

Hyacinth

Materials: Colored construction paper, ruler, scissors, pencil, tape, glue stick

Steps:

- 1) Choose a paper color for your hyacinth flower and cut a strip measuring about $8\frac{1}{2}$ x 3 inches.
- 2) Using a ruler, draw an $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch wide border down the length of the paper. This $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch border is the “no cut zone.”
- 3) Working perpendicular to the border, make a series of scissor cuts about $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch wide. Cut up to the border (avoid the “no cut zone”).
- 4) You can use the ruler to mark the first couple of cuts as a size guide. It’s fine if the strips are not exactly the same size.
Tip: Fold your paper in half (short end to short end). Cutting doubles saves time (just add an extra cut at the center fold when you open the paper).
- 5) Cut $\frac{1}{2}$ -wide sections down the entire length of your paper.
- 6) Once completed, tightly roll each $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch section with your finger or pencil, curling it up to the border line.
- 7) Once all the sections are curled, take the completed strip of paper and tape the short side to the pencil (just beneath the eraser). Note: the curls should be facing up and out.
- 8) Wrap the paper strip down the pencil (tightly), slightly overlapping the layers to cover about a third of the pencil.
- 9) Tape or glue to secure the end. Let dry if glued.
- 10) Re-roll any sections that need more curl.
- 11) Now you can decorate your stem (see Stem and Sepal).

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