

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
- Slotted quilling tool
- 2 Shape guides
- 4 Snowflake templates
- Snowflake Grid
- Snowflake Measurement guide
- Cardboard and pins
- Waxed paper
- Quilling paper strips-50 white, 10 blue, 10 gray, 3 silver edge, plus a random color for practicing



You will also need:

- Scissors
- Ruler
- (And tweezers and a comb for the advanced projects)

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.



Using your practice color, 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. Ovals, teardrops, diamond and marquise shapes get used frequently.

Snowflakes require symmetry, so you will need to make shapes that are all the same size. Practice making loose coils that all have the same diameter.

You can read a blog post about making snowflakes here:

<https://www.thepapercraftery.com/quilling/how-to-make-quilling-paper-snowflakes/>

This video (16:43) has a nice demonstration of the project:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1j3FFRjbdU8>

Note that the snowflake in the video doesn't match any of your patterns, but you will see how to build a snowflake in "layers" from the middle out. You can use this instruction later as inspiration for snowflakes you design.

How to make snowflakes

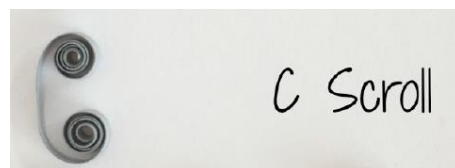
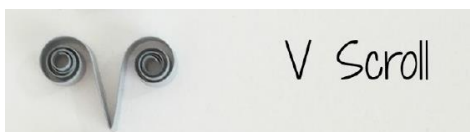
Use the measurement guide for your chosen snowflake and assemble the lengths of paper needed. (Note: Your strips are 15 inches. It's okay to use 15 and 7.5 lengths instead of 16 and 8 inches.) Make sure you have enough strips in the accent colors (blue, gray, silver edge) if you choose to use them. Make the shapes in the inner "layer" and assemble as shown in the video, adding each subsequent layer after the glue dries.



Snowflakes #4, 3 and 2, left to right

Use your grid to design your own snowflake!

Snowflake 4 uses straight pieces of paper to make a lacy effect. A shape called a V scroll adds a similar laciness. Try making some V scrolls (and C scrolls) as shown in this video (7:26) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4_IcE_3RVjk



A snowflake using V-scrolls



This snowflake looks pretty with blue V-scrolls (item B in the pattern)

Watch video in this blog post (8 minutes)

<https://paperzen.ca/blogs/news/quilling-snowflakes-free-pattern-and-tutorial>

You will use cardboard and waxed paper instead of corkboard and plastic wrap.

Visit <https://paperzen.ca/products/quilling-snowflakes> to download the free pattern. (The author has asked people not to distribute this.) The blog also has a circular snowflake guide sheet.



Using a quilling comb (not included in kit)

A quilling comb allows you to make even concentric loops. Here's a video (21:28) showing how to use a quilling comb to make a snowflake. You can use a regular hair comb for this project.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uhrw8rqfcl>

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>⁴