

Paper Blooms

You will need:

scissors

low temp hot glue gun

bamboo skewer

3 white circular coffee filters per flower

To add color:

1/2 cup of water

water colors or food coloring

Stack 3 coffee filters together and fold in half, and fold in half again. View the quarter of the filter in 3rds and make two cuts from the outer edge to the center about 1/2 way to the center of the filters. Now trim the outer edges into petal shape.

Unfold the filters and find the cross section in the very center of the filters. This is where you will poke the bamboo skewer into the filters from the bottom. The skewer will go in about 1 1/2 inches. Place the glue on the first filter near the 1 1/2 inch mark and begin pinching the filter together from the bottom side of the filter. Repeat this process with the two remaining filters. Continue to pinch and shape the flower at the base to achieve the look you want. Fluff the petals to shape.

If adding color, do this step before cutting the filters. Stack 3 coffee filters together and fold in half, and fold in half again, and fold the filters one more time into a flat cone shape. Mix your color up and place the tip of you filters about a 1/3 of the way into the colored water to allow the color to soak into the filter. Let filters dry. Once dry, restack the filters and fold in half and half again to cut into petal shape.