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Hyacinth



Measure paper and cut fringe strip



Curl paper sections



Wrap the strip down and around the pencil

Materials:

Colored construction paper, ruler, scissors, pencil, tape, glue stick

Hyacinth Instructions:

1. Choose a paper color for your hyacinth flower and cut a strip measuring about $8\frac{1}{2}$ x 3 inches.
2. Using a ruler, draw an $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch wide border down the length of the paper. This $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch border is the “no cut zone.”
3. Working perpendicular to the border, make a series of scissor cuts about $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch wide. Cut up to the border (avoid the “no cut zone”).
4. You can use the ruler to mark the first couple of cuts as a size guide. It’s fine if the strips are not exactly the same size.

Tip: Fold your paper in half (short end to short end). Cutting doubles saves time (just add an extra cut at the center fold when you open the paper).

5. Cut $\frac{1}{2}$ -wide sections down the entire length of your paper.
6. Once completed, tightly roll each $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch section with your finger or pencil, curling it up to the border line.
7. Once all the sections are curled, take the completed strip of paper and tape the short side to the pencil (just beneath the eraser). Note: the curls should be facing up and out.
8. Wrap the paper strip down the pencil (tightly), slightly overlapping the layers to cover about a third of the pencil.
9. Tape or glue to secure the end. Let dry if glued.

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Enjoy your completed Hyacinth flower!

Hyacinth Instructions Continued:

10. Re-roll any sections that need more curl.
11. Now you can decorate your stem (see Stem and Sepal).

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