

Day of the Dead Paper Flowers

Mexican paper flowers are crafted by folding and cutting paper to resemble different types of flowers. Paper flowers are used to decorate homes and for celebrations such as Day of the Dead. The Mexican marigold is known as the flower of the dead and was the flower that the Aztecs used to adorn tombs. Today, during Day of the Dead celebrations, natural and paper marigolds are used in Mexico and all around the world to decorate altars and tombstones.



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What you'll need:

- Tissue paper
- Scissors
- Pipe cleaner or twist ties

Instructions:

- Stack 5 sheets of tissue paper.
- Fold the edge of the sheets over about one inch. Turn over the stack of paper, and fold the sheets over again. Fold the pages back and forth in this same motion until you fold the entire stack. (Figure 1)
- Cut the edges in a round or triangular shape. (Figure 2)
- Twist a pipe cleaner or twist tie around the center of the folded paper.
- Gently separate each sheet of paper, one at a time, to create the flower petals. (Figure 3)

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Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

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