

Tissue Flowers

What: In the spirit of Valentine's Day, **make tissue flowers for Meals on Wheels recipients**. Meals on Wheels provides home-delivered meals to elderly and homebound clients.

Collection Time: Place your tissue flowers in a bag labeled with your full name and grade. Make sure you choose a bag that will not crush your delicate work. Drop off the bags in the designated area in **600E, Thurs, Feb 7 – Tues, Feb 12**.

Hours: 1/2 hour for every 6 tissue flowers

How: The following pages include information about creating the basic tissue flower as well as more elaborate flowers.

Instructions

There are numerous resources online with instructions and potential templates as well as design ideas. Some websites include:

- <http://www.wikihow.com/Make-Tissue-Paper-Flowers>
- <http://www.linesacross.com/2012/04/12-gorgeous-tissue-paper-flower.html>
- <http://www.marthastewart.com/274777/paper-flowers>
- <http://pinterest.com/karmendariz/diy-flowers-tissue-puffs-and-poms-and-pin-wheels/>

Materials

Although this event is called "Tissue Flowers", you do not necessarily need to use tissue paper. Magazines, newspapers, paper bags, cellophane, and wax paper are a few examples of potential mediums.

- <http://www.intimateweddings.com/blog/how-to-make-paper-flowers-from-cupcake-liners/>

Flower-making Session

An optional flower-making session will be provided after our February General Meeting (Wed, Feb 6) in 600E. We will supply tissue paper and instructions. Bring your own scissors or any other materials you think necessary.

If you have any questions, email Tiffany Huie at tiffanyhuie@gmail.com.

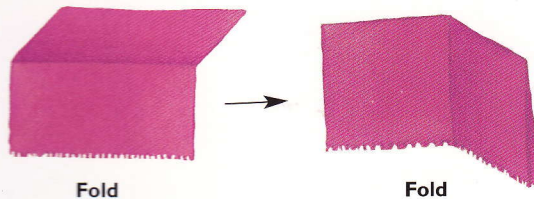


The best place to start is the

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STEP ONE

Pick your absolute favorite color of tissue paper and tear it out from the back of the book. Fold it in half, then turn and fold again.



Fold

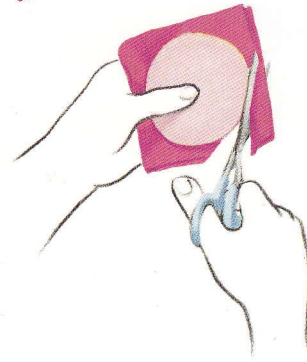
Fold

4 layers thick

If you didn't make your folds exact, don't worry, neither did we.

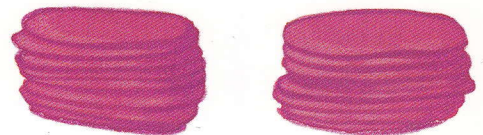
STEP TWO

Cut out the big circle pattern at the back of the book, put it over the folded tissue, and cut around it.

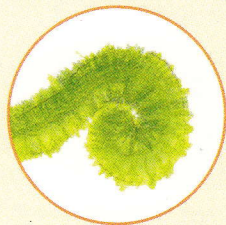


STEP THREE

Do it again with another sheet. Use the same color, or something that you think goes well.

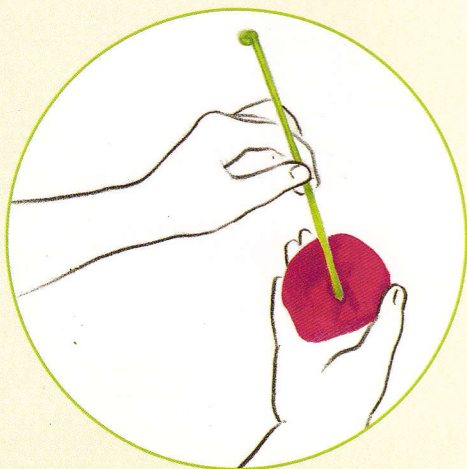


Don't worry about cutting perfect circles. This is what ours looked like.



roll

one end of a pipe cleaner into a nub.

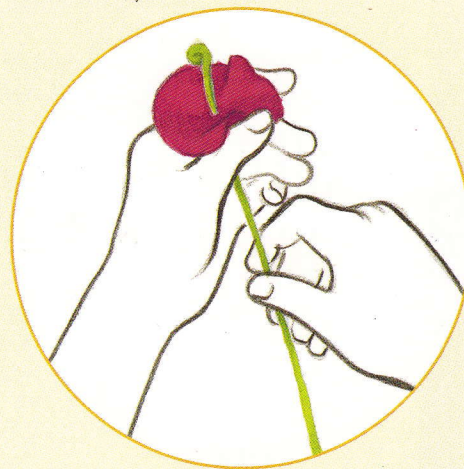


poke

the other end of the pipe cleaner through one of your paper discs.

