

How to Make a Beautiful Paper Flower Decoration

Supplies

Tissue paper
Pipe cleaners or yarn
Scissors
String or yarn for garland

Directions

Start with tissue paper. The paper usually comes in large pieces. If you are planning on making large paper flowers you won't need to cut the paper. Grab yourself 5 sheets, they can be all the same color or different colors. Place them together on your table and start fanning from the bottom of your papers. Use the smaller width of the paper. Fan back and forth, back and forth until you're at the top of the paper. Now take your papers and fold in the middle, this will show you where to cut. When you cut the middle make a very small cut. This will allow your pipe cleaner or yarn to sit nicely. If you're using a pipe cleaner, you may cut it. Whatever size of pipe cleaner you need will depend on the size of the flower. The bigger the flower the bigger the pipe cleaner. If you use yarn, you only need about 5-6" of yarn. Make a knot on the bottom of the flower with the yarn. This will keep the flower sheets together and you will also be able to tie the yarn unto the garland rope or yarn. Now you need to use your scissors to cut the two ends. I like to make the ends round but you can also make the ends at a point. This just gives the flowers a different look. Once you've cut the ends now you're ready to start pulling up the rows of paper. Start pulling up on the paper. Do this for each row. You should have 5 rows of tissue paper to pull up. Once you've pulled all the rows up, you should have yourself a beautiful tissue paper flower. This does take a few try's sometimes. Children might have a little difficulty at first with pulling the paper up. But once they learn how to do it, it's a breeze.

When I make the garland I usually use 2 different sizes. Small and Medium flowers. Remember: To make smaller sizes, just fold your larger paper in half and then take the half and fold again. I've always used 3 different sizes of flowers, small and medium for the garland and the larger size for flowers for a vase.

Have fun!!!

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