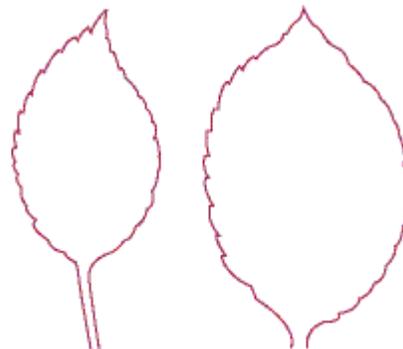


Rose bouquet

Roses are a classic, romantic flower, and a favourite for weddings, St Valentine's Day and anniversaries. These paper roses are longer-lasting (and more affordable!) than the real thing!

While the folding and turning of the paper strip may prove tricky for beginners, this skill can soon be mastered, and the flowers made in no time. Each flower is formed of a single length of paper, where the width of the paper determines the size of the flower. I have used deep pink paper to create the buds; but yellow or red roses look equally fabulous!



Materials and tools

- ▷ Basic toolkit (see pages 10–11)
- ▷ 5 x sheets of deep pink paper, 297 x 210mm (11¾ x 8¼in)
- ▷ Green card, 300 x 300mm (12 x 12in)
- ▷ Quilling tool
- ▷ Floristry wire, green
- ▷ Bucket, 100mm (4in) high; 100mm (4in) diameter at brim
- ▷ Floristry oasis, height: 50mm x diameter: 80mm (3½ x 2in) (optional)
- ▷ Floristry tape, green, 10mm (¾in) wide
- ▷ Leaf rubber stamp and green ink pad (optional)
- ▷ Pliers

Templates

These leaf templates are reproduced at three-quarters of actual size. You will need to photocopy or scan them at 133 per cent for the correct size.

Use these templates at step 13 if you do not have a leaf rubber stamp.



▲ STEP 1

Cut a sheet of dark pink paper lengthways into strips roughly 30mm (1¼in) wide. Cut a 10 x 20mm (¾ x ¾in) notch out of one end of your first strip.



▲ STEP 2

Insert the cut end of the paper between the prongs of the quilling tool.



▲ STEP 3

Twisting the tool away from yourself, start to coil the paper until you reach the wider part of the strip.



▲ STEP 4

Fold down the length of paper so that it is at right angles to the tool.



▲ STEP 5

Turn the quilling tool and fold the paper strip upwards as you turn so that it sits horizontally again.



▲ STEP 6

Fold the paper back down at right angles to the tool so that the paper hangs down close to the previous fold. As you continue to fold and turn, space out the folds slightly more each time.

Tip

The roses can be kept as tight buds if the paper coil is not allowed to unwind once the quilling tool is removed.



▲ STEP 7

Once the rose is the required size, remove the quilling tool, holding the rose in one hand. Fold the end down behind the length and loosen the bud slightly.



▲ STEP 8

Glue the end in place. Make more roses in varying sizes using the remaining strips of paper.



▲ STEP 9

Take a 150mm (6in) length of floristry wire. Fold over the end of the wire with pliers to make a hook.



▲ STEP 10

Feed the wire through the rose so that the hook 'catches' the centre of the flower.



▲ STEP 11

Secure the wire to the flower using a strip of floristry tape around the base of the rosebud.



▲ STEP 12

Place the floristry oasis into the bucket. Insert the wire of the roses into the oasis so they hold upright. The wire can be trimmed with pliers to change the height of the flowers.



◀ STEP 13

Use a rubber stamp and green ink to stamp a leaf pattern onto green card. Cut out the leaves and place them within the arrangement. They can be glued in place if you wish.

The finished bouquet.



Why not make... a gift box posy

Decorate a 205 x 205mm (8 x 8in) gift box with an arrangement of five roses on the lid, on a base of green leaves. Make the roses, but do not attach floristry wire. Instead, glue the buds together into a tight posy. Smaller roses can also be made and attached to the sides of the gift box.