

Recycled Flowers Activity

The permanent collection of the Museum of Brands showcases 150 years of brands, packaging and advertising. For this craft activity we are going to recycle the cartons and boxes that you'd usually throw away to make a beautiful vase of flowers to welcome in the Spring season!

We are going to make a tulips, a daisy, a sunflower and a Californian poppy.



Equipment

Flowers:

- Colourful paper and card packaging (e.g. cereal boxes, pasta boxes, rice boxes)
- Scissors
- Glue
- Tape

Vase:

- A recycled glass jar or plastic bottle
- Decorations (e.g. a ribbon, coloured paper)
- Newspaper or magazine pages

Tulip

1 Using your packaging, cut 6 strips of your coloured packaging measuring 20cm X 1cm. These will become the flower's petals.

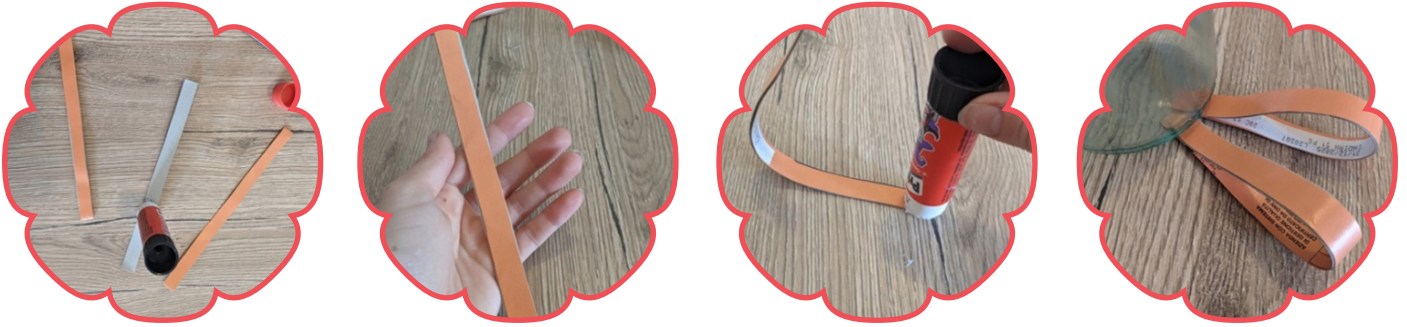
2 Cut 2 green strips measuring 13cm X 1.5cm for the flowers stalk.



3 With glue, stick 2 strips together with the coloured part outside. Repeat this step with the other strips until you have 3 thicker coloured strips.

4 Repeat this step with the 2 strips for the stalk.

5 Loosely fold 2 of the strips in half and glue the ends together. Place both petals under something heavy until the glue dries.



6 Fold the last petal around the stalk and secure with glue.

7 Glue the other petals to the stalk and secure them with tape.



Daisy

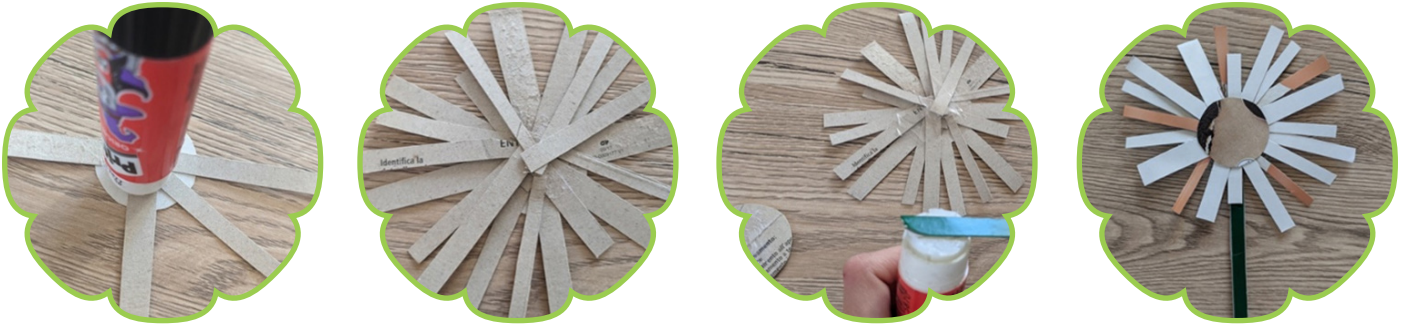
1 Using your packaging, cut 20 strips measuring 6cm X 0.5cm for the petals.

