TISSUE PAPER FLOWERS

Tools

- Tissue Paper (Various Colors)
- Pipe Cleaners (Green)
- String or Twist Ties
- Stapler



Step 1:

Pick the color tissue paper you want to use. You can do a few different colors or all the same color.

You need 6-8 pieces of tissue paper...the more you use, the bigger and fluffier your flower will be.

Cut the tissue paper into equal sizes, like 5" by 8", but you can just eyeball the size...it doesn't matter as long as all the pieces you're using are the same size.



Step 2:

Starting at the long end (vertically), fold the stack of tissue paper in, making a small fold.

Flip the tissue paper to the other side and fold the stack of tissue paper in, making a small fold on the other side.

Keep flipping back and forth, folding the tissue paper like an accordion until it's all folded up.



Step 3:

Take a piece of stretchy string or twist tie and find the center of the folded tissue paper.

Wrap or tie the string around the center, making sure it's secure and in the middle.

Cut off the extra pieces that are hanging off so it doesn't show through the flower.

Cut the pleated tissue paper on both ends so it's even and uniform.



Flower Shape Tip!

Here are three types of flowers you can make once your pleated tissue paper is tied:

1. Leave the pleated tissue paper the way it is. This will give you big ruffles, like the red and white flower on the final page.

2. On both ends, cut the tissue paper in a rounded shape so you are left with two ovals at the end. Fan it and fluff it. This will give you curly ruffles, like the orange and yellow flower on the final page.

3. On both ends, cut the tissue paper in a triangle shape so you are left with two pokey, pointed ends. Fan it and fluff it. This will give you pointed petals, like the pink and purple flower on the final page.

Step 4:

Starting on one side, fan out the pleated tissue paper carefully.

Tissue paper is delicate, especially when folded, so do this part carefully so it doesn't rip!

One layer at a time, slowly pull the tissue paper toward the center. Keep going, layer after layer, pulling it in the same direction. Eventually, the side will be finished, forming a half fluffy flower.



Step 5:

Repeat this on the other side but be even more gentle, because you could still rip the fluffed side of the tissue paper.

Make sure the fluff the second side in the direction of the the first fluffed side. If you do the opposite direction, you will end up with a pom pom and not a flower.

Keep going until the second side is fluffed and you have a full flower.



Step 6:

Now it's time to make the stems for the flowers so you can put it into your vase.

Using green pipe cleaners, slip the pipe cleaner underneath the twist tie or stretchy string.

Twist it a few times to make sure it's secure. You might want to staple it to a piece of tissue paper if the flower is too big and flops over.



Let's see your masterpiece! ③

