
GET CREATIVE

Perhaps you have a room with a view, a spot from where you can see the world go by, feel the sun on your face and enjoy some spring colours?

Or – like me- you bring a little bit of spring and nature into your home by getting creative and making your own paper flowers: paper peonies.

STAY AT HOME! STAY SAFE! AND STAY CREATIVE!

With very best wishes Andrea



WEEK 2

paper flowers



Material you will need:

- 4 paper tissues or 4 pieces of kitchen towel
- craft wire or wool or thread, a pair of scissors

Optional:

- either soft colouring pencils, pastels, crayons or water colour in pink/red
- if you don't have any paint start to experiment. I tried a used tea bag (the bags of red fruit tea worked well to dye the paper)
- a straw (for the stem)



You need 4 paper tissues or 4 pieces of kitchen towel.
 You could leave them white and create a beautiful white peony.
 Or you colour the paper with colouring pencils in red and pink.
 You could also experiment with wax crayons or water-soluble paint or anything you have to hand. I even tried a bit of nail polish.



When finished colouring and your paper is fully dry you will lay all 4 tissues onto each other and start to make an accordion fold.
 Start at any side and fold the paper over by ½ inch, turn the stack of paper over and fold again, back to the front and fold and so on till you reach the end.



When you come to then end you secure the paper by wrapping some wire around the middle or use a twine or thread to make a double knot.



Draw a rounded petal shape on both ends and cut the ends off.





And here is the fun part!
You start to unfold your paper. If you have used tissue paper, you will need to take care not to tear it. Kitchen roll is stronger and more forgiving.



Done!
You could make a few more flowers and place them into a decorative bowl.



Or you attach a straw to the wire or woollen string you used earlier and place your flowers into a vase or plant pot.

I hope you enjoyed this craft project.
It would be lovely to see your work. I am sure it is brilliant.
Take good care
and join me next time!