2 Cut 2 other green strips measuring 13cm X 1.5cm wide for the stalk.

3 Cut 2 circles measuring 4cm across.



- 4 Glue all the petal strips to the circle with the colour of the petals facing away from you. Add more glue as you go.
- 5 Glue the two stalk strips together with the colour facing outwards.
- 6 Glue one end of the stalk to the centre of your circle with petals.
- 7 Place your other circle on top and glue this down to secure your petals.



Sunflower

- 1 Using your packaging, cut 12 strips of yellow card measuring 12cm X 0.5cm.
- 2 Cut 10 strips of slightly longer yellow card measuring 15cm X 0.5cm.
- 3 Cut 2 long green strips measuring 15cm X 1.5cm for the stalk.
- 4 Cut 3 circles which are 4-5cm across.

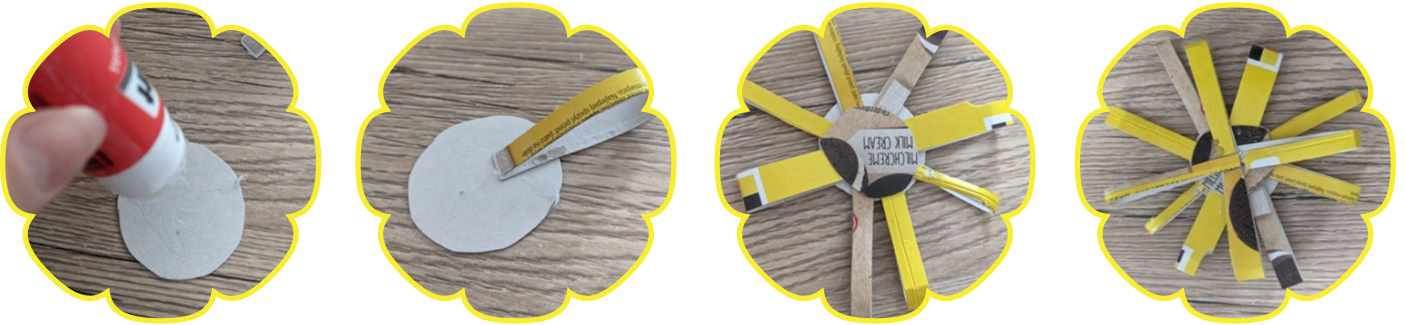


- 5 Fold the shorter 12 strips in half and glue the ends together. Put them under something heavy until the glue dries.



6 Put some glue on the first circle (the one that will be visible at the end) and glue half of the petals face down.

7 Then glue the second circle on top of these. Glue the other 6 petals in the same way on top to create another layer of petals.



8 Take the stalk strips and glue them together to form a thicker stalk then glue the stalk on the back of the petals.

9 Glue the third circle on top.

10 Fold and glue the final 10 strips then glue them onto your flower side up to create a textured effect. This is the third layer of petals.



11 Glue the third circle on the back to secure these petals.

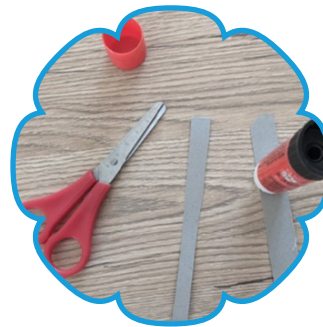


Californian Poppy

- 1 Using your coloured packaging, cut 5 rounded triangles for the petals.
- 2 Cut 2 strips measuring 13cm X 1.5cm for the stalk.
- 3 Cut a circle. This won't be visible so it doesn't matter what colour you choose.



- 4 Glue 3 petals on the top of the circle
- 5 Glue the two stalk strips together and stick this to the bottom of the circle.



- 6 Glue the last 2 petals at the bottom over the stalk.



Vase

1 Take the glass jar or plastic bottle and wash it, remove the label and dry it.

2 Decorate your vase. You can do this with a ribbon, paper, paint or stickers.



3 Scrunch up newspaper or magazine paper and put this in the vase. This will help your flowers to stand up.

4 Finally, display your paper flowers with pride!



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