

Quilling

Ages 7 and Up

This art form is around 500 years old. When it came to America quills (feathers) were used to curl the thin paper strips.

Quilling has made a comeback in recent years. Quilling projects can be quite intricate and complicated. Be sure to keep your projects simple so as not to discourage younger artists. It's easy to learn, and in no time you and your child will be creating beautiful artwork with these simple paper curls.

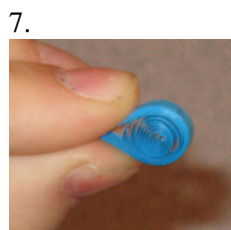
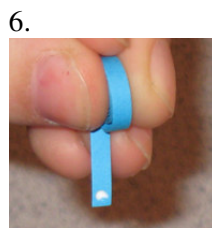
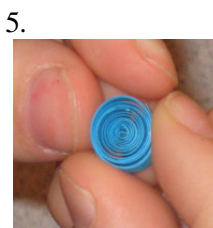
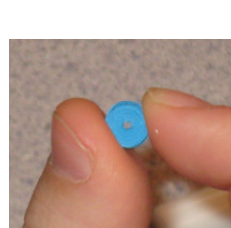
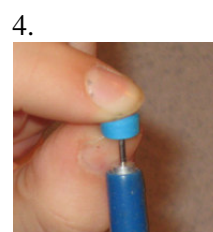
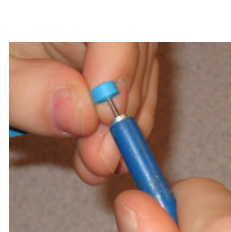
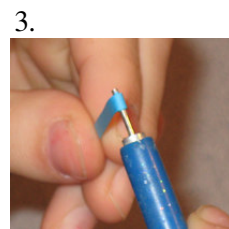
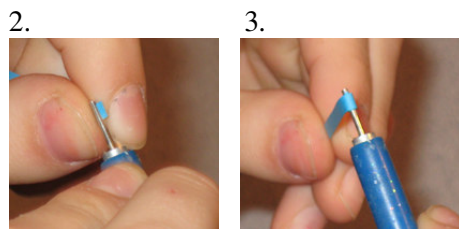


Materials:

Quilling Strips and Tool (available at craft stores), White Glue, Tags or Cards, a copy of **Twirled Paper** by KLUTZ, Tweezers (optional)

Directions:

1. To make the basic circle, take a 12" strip and insert it in the slot in the end of the quilling tool.
2. Slide the tool down to the very end of the paper strip.
3. Guiding the strip in one hand, begin turning the tool in the other hand. Take your time. You may have to stop periodically to straighten the paper coil.
4. Once you have reached the end, remove the coil from the tool by grabbing onto the whole coil with thumb and forefinger. Don't just grab on to the outside layer to pull it off, because the coil will come unraveled.
5. Holding the coil between your fingers, allow the coil to loosen up enough so that you can see the spiral of paper.
6. Apply a TEENSY dot of glue (you could use a toothpick) to the end and hold for 20 seconds.
7. You can make other shapes by pinching the circle. If you want smaller shapes use a shorter paper strip.



Suggestions:

1. Plan quilling projects that have a background piece like a card or tag.
2. Make all of your coils before gluing them in place on your card or tag.
3. Tweezers are very helpful when gluing the coils in place.

You can make a **HEART** by taking an 18" strip and fold it in half. Curl each end in towards the center, stopping 1.5" from the fold. Glue the two coils to each other, then make another coil and place it in the bottom of the heart.

