

# MAKE PAPER QUILLED CRITTERS



Paper quilling is the art of cutting paper into long thin strips, rolling and pinching the pieces into different shapes, and then gluing the shapes together to form decorative art. Paper quilling projects can be used to decorate cards, boxes, gift bags or picture frames.

## **This kit contains:**

- Card stock
- Glue
- Toothpicks
- Googly eyes
- Quilling paper in various colors
- Slotted quilling tool
- 2 Shape guides
- Snail template



## **You will also need:**

- Scissors
- Pencil, marker or crayons

## How to get started



The first thing to learn is how to wind paper to make coils. You can read this description on making coils. It has nice clear close-up pictures.

<https://www.thepapercraftery.com/tutorials/how-to-make-simple-quilling-paper-coils/> The tool in your kits is a slotted quilling tool or quilling pen, which is described about 1/3 of the way down the article.

If you prefer, watch the first 2:30 of this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I6xKJxakl2s> This video shows how to use a quilling needle instead of a quilling pen. You can get started by putting the end of your paper into the slot in your quilling pen.

Learn to make tight and loose coils of different sizes by changing how much the coils relax or by how much paper you use.



## How to make a snail

1. Use scissors to cut out the large circle (body) and the two small circles (eyes).
2. Use the slotted quilling tool to make tight and loose coils in a variety of colors and sizes. You will need about 20 coils.
3. Glue the loose coil shapes on the round cut out one by one. Start gluing the loose coils from the outer edge of the circle.
- 4: Keep gluing the loose coil shapes on the round cut out until it is filled. You can add tiny coils (pegs) to fill the gaps between the loose coils if you want.
5. Stick the 2 small circles on their places on the body. Use a marker to draw black dots on the eye circles and a mouth below the eyes. You can make the eyes with coils instead—glue together half a black strip to 1.5 white strips to make a very long strip. Start coiling with the black end and keep the coil tight.
- 6: Now stick the quilled round piece on the body of the snail. Allow the glue to dry.

If you want another template , find it at <https://www.craftymorning.com/quilled-paper-snail-craft/>

Most quilled art uses shapes other than coils. See your shape guide for some common shapes. This video shows how to make most of the shapes on the guide. It lasts 11 minutes—you can start at 2:30.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l6xKJxakl2s>



Practice making a few shapes. Teardrops and marquis shapes get used frequently.

## How to make fish

Pick out 2-3 colors for each fish. You will need 3 strips of the same color for a body, 2 strips for the two fins and 2 strips for the tail.

This video (5 minutes) shows you how.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PLGFICDeuzU>



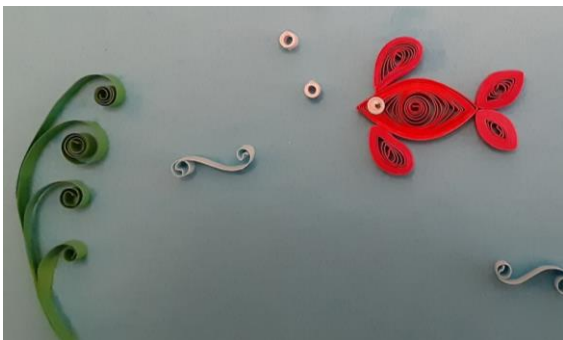
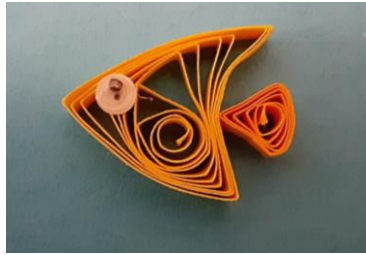
The video shows making the coils on a toothpick and then with just hands, but you can use your quilling pen. Just put your paper into the slot and twirl. You might want to watch the whole way through before you start your fish.

### Things to remember as you go

- Keep your hands clean
- Use as little glue as you can
- Make sure your glue dries before moving on to the next step
- You will want some of the shapes you make for the fish to be the same size—fins and tail parts.

## What to do next

If you want to, add more fish. You can make a smaller fish using 1 or 2 strips of paper instead of three for the body (adjust the lengths used for the tail and fins). Try making the fins a different shape, like a triangle, or making the tail from a half moon. You could make a quilled eye for your fish making a tight coil from black and white strips. The fish body could be rounder using a teardrop shape or more like a triangle. Here are some fish that I made.



You could add bubbles made from small coils. Make seaweed or waves with some scrolls. This video (7 minutes) shows how to make scrolls. See your scroll guide too.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4\\_lcE\\_3RVjk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4_lcE_3RVjk)

Can you make a turtle or starfish or shell to add to your aquarium?





**What will you make next?** Flowers or butterflies or balloons or snails? Look around and think how to make something you see with the shapes and scrolls on your guides.

Send a picture of what you create to [maycirc@minlib.net](mailto:maycirc@minlib.net)! We'll make a gallery of all the quilling art at <https://www.maynardpubliclibrary.org/take-n-make>