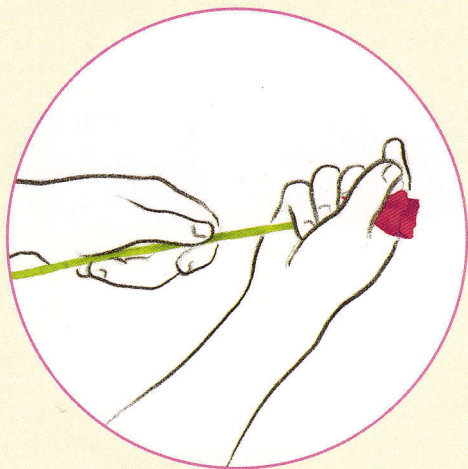
slide

the disc up to the nub end, cupping it gently in your fingers, then...



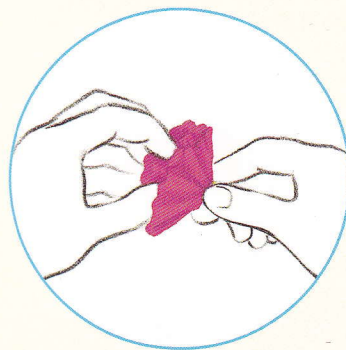
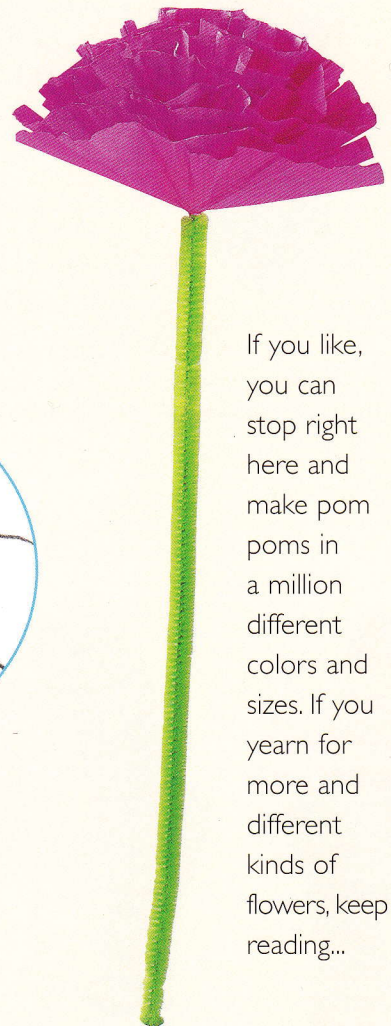
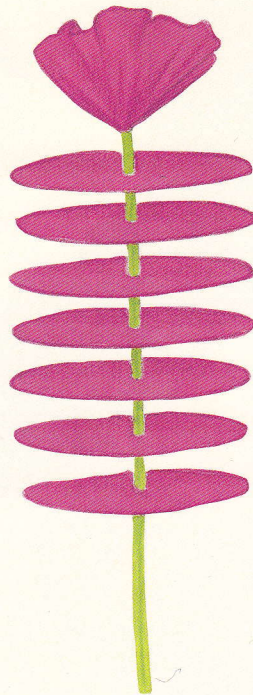
scrunch

it all up against the nub. Give it a good squeeze – it'll look better.



finish up

by doing the same thing (poke, slide, scrunch) to at least seven more tissue discs. Use any color combination you like.



Finishing Touch

With your fingertips, poof up the flower.

If you like, you can stop right here and make pom poms in a million different colors and sizes. If you yearn for more and different kinds of flowers, keep reading...

Bad CUTTING makes Good FLOWERS

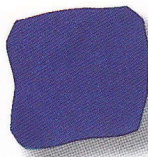
You don't have to cut perfect circles to make perfect flowers. Funny shapes make fine flowers.



