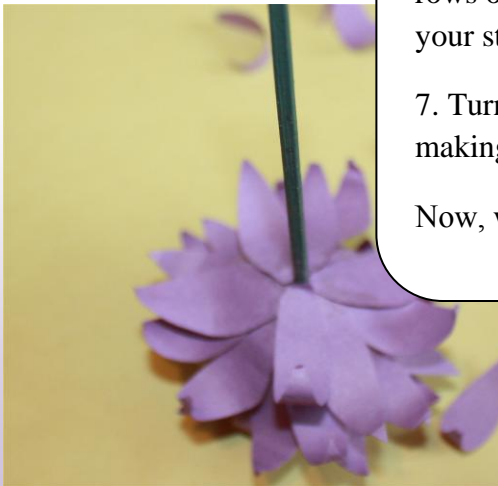
5. Glue a row of the **large** petals, with the curls facing toward you.



6. Glue 2 rows total of the large petals. Make sure that the rows overlap the previous row, and hide the paint colour of your styrofoam shape.

7. Turn your flower over and glue another row of large petals making sure that they meet at the stem.

Now, we need some leaves for our flower...





For these leaves, I chose to do them in a shape that matches the petals.

1. Cut out 7 or 8 “double-pointed” spear shapes, 3 times as long and twice as wide as your large petals.

2. Curl the leaves as you did with the petals.

3. Glue the leaves to the flower, making sure to meet the edges at the stem.



4. Next, I cut a small scalloped edged circle, made a small hole in the centre, and glued it down over the leaves. I did this to make the bottom of the flower look nice and tidy.

And another flower is added to your “garden”.



Cheerful Blues



This happy flower is made from a 1 inch styrofoam ball, painted a cheerful yellow.

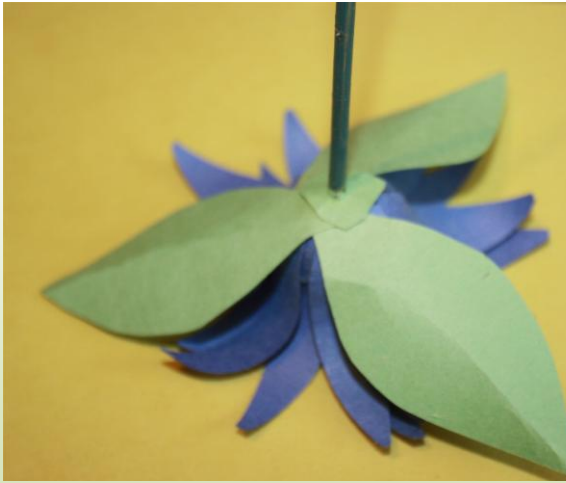


1. Cut about 24 petals, each one about 2 ½ inches long, and about ¼ inch wide in the middle.
2. Gently curl the ends of the petals.
3. Glue one row of petals around the ball, making sure the petal curls are facing toward you

4. Glue a second row of petals in between the first row, so that they overlap the first petals.

Now, we need to add in the leaves...





For these leaves, I chose a light green paper.

I decided upon 3 pointed leaf shapes and glued them onto the flower, using the same method as on page 10.

Add in your little circle, and your cheerful flower is complete. 😊



I hope you have enjoyed these little flower tutorials. If you would like to see more craft ideas, make sure to visit <http://www.dreamlandmagic.net>

At Dreamland Magic, there are lots of wonderful craft ideas for you and the children to do together on rainy afternoons.

Dreamland Magic will also be publishing a craft book in the very near future. All of the crafts in the book will be original crafts created by myself. Most of the crafts on the website will also be in the book, so be sure to keep watch for it!

Happy crafting, everyone!

Love from

Sonia 😊