

Art Project: Paper Flower Arrangement



Hillwood Estate, Museum & Gardens, photographed by Erik Kvalsvik

Marjorie Merriweather Post enjoyed displaying flowers throughout her home and this tradition continues today, according to her wishes.

A variety of seasonal blooms, including snapdragons, zinnias, chrysanthemums, and more grow in Hillwood's cutting garden, providing fresh-cut flowers used in arrangements in the mansion and other buildings.

Follow the instructions below to create your own paper blooms that will last year-round!

Learn more about the cutting garden on Hillwood's [website](#) and through our [mobile app tour](#) stop 220.

Materials:



For the flowers:

- Cupcake wrappers
- Green pipecleaners
- Scissors



For the vase:

- Cardboard tube
- Decorative paper
- Stickers
- Scissors
- Glue

Steps:



1. Flatten cupcake wrappers.



2. Stack four wrappers in a pile.



3. Fold the stack in half.



4. Fold in half again.



5. Cut petals.



6. Experiment with different shapes to create different flower designs. For example, you can make rounded edges, spikes, or fringes.



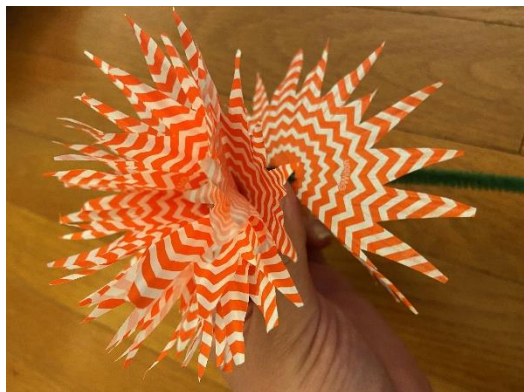
7. Unfold the wrappers and poke two small holes in the center.



8. Weave the pipe cleaner through the holes to make the flower's stem.



9. Twist the pipe cleaner around itself to secure it.



10. Bunch up each wrapper toward the center, one at a time.

Try to bunch each layer at a different angle to create volume and shape for your flower.



11. Your flower is complete!



12. To create a vase to display your flower, cover a small cardboard tube with decorative paper, using glue to hold it in place.



13. Decorate with stickers.



14. Create an arrangement of paper flowers in your vase and enjoy!

Please share your finished product on social media!

