

Summer Activities

Art – Tissue Paper Flower



Objective:

This activity utilizes fine motor skills as students follow a sequence of tasks to create a piece of art.

Materials:

- Step-by-step guide (provided)
- Tissue paper (assorted colors; 20" x 26")
- Pipe cleaners (1 per flower)
- Scissors

Preparation:

1. Print the step-by-step guide (1 per child).
2. Cut tissue paper into large squares (at least 12" per side; 10 squares per child).
3. Set aside an extra set of materials for you to use as you demonstrate the activity.
4. Create a model tissue paper flower for reference; place in a visible location.
5. Provide your child with tissue paper squares and a pipe cleaner.

Teach Independence:

- Children should complete the art project as independently as possible. Provide physical assistance when needed, but encourage your child to work independently.
- Place art materials in separate containers.
- Encourage your child to gather their materials prior to the art activity.

Ideas to Encourage Social/Communication Skills

- Throughout the activity, encourage descriptive conversation about the artwork (the colors, size, and numbers).
- Encourage your child to show others their complete project.

Suggestions for Differentiation:

Level 1:

- Provide the cue "do this" and model the action.

Level 2:

- Explain the activity using one-step directions and teach your child to reference the step-by-step guide when needed.
- Encourage your child to communicate about their flowers with phrases using their mode of communication.

Level 3:

- Explain the activity using multi-step directions.
- Encourage your child to communicate about their flowers with complete sentences using their mode of communication.



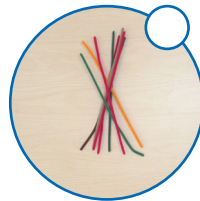
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2 materials

 Draw a checkmark beside each of the materials that you gather for the project.



Tissue paper squares

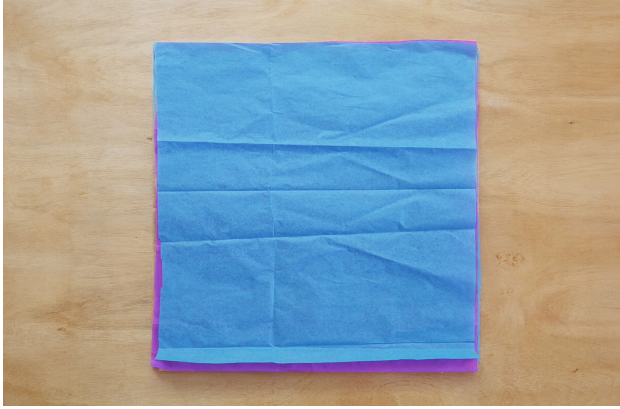


Pipe cleaner

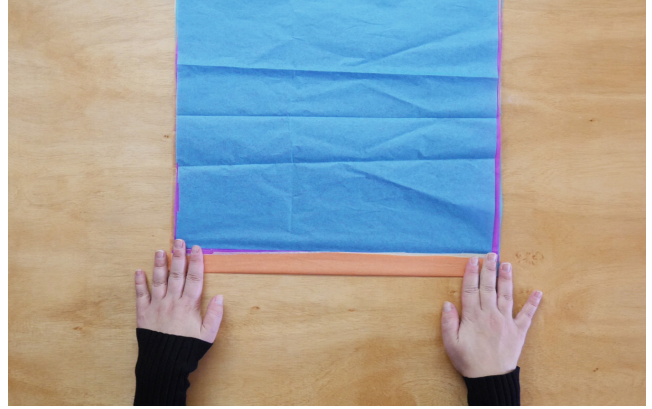
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Step-by-Step Guide

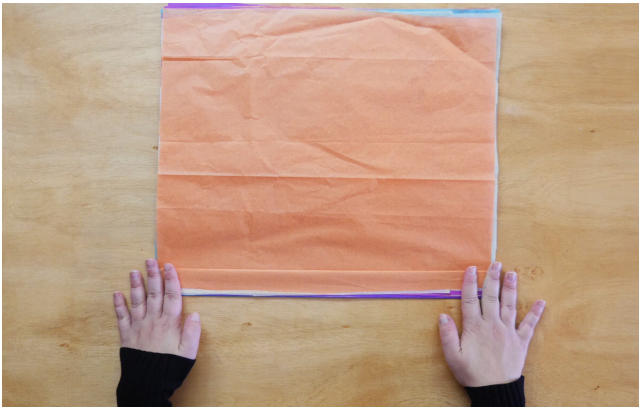
- 1 Put ten tissue paper squares in a pile.



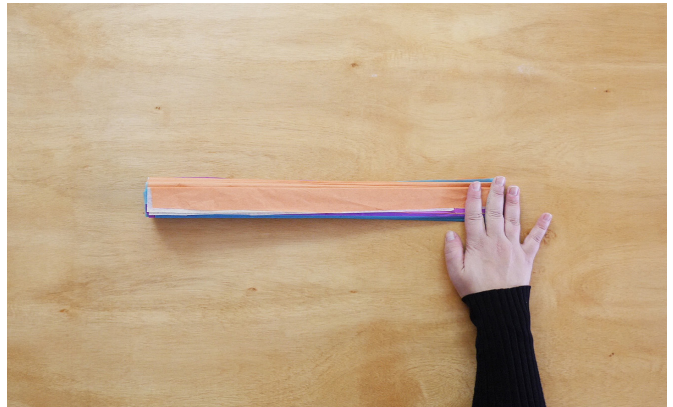
- 2 Starting at one edge of the tissue paper make a one-inch-fold, pressing firmly.



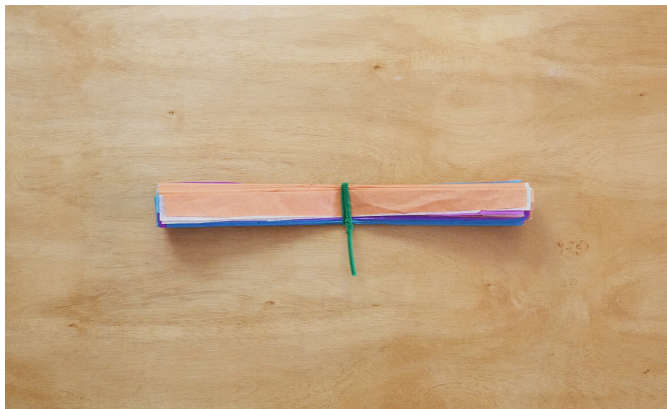
- 3 Flip the stack of tissue papers over, make another one-inch-fold, pressing firmly.



- 4 Continue to make these accordion folds until all the tissue paper is folded into a one-inch strip.



- 5 Wrap a pipe cleaner tightly around the center of the tissue paper strip and twist to secure it.



- 6 Separate the tissue paper folds on either side of the pipe cleaner and gently pull the first layer of tissue paper upward.



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Step-by-Step Guide: Part 2

- 7 Gently pull each layer of tissue paper upward and in toward the center to create a flower blossom.

