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crepe paper tulips

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These beautiful crepe paper tulips won't wilt or drop petals. Use them to create wreaths, centerpieces, and bouquets. This kit makes 6 flowers in 2 shades.

INCLUDES: 9 SHEETS OF DOUBLE-SIDED CREPE PAPER TO MAKE 6 TULIPS AND 6 LEAVES / 3 TEMPLATE SHEETS / 6 9IN WIRES / FLORIST'S TAPE

TIP: You may want to practice with a piece of scrap crepe paper before you begin. Remember, any new craft project requires patience. Take your time and have fun!

For each tulip, make 1 center piece, 6 petals, and 1 leaf.



1 Work with 3 or 4 petal color sheets at one time. Neatly stack sheets, making sure that the paper grain is running vertically. Place the petal template on top of the stack. To keep paper from shifting, staple all around the outer edges of the stack. Add more staples when necessary as you cut out petals. Do the same with center pieces. Use the same procedure to cut out leaves using the green paper and leaf template.

Wrap each wire with florist's tape, stretching the tape as you wrap so that it sticks to itself.

Choose one side of the paper, in either shade, to be the outside-facing color for all the petals of an individual tulip.

Cup petals by placing both thumbs in the center (this will be the inside of the petal) and forefingers at the edges on the reverse side. Gently pull and stretch the paper with your thumbs, sculpting a petal shape.



2 Holding center pieces vertically, make 6 cuts, about 2½in from the bottom of the paper, to create 6 fringes. Tightly twist each fringe along its whole length to make stamens.



3 Tightly wrap a fringed center piece around each stem, close to the top of the wire, and twist bottom of paper around stem. Secure with florist's tape. Tape three evenly spaced petals around the stem and pinch petals at base to shape. Tape three more petals around stem, placing the bottom tip of each new petal between bottom tips of previous layer's petals. Tape these into place.

Fold each leaf piece lengthwise. Wrap and tape tip of leaf around bottom of stem. Sculpt petals and leaf to achieve desired look.

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