Giant Tissue Paper Flowers

Materials

tissue paper

a piece of wire or

Tools

craft scissors

Learn how to make giant tissue paper flowers! You can create the flowers in any colour of the rainbow and use them to decorate your home, build a flower wall or show them off at your next part. Instead of making the petals in centre in just one colour, you can also layer differently coloured sheets to create a pretty ombre effect.

Instructions

1) Make the flower centre
Fold a full sheet of tissue paper widthwise in half and then lengthwise into thirds. Unfold and cut the sheet along the folding lines so that you have six strips. Stack the strips neatly, fold them again in the middle and cut fringes, approximately two-thirds down, into the open ends.

2) Create the petals
To make the petals, fold two full sheets widthwise in half and then cut along the fold. Layer the four sheets and fold them first lengthwise in half, then in quarters and finally into eighths. Trim the open ends into pointed or rounded shapes and unfold the sheets.

3) Stack the sheets and fold the flower
Lay out the petal sheets flat on the tabletop and place the unfolded centre strips in the middle. The petal and the centre strips should have the same length. Next, accordion fold the sheets in 1 1/2 cm (1/2 in) increments. To secure the flower in place, twist a piece of wire or string around the centre of the folded strip and remove any excess wire.

4) Open the flower
Fan out both sides of the paper strip. Carefully pull up the fringes to create a puffy flower centre. It helps to spread the folds apart when pulling the paper up. Repeat this step with the petals sheets. If you leave the petals standing upright the finished flower will have the appearance of a waterlily. You can also style the petals down to create the look of a daisy or sunflower.

Hang the giant tissue paper flowers

Use tape to attach the flowers to a wall. Alternatively, tie wire on the back of the flowers to self-adhesive hooks applied to the ceiling or wall. Group the flowers closely together for a very opulent look, or space them apart if you prefer a light and airy appearance.