

Springtime Carnations

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MATERIALS

- One circular paper hole punch
- Small sharp scissors
- Tissue paper, red, pink, or white
- Green florist wire, cut into 2" lengths
- Tacky glue
- Wire cutters
- Round toothpicks
- Optional: felt tip pen, various colors

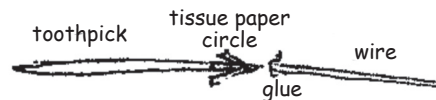
1. Take your tissue paper (which is generally folded several times) and using your punch, punch once making a stack of ten or twelve circles.
2. Holding the neatly stacked and compressed tissues between your thumb and forefinger, cut small straight lines into the center of the stack. Do this completely around the edge of the circle.

3. Put tacky glue on the tip of one of your 2" stems (florist wire). Now take one single layered piece off the stack of circles. Use a needle to separate them if necessary.
4. Take your toothpick and place the tip of it into the center of your single layered circle.



Cup the tissue up around the toothpick tightly.

5. With the tissue still cupped around the toothpick, place the cupped tissue point onto the tip of the florist wire stem that has glue on it.



6. Continue making these little cups and placing them on the florist wire in a nice flower formation. (It will take about 10-12 cups per flower.)
7. When dry arrange as you'd like in a vase or whatever, with some dried greenery. You could also place a dozen of them in a square of green tissue and wrap as fresh cut flowers. Include a small card signed "Love, Rhett" and you'll feel just like Scarlett O'Hara!

Optional: You may take a red or any other color felt tip pen and carefully, lightly, color the outside edge of the stack of circles for a variegated carnation.