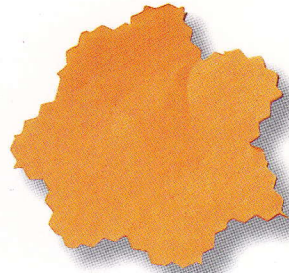
Mini-blob



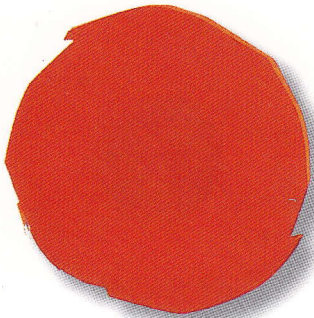
Rorschach



Squircle



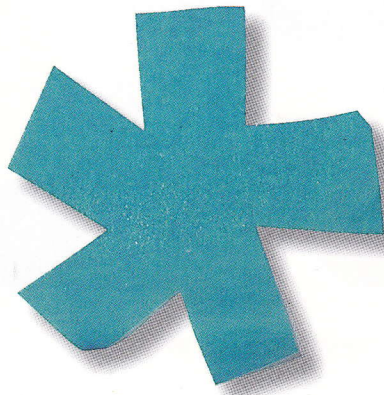
Pinking Shears



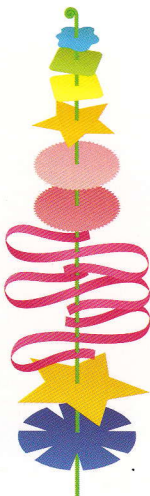
Botched Circle



Sorta Star



Cubist Snowflake

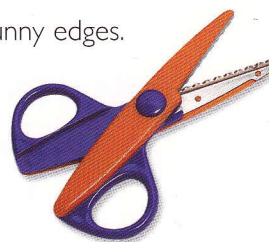


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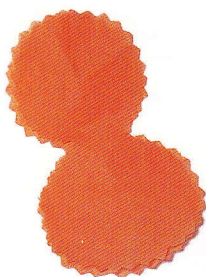
...to make this.



Craft scissors can cut funny edges.



Cloudy Circle



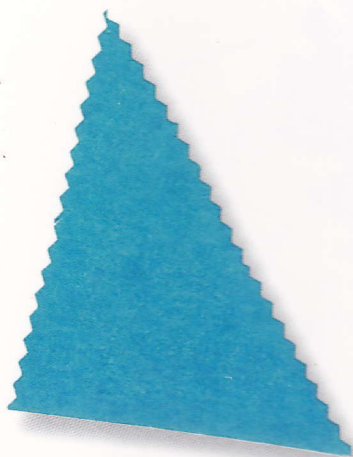
Bowtie



Strange Strips



Fried Purple Egg



Wrong Angle Triangle



Caterpillar Carnage

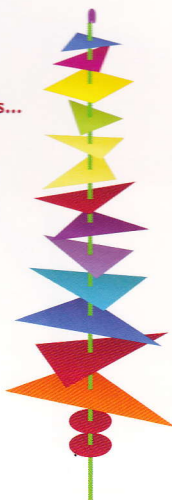
We have specially trained paper-eating caterpillars, but you could use a hole punch.



Streamer

...to make this.

Do this...



Fantasy

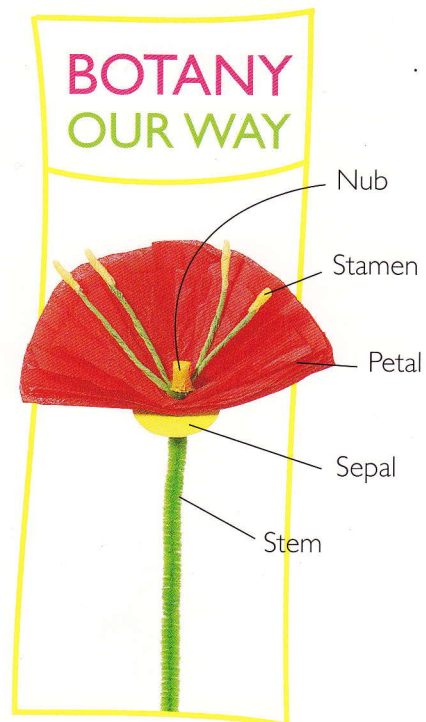
FLOWERS

Mother Nature combines all sorts of shapes, textures and colors in flowers. She has a wild imagination. But so do you. Here's a chance to show it off.



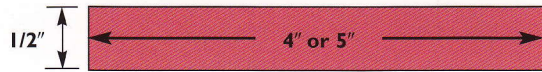
Try square petals instead of round. Use funny paper. Slash the petal discs for a flower that's all fringe. Cut your petals using fancy scissors. Add wild long stamens. Snip pipe cleaners to make curly stamens or fuzzy leaves.

Glamorize with glitter-glue or sequins. You get the idea...



Making Stamens

These are just strings of twisted tissue paper. Cut strips of tissue 1/2" wide and 4" or 5" long.



Making Sepals

The sepal is the last part you put on. It's made of stiff paper and holds the petals in place. Cut a sepal pattern from the back of the book.

