

## Family Art from Home

# Paper Flower Bouquet

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Spring is in the air and we all look forward to beautiful cut flower bouquets. While you wait for the flowers to bloom, you can create a simple bouquet of your own from paper found around your home. Enjoy your beautiful springtime display!

### Supplies Needed

- Various decorative papers from magazines
- Paper cupcake wrappers
- Scissors
- Pencil or marker
- Elmer's glue (school glue)
- Oil pastels
- Watercolors and brush
- One sheet of construction paper

### How to Do it

1. Make your vase. Choose a decorative sheet of paper and fold it in half lengthwise. Using your pencil or marker, draw half of a vase shape. See Image 2. Cut it out, open it up, and glue it to a piece of construction paper.

2. Now we will make our flowers from the paper cupcake wrappers. Lay one flat and with an oil pastel draw the center of your flower. It works well to draw lines coming from the center like the rays of the sun. Add some color to the edge of the wrapper as well. Play with using a few colors on each cupcake holder. Do this a few times depending on how many flowers you will want to adorn your picture. See Image 3.

3. Cover each flower with a watercolor wash (watercolor mixed with water) so that the whole wrapper is covered. Do this to all of them, playing with slight color variations, and let them dry.

4. Experiment with the placement of your finished flowers, remembering that you can cover areas of the vase or have them partly placed off the page.

5. Once you like the placement of your flowers, glue the middle of each flower down with Elmer's glue, but let the



Image 2



Image 3



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edges come up from the page. To make the circular centerpieces to each flower, glue a small circle of decorative paper in the center of each flower. You can also include leaves cut from decorative papers. A butterfly or two might also look great! See Image 4

**Note:** You can fold your leaves and butterflies in half and then glue one half of them to the page to create a more dimensional look. .

6. Create a horizon line that goes behind the vase. Color the bottom portion with oil pastel. See Image 5.

**Note:** You can go one step further by adding different sizes of paper cupcake wrappers overlapping in various colors, adding buttons to the center, including floral scents like perfume...etc.



Image 4



Image 5