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Forget-Me-Not

Draw, cut, and glue Forget-Me-Not flower shapes

Cut, wrap, and tape stem to pencil

Glue flowers to upper half of pencil

Forget-me-nots are typically blue and have five petals.

Materials:

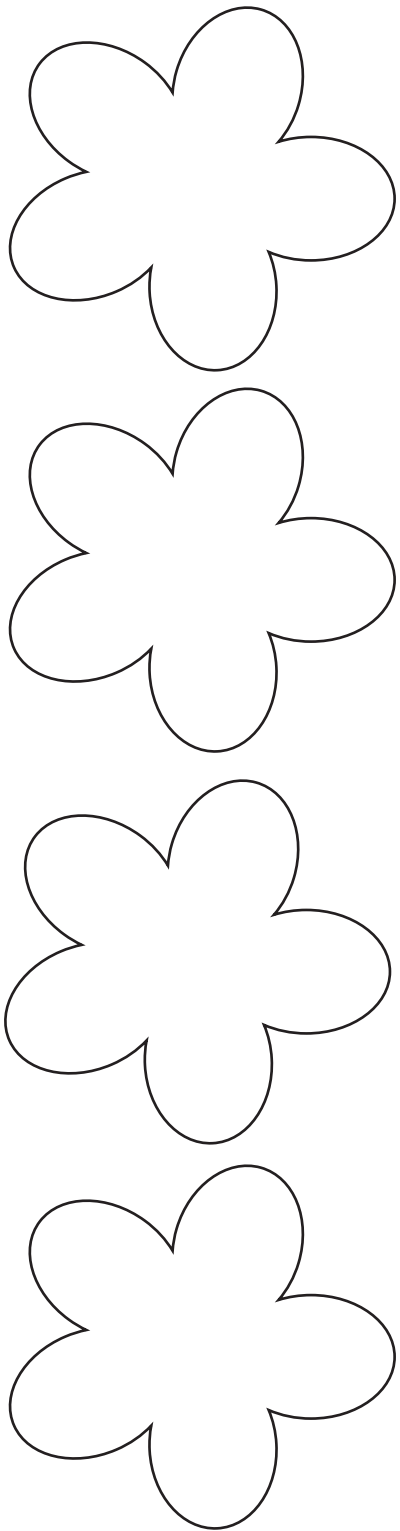Colored construction paper, ruler, glue stick, tape, scissors, petal template (provided)

Forget-Me-Not Instructions:

1. Choose a paper color for your forget-me-not flower and cut a piece measuring about 9 x 3 inches.

2. Cut out flowers from the template provided (one template for each person). You can also make your own template or draw freehand. Flowers should be around 2 inches in diameter with five petals.

3. Trace or draw flower shapes on your 9 x 3 inch strip of paper. Space them out for easy cutting.

   Tip: Fold your paper in half and trace two flowers. Cutting doubles saves time!

4. Draw four small circles for the flower centers using a small piece of scrap paper (choose a different color). You can also use a hole punch to make the circles.

5. Cut out flower shapes and circles.

6. Glue one small circle to the center of each flower and set aside to dry.

7. Choose a paper color for the pencil stem. Cut a piece about 1½ x 5 inches and tape the long edge of the paper onto the pencil. Wrap paper around the pencil and tape or glue to secure the end.

   Tip: If using a pencil, leave room near the point so you can sharpen it. Decorative floral tape can also be used to wrap the pencil stem.

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Forget-Me-Not Template:

Forget-Me-Not Instructions Continued:

8. To finish, glue flowers onto the upper half of the pencil, placing two flowers on each side so that they align back to back.

   Tip: Place flowers towards the top (eraser) so you can still grip the pencil.

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

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Enjoy your completed Forget-Me-Not flower!

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