

# Suffrage Flower

Difficulty: ★★☆☆☆ - Somewhat easy

Time: 40 minutes



## What you will need

- Tissue paper (purple, white and yellow colors)
- Scissors
- Pen
- Ruler
- Binder clips
- Craft glue
- Wire, e.g. pipe cleaner, floral wire, twist-ties or other flexible wire
- Safety pin (optional)

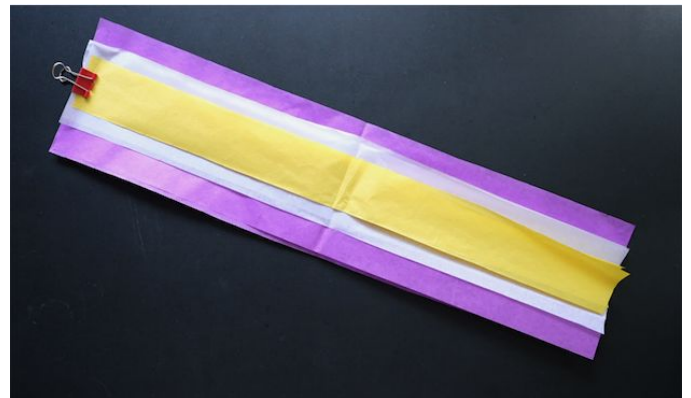
## Steps

1. Cut strips down the length of the tissue paper. Cut two purple strips 4" wide, two white strips 2.5" wide, and two yellow strips 1.5" wide. Use a pen and ruler to measure and mark the desired width.

Note: To create a bigger or smaller flower, cut wider or narrower strips of tissue paper. Younger children will find it easier to work with a larger flower.



2. Stack the strips of the tissue paper as shown below. Center the strips on top and then secure the stack at one end with a binder clip.



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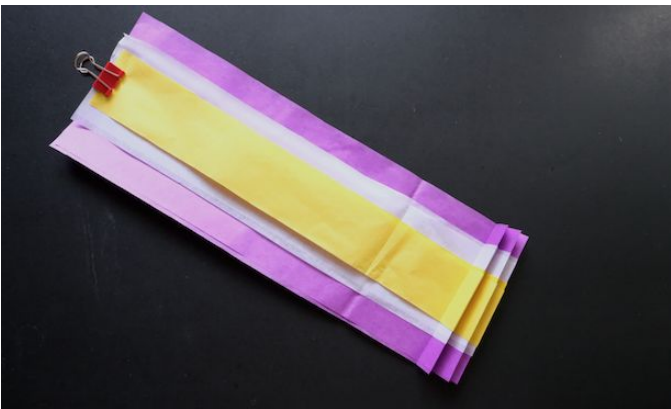
3. Accordion fold the tissue paper in roughly ½ inch folds, starting at the end of the stack opposite the binder clip.



4. Flip it over and repeat the step on the other side.



5. Keep folding in accordion style, flipping the stack back and forth to make each fold, until you reach the other end.



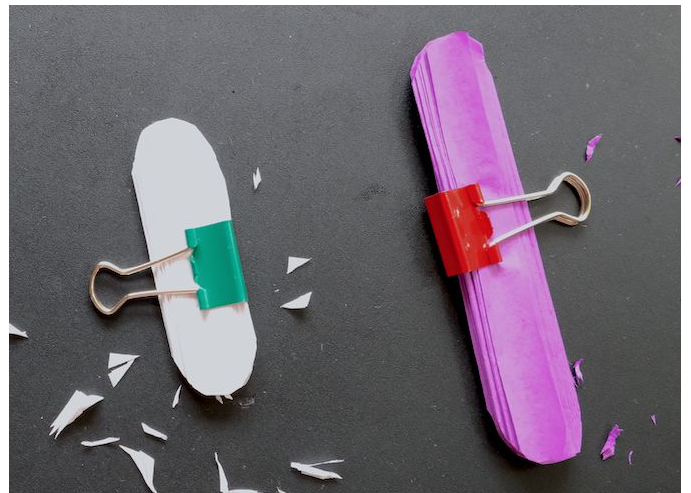
6. Make sharp creases.



7. Separate the tissue paper by color.



8. Cut the ends of the folded purple and white strips into rounded petal shapes. Use binder clips to keep the strips folded.





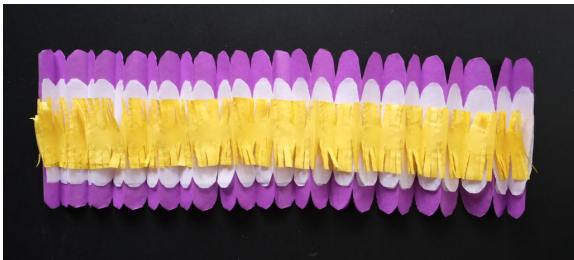
9. Cut each end of the folded yellow strip into fringe, leaving about ½ inch uncut in the center of the stack.



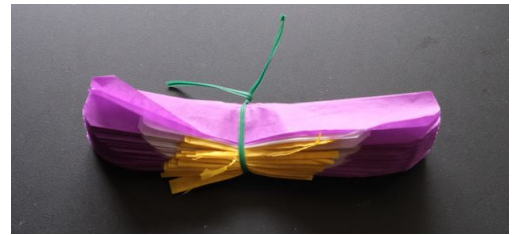
10. Unfold all the tissue paper sheets.



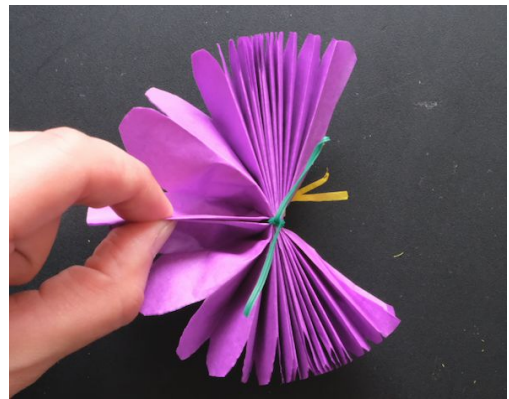
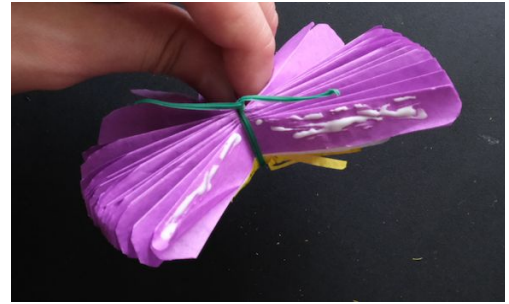
11. Layer the tissue paper sheets back on top of one another in the same order as before, aligning the crease lines. Remember to center the sheets as you stack.



12. Once the stack of tissue paper is reassembled, fold it and secure with wire at the center. Tie the wire by twisting it.



13. Open the folds of the tissue paper to create a circular form. To keep the form, glue the sides together. Apply glue to the sides and press them together.



14. Gently pull the yellow fringed tissue paper up and towards the center of the flower. Pull it from the base of the tissue paper closest to the center fold, rather than



pulling the ends of the fringe, to minimize paper tearing. Trim off the excess length to even up the 'stamens'.



15. Repeat this with the white tissue paper, gently pulling each layer up and towards the center.



16. Complete your flower by pulling up the purple tissue paper.



17. (Optional) Turn your flower to a brooch by attaching a safety pin to it!



Just wrap the ends of the wire on the back of the flower around the safety pin.

