

# How to make recycled paper flowers

Directions are adapted from [www.howaboutorange.blogspot.com](http://www.howaboutorange.blogspot.com) (Jessica Jones).



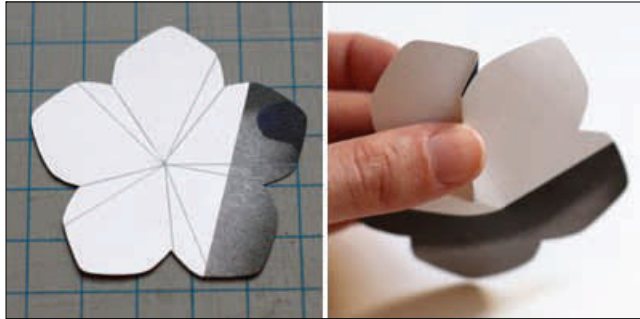
These recycled flowers don't require any adhesive. There are just four shapes to cut out. Use them to decorate gifts or make wreaths. An Urban Outfitters catalog was used for these.

You can make template pieces to trace around and then cut out the shapes with a scissors.



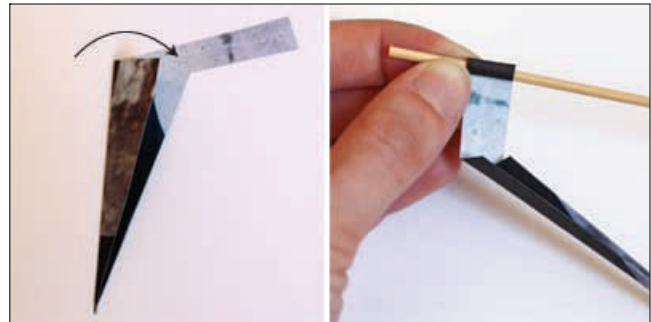
To make the flowers, do the following:

1. Score the back of each petal along the lines shown in pencil, above.
2. Pleat the petals along the scored lines, always folding in the same direction.



3. Fold the triangle portion of the stem in half lengthwise. Do this two more times until it reminds you of a toothpick.

4. Using a chopstick or skewer, roll the "flag" portion of the stem toward the "toothpick." This curl will form the center of the flower.



5. Curl the ends of each petal backward to give them shape.

6. With a skewer or sharp pencil, poke a hole in the center of each flower piece.

7. Thread the pieces onto the stem, from smallest to largest. Finished!

