

# Tissue Paper Flower

**Materials** needed for one flower (all parts can be of tissue paper except inner peduncle):

Tissue paper for flower parts:

**Seeds** - Two 1 inch squares of brown/black paper

**Ovary cover** - One 1 ½ inch square transparent white

**Pistil** - One 1 ½ inch by 3 inch light green

**Stamen** - Two 1 ½ inch by 4 inch dark green

**Peduncle** - One 2 ½ inch by 6 ½ inch medium green

**Petal** - Three 10 inch by 5 inch any color

**Inner peduncle** - ½ of a pipe cleaner

Other materials needed:

One pair of **scissors** per student

One or two **glue** bottles per table

One small container of **yellow pencil shavings** per table

Directions:

**Demonstrate** the making of a flower for the class, explaining as you go, before attempting to have the students do one!

Rip the brown/black tissues in half and roll them into small balls to become seeds.

Place the seeds in the ovary cover and roll it into a small sphere

Place the ovary cover into the center of the Pistil paper and wrap the pistil around the seeds, spiraling it upward to form the style. At the top flatten the style with your

finger to for the stigma. Put the assembly down for later.

Twist each stamen paper into a thin "Snidely Whiplash mustache" filament. Fold them in half, clip them to the same size. Put a dab of glue on each of the four ends, which become the anthers. Dip the gluey ends into the yellow pencil shavings to simulate the pollen.

Center and glue the two (now effectively four) stamen to the bottom of the ovary and set the assembly aside to dry.

Put the three flower petals together and fold them in half making them 5" by 5". Now cut the blossoms to shape.

Narrow the bottom, but make sure to **leave the folded bottom in tact.**

unfold the petals and glue them together. Glue the first two in an X and cross these two with the third. You should have **six petals at approximately equal angles.**

Glue the stamen/pistil assembly to the center petal assembly. Now gently pull the petals up and over the pistil/stamen to cover them.

Put glue at near the bottom of the flower and tightly wind the pipe cleaner into the glue. This will eventually help hold the pipe cleaner to the flower. The remaining pipe cleaner becomes the center of the peduncle below the flower proper.

10. Take the remaining piece of tissue, the peduncle, make a 1 1/2 inch cut down the center of it at one end, fold the paper in half length-wise at the cut and turn the two cut halves into "bunny ears" by rounding them with your scissors. These will be the sepals.

11. Open the peduncle back up and apply two thin lines of glue below the "bunny ears".

12. Place the "bunny ears", sepals on either side of the flower above the pipe cleaner wrap at the bottom of the flower. The glue you applied should hold the green paper in place as you gently wrap it around the bottom of the flower and down onto the pipe cleaner. This should cover any imperfections and complete your flower.

13. Finally, after letting the whole thing dry for a while, open the petals and arrange the insides. **YOU ARE FINISHED!**