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Happy May Day! Paper Floral Bouquet

Surprise someone with a “Tussie Mussie”— a handcrafted, floral paper bouquet



Supplies

Paper – decorative paper, cardstock, construction paper
Watercolors or Washable markers
Coffee filters
Scissors
Glue — hot glue or Elmers liquid glue
Ribbon
Sticks or skewers
Water
Tissue Paper (optional)



Make Flowers with Watercolors

- 1) Take three or four coffee filters, and fold in half.
- 2) Fold left to right, and repeat.
- 3) Dip into a water container that has some liquid watercolor or watercolor from a paint tray.
- 4) Dip only a third to halfway.
- 5) Take out, separate, and lay flat to dry.



Make Flowers with Markers

- 1) Color loosely on three or four coffee filters with markers.
- 2) Stack coffee filters, and fold in half
- 3) Fold left to right, and repeat.
- 4) Dip into water container only a third to halfway.
- 5) Take out, separate, and lay flat to dry.



Finish Flowers

- 1) Once dry, stack the three or four coffee filters again. Fold in half, and then fold left to right, and repeat.
- 2) Make three or four straight cuts into the filter, and then round the edges of each cut. You can make more cuts or angular cuts depending on the type of flower you choose to make.
- 3) Make a tiny snip in the center of the folds to make a hole for the stick.
- 4) Separate layers.
- 5) Take a layer and slide stick through hole. Glue in the center, and scrunch the filter around the stick.
- 6) Repeat with each coffee filter layer.
- 7) Once all layers are glued onto stick, fluff the layers to form the flower.

Make TWO or THREE flowers for *each* Tussie Mussie Basket.



Make the Tussie Mussie Basket

- Take a square piece of paper—9 to 12 inches square.
- Turn paper to a diamond angle, and cut into a cone shape.
- Roll the cone shape so that the edges meet and overlap.
- Glue in place into a three-dimensional cone shape.
- Cut a piece of ribbon at least 12 inches long. Glue onto the inside of the paper cone.

To Finish the Tussie Mussie

- Place paper flowers into the paper cone. Wrap them in tissue paper first, if desired.
- Write a note on a piece of paper and tuck inside the floral bouquet.

Place on someone's door to let them know you are thinking of them!