

LEARN THE ART OF PAPER QUILLING



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 or as stand-alone objects.

This kit contains:

- Card stock
- Glue in needle-tip bottle
- Quilling paper in various colors
- Slotted quilling tool
- 2 Shape guides
- Cardboard and pins
- Waxed paper
- Monarch template



You will also need:

- Scissors
- Ruler

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 and then shapes. It has nice clear close-up pictures.

<https://www.thepapercraftery.com/quilling-basics/>

Or you can watch this video showing most of the shapes on your shape handout. It lasts 11 minutes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I6xKJxakl2s> The 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 loose coils of different sizes by changing how much the coils relax. You can also make smaller shapes by using a shorter strip of paper. Practice making a few shapes. Teardrops and marquise shapes get used frequently.



How to make your tropical flower

Pick out the colors for your flower.
You will need: 10 strips of the same color for the petals
1 strip for the centers (cut into 3 pieces of 5 inches)
1 strip for the stem
½ strip for each of the leaves (4-5 leaves).



This video (5:00) shows you how: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IJfGBDUVAY>

You might want to watch the whole way through before you start your flower. The instructions in the video are a bit sketchy. See next page for notes!

Glue 2 strips end-to-end for each petal. Let the glue dry. Make the petals as shown. Use 1/3 strip for each center coil. I found gluing in the jar lid to be too fussy—flat is fine. Make the stem with 1 strip folded in half and glued together. Make leaves with ½ strip shaped into marquise shapes. Curl the stem into loose S shape (curl like ribbon on the edge of a scissor blade.) Glue the stem on edge tucking it in between two petals, then add 4-5 leaves.

How to make tulips

Choose two shades of the same color for your tulip. You'll need three strips for the inner color and two strips for the outer color. This video (8 minutes) shows you how.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VJcuSvCr4SI>

A variation is to make a smaller middle petal so the tulip looks like this:



For the variation, make 2 outer petals as shown in the video. Make a diamond shape to fit between the outer petals using an 8" strip. Wrap like you did with the outer petals. Make a peg (tight coil) using same colors as petals with 1 inch of the inner color and ½ inches of the second color. Place the peg between the bottoms of the two outer petals.

Make some decorative stems and leaves with swirls from this video (7 minutes). Glue all your pieces to the card stock and let dry.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4_IcE_3RVjk

How to make a monarch butterfly

Assemble these strips:

4 orange strips of 6 inches

6 orange strips of 4 inches

14 white strips of 1 ½ inches

14 black strips of 2 inches

3-4 black strips for wrapping and pegs

2 green (or brown) strips of 10 inches

This video shows how to make the monarch (22 minutes).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0lIn2TbqpYM> The blog post shows how to make the cones for the body with a regular slotted tool like you have in your kit.

<https://www.thepapercraftery.com/quilling/quilled-monarch-butterfly/>



These shapes aren't difficult, but there are a lot of them! And they are small. It will be handy to have a long quilling tool and tweezers—we have a few pairs to lend at the Circulation Desk.



Using advanced quilling tools

A quilling comb allows you to make even concentric loops like in the crocuses above. Here's a video showing how to use a quilling comb. It also demonstrates using a quilling mold for making curved (3D) designs.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=24I58OuVFdk>

This video shows the use of a husking board:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X4BhdISpLGM>

What will you make next?

I hope you're inspired to make more creations. You can use your shape guides or Google paper+quilling+ whatever you'd like to make. You can also buy kits, like for the crocuses on the last page. Add "template" to your Google search.

<https://karenmarieklip.dk/vare/krokus-quilling-template?lang=en>



<https://www.shesaved.com/2018/08/paper-quilling-flower-basket.html/>



From www.quillingcard.com



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ay6-Za6mpM>

Send a picture of what you create to maycirc@minlib.net! We'll make a gallery of all the quilling art at <https://www.maynardpubliclibrary.org/take-n-make>⁵