



DIY Recycled Paper Flowers

1.



Cut one piece of the included paper into two long strips. I folded my paper in half along the crease, and then cut a little more than halfway down the page, resulting in two pieces of long paper different widths.

2.



Take one of your long strips and lightly fold in half, not creasing the folded edge but leaving it rounded. Run the glue strip along one of the edges of the paper, and press the other edge to it. Repeat with the other strip of paper.

3.



Now cut the folded edge of your paper approximately every 1/4 to 1/2 inch, depending on personal preference. *DO NOT CUT ALL THE WAY DOWN THE PAPER.* Only cut to about where you glued the paper together, leaving approximately a 1/2 inch of paper along the bottom. Do this to each paper strip.

4.



Next, we'll roll the glued edge of the paper, putting a little glue along that edge as you roll. I do suggest doing a test roll first, and seeing how to roll it and manipulate the paper to make a flower shape.

5.

The smaller half of the paper, I rolled to make it have a pointed bottom, and fluffier top. The larger half of the paper, I left the top a little open. We're going to be placing the smaller pointed half onto the open bottom half, to create a full flower.



← Top half

Bottom half →

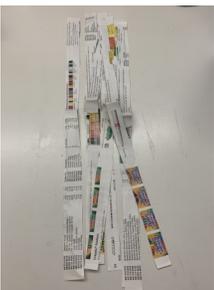


6.  Once you have both parts of the flower glued, we can put the smaller half onto the bottom half. I did this by liberally applying glue on the bottom of the smaller half, and making sure I stuck the little “stem” of it deep into the top part of my bottom half. Let dry.

7.  Now that the bloom is completed, it’s time to attach it to the “stem” which is a paper straw. I did try simply gluing the flower, but found that adding a bit of scotch tape created a better seal.

8.  Next we’re going to take another sheet of paper, and fold it in fourths. I recommend gluing the sheet in half, and then gluing that half in half. Let dry. This is going to be the sheet we cut the leaves out of.

9.  Now we’re going to cut our leaf shapes out. I freehanded a nice leaf shape, and left a long tag coming off the bottom of it. We’ll use the tag to attach the leaf to the stem. I used glue and a bit of scotch tape to make sure the leaf was well attached.

10.  The next step is to take the third piece of provided paper and cut it into long strips, about 1/2 an inch wide. These strips don’t have to be super long, we’re just going to be wrapping them around the stem and it’ll be a little easier to use paper strips about 6-10 inches long.

11.  The final step is to wrap the long strips of paper around the stem, covering it. I did cut the paper shortly before where the leaves were, and started a new strip right after. Keep adding glue to your strip of paper as you wrap.