

# Flower Making Activity

## Tissue Flowers



Artists throughout history have depicted the beauty of flowers in their work. Regardless of the medium, flowers represent love, beauty and even life itself.

This activity offers a simple way of making flowers from tissue paper. Enhance a bouquet, add to gift wrap, or experiment with another use. From Fiesta to Mother's Day, these hand-crafted flowers brighten any celebration.

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## Suggested materials:

- Tissue paper
- String
- Foil
- Glue
- Scissor

## Instructions: Flower

1. Fold a large sheet of tissue paper 4 times into a small rectangle, then cut in half. This is enough paper for two flowers. Cut all edges where there is a fold.



2. Fold the paper to form an accordion then tie in the middle with a string.



3. Cut  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way into the marked fold and round out to create petals. Lift each petal by gently pulling up and begin to shape the flower.



If you want to use these flowers as decoration, this is a good stopping point. Use the string to attach the flower to any desired surface.

## Instructions: Stem

4. Tightly twist a piece of foil but leave a small tab at the end. Cut the tab down the middle and twist.



5. Loop one of the newly twisted segments through the flower to attach.



6. Wrap a long strip of tissue paper starting at the base. You can use glue to make it easier. Halfway through wrapping fold one segment of the tissue strip to create a leaf.



7. You can make more than one flower and create an amazing bouquet. For a simple rose tutorial follow [this video](#) to add variety to your arrangement.

