

HOW TO MAKE PAPER HYACINTHS

Supplies you will need

- Assorted colors of cardstock
- Green construction paper
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Glue Stick



Directions

- Cut out a strip of cardstock paper approximately 8.5" x 2".
- Mark $\frac{3}{8}$ " from both edges of the paper and use a pencil to lightly draw a line across the paper.



- Using scissors carefully snip the paper into strips that are about $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide, cutting up to the pencil line.
- Continue cutting $\frac{1}{4}$ " strips until you have made it across the entire strip of paper.

- Try to keep your cuts as straight and parallel as possible, but don't panic if they aren't perfect. It won't really matter once you've swirled them up.
- Using a pencil, carefully roll each strip. Make sure the pencil line is on the BACK of the strip like in the photo below. You want to roll the strips away from the pencil line so it's not visible when you're done the flower.
- Roll each strip as far as it will go.
- And continue rolling until you've rolled each piece along the entire length of the paper.



Making the Stem

- Next, you will need to make the stem. Make sure you're using construction paper or another type of thin paper or you won't be able to roll it.



- Cut out a strip 2" x 8".
- Start rolling one of the corners diagonally. Once you have gotten it started, add some glue to the paper to help keep it together.
- Keep rolling the green paper diagonally around itself to make a thin, stem-like tube.
- When you're done, it will look something like this:

Adding the Flower to the Stem

- Add some glue to the back of the swirled up paper.
- Then place it over the thinner end of the stem with the swirls pointing up and towards the outside, like in the photo below.



- Start wrapping the swirled up paper around the stem so that it overlaps itself as you go. Try to get it as tight as you can around the stem until you reach the end of your swirled up paper strip. If you need to, add a bit of extra glue to the end to help keep it in place.

Making the Leaves

- Next, you are going to need some leaves.
- Cut out a piece of paper, about 2" x 3". Fold it accordion style along the long edge in roughly 1/4" sections.



- Using sharp scissors, cut out a leaf shape, leaving about 1/2" at the bottom to give you room to glue it later.
- Here is what it looks like after it is unfolded. You will end up with 3 or 4 "leaves".
- Next, add some glue to the bottom of the leaves, and place one corner about 2" below the flower, at an angle like in the photo below.

- Wrap it tightly around the stem as you press down the glue to keep it in place.

There you have it! One paper hyacinth flower!

