

Quilling 3-5

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Lesson

When you hear the word "QUILLING" what comes to mind? You might be thinking of the quills on a porcupine? Quilling like this is a Native American form of art where the quills of a porcupine are woven together to form many of the Native American designs we often see. But there is another form of "QUILLING" that is practiced around the world.



This form uses strips of paper that can be rolled, curled, twisted & glued to make exciting forms of artwork or additions to already beautiful pieces of art. It has been found on many artifacts from ancient times in Egypt. Later on in history during the Renaissance Era, which is after the Middle Ages in the years of the 14th-17th century, religious people were known to use the golden edges of books as their strips of paper to create their art of quilling. Their designs would be used to decorate books & many religious items. As time passed, many quilled designs could be found on pieces of furniture or on jewelry boxes. It is still a

great art form & can often be found in jewelry because it is very lightweight, being made out of paper. For your creations, you can use construction paper or any lightweight paper you may have at home. At Resource Depot you can get wall paper books that have designed paper that can easily be cut into strips. These strips of paper are rolled around a stick-like tool. Then the end of the paper strip is glued to the roll & then pinched or twisted, if you want, to form the shapes of your design. It's a great style of art for you to learn about & have fun with at the same time. There are tools designed for quilling, but as a beginner, you can learn how to do basic quilling, using a straw or pencil with your eye-hand coordination & creative imagination.



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before you start the art project**



Questions For Students

Where is somewhere that you have seen quilling?
What kind of paper do you have to make quilling?
What is something you would like to create?



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Other Learning Resources

Books To Read

Now I Am Paper by Uvi Poznansky

A Squiggly Story by Andrew Larson

Videos About Quilling

Current artist using quilling- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OqErWY7OKMs>

How to make a snake – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=szbQJdjPpeM&feature=youtu.be>



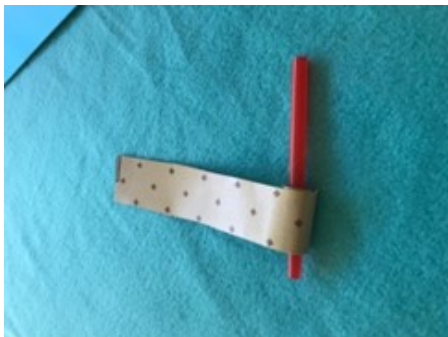
Materials



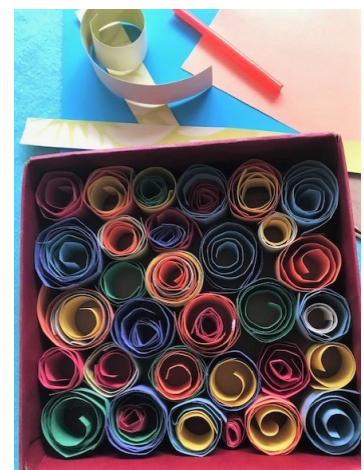
- Lightweight paper (construction paper, wrapping paper, wall paper, copy paper, books or magazine pages).
- A small box or heavier cardboard for the base of your design
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue
- Straw cut in half

Instructions

Steps in GREEN will need Parents help with



1. Gather all your materials.
2. If using a box, you may want to paint the outside first & let it dry.
3. Plan your design. Maybe draw shapes to fill with you will rolls on your box or paper.
4. Cut your paper into strips about 1/4 -1/2 inches wide & about 12 inches long. You can use thicker strips for younger kids.
5. Cut slits in the end of the straw about 1 inch long. Slide your strip end into the straw & start rolling your papers with the straw.
6. When at the end of your strip, remove it from the straw, release it a little & then glue the end to itself in the roll
7. Continue making these rolls, gluing them into your box or on the paper, creating your design using your colors & tightness of the rolls.
8. When finished, find a special location to display your project and remember to tell everyone about your new art skill of "QUILLING paper rolling!"



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