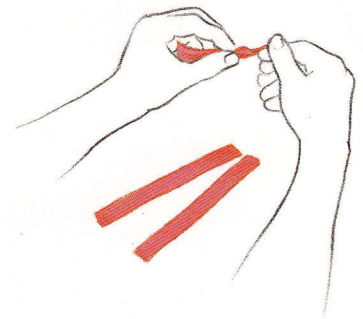


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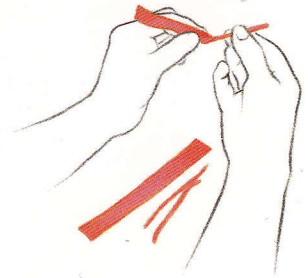
Use it to cut out a sepal from the stiff green paper provided at the back of the book. Slide the sepal up the stem to rest snugly below the petals.

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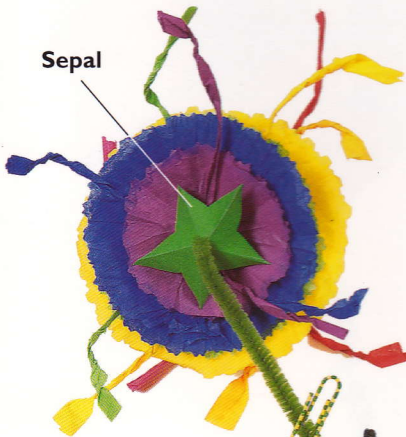


2 Moisten your thumb and fingers to help the strings keep their shape.



Repeat until you've made three or four twisted strips.

3 Fold each strip in half to find its center point. Open the nub at the center of the flower just enough to slip the folded stamens in place. Roll the nub tightly again to hold them secure.



Sepal

Backstage view of the sepal



Yellow wrapped nub

For fancy tips, twist and roll little circles of tissue paper around each end.

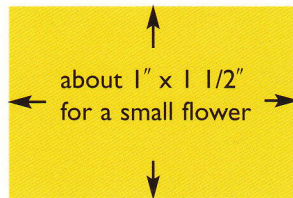


A fuzzy green pipe cleaner makes a nice center for this pansy. On other flowers you may want to add a bit more color with a wrapped nub.

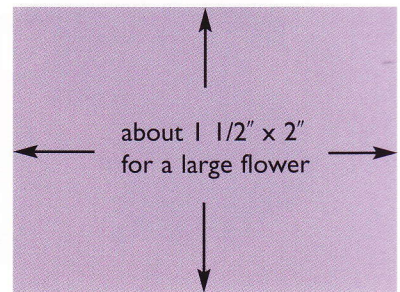
Making a wrapped nub



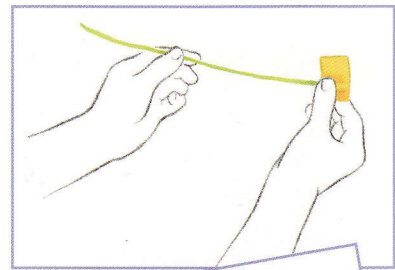
Cut out a small rectangle of tissue paper,



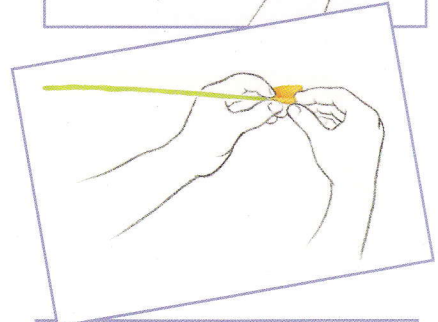
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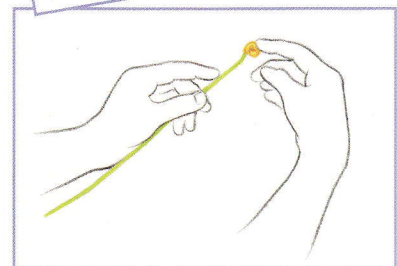
Fold the paper in half the long way and put the end of the pipe cleaner into the fold at one end of the rectangle.



Tightly roll the pipe cleaner up in the paper. Moistening your fingers makes this easier.



Fold the wrapped pipe cleaner over into a tight spiral, like a snail shell.





Mix different sizes of petal discs; slide smaller ones on stem first.

A Vase of
Wax Paper
Pom Poms and a
Daily News
Daffodil



1

Wax paper looks pearly.

2

Aluminum foil straight from the pantry.

3

Colored foil wrapping paper.

4

Classified ads.

9

Printed tissue gift wrap.

5

A waxed paper pom pom.

6

Sunday color comics section.

8

Cellophane pom pom, silver pipe cleaner stem.

7

A fat furry purple pipe cleaner stem.