Daisy

Materials:
Colored construction paper, scissors, ruler, pencil, glue stick, tape, eraser topper (optional)

Daisy Instructions:

1. Choose a paper color for your daisy flower and cut a strip measuring about 11 x 2½ inches.

2. Using a ruler, draw a ½-inch wide border down the length of the paper. This ½-inch border is the “no cut zone.”

3. Working perpendicular to the border, make a series of thin, fringy, scissor cuts (approximately ¼-inch wide).

Tip: Fold the paper in half (short end to short end). Cutting doubles saves time (just add an extra cut at the center crease when you open the fold).

4. Use a ruler to mark the first couple of cuts as a size guide (smaller strips are preferable to larger ones). It’s ok if the strips are not exactly the same.

5. Cut fringe down the entire length of your paper (avoid the “no cut zone”).

6. Take your completed paper strip (fringe side up) and tape the “no cut zone” to the pencil (just beneath the eraser).

7. Roll the entire strip around the pencil (tightly), overlapping each layer evenly so that the fringe petals are the same height.

8. Tape or glue to secure the end. Let dry if glued.

9. Gently push the daisy petals down to create a fuller blossom. Add a colorful eraser topper if available.
Daisy Instructions Continued:

10. Now you can decorate your stem (see Stem and Sepal).

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