

Coffee Filter

Flowers

What You Need:

- Large white coffee filters
- Liquid watercolors or food coloring
- Plastic tray

How To:

1. Flatten and place two [large white coffee filters](#) on top of each other.
2. Fold them in half, then fold in half again, and once more, and finally one last time. That's a total of four times where you fold it in half.
3. About 1/3 of the way down, cut an arch. Once you've cut all the way through, carefully unfold the coffee filter until they are again laying flat (directly on top of one another).
4. Carefully cut down the folded lines about 2/3 of the way toward the center. This will give your petals more movement.
5. After you've cut along the lines to give the petals a bit more separation, lay your double-thick coffee filter flower flat in a tray or dish.
6. Using an [eyedropper](#), add the smallest number of drops of [liquid watercolor](#) possible to completely color the flower (note: if you do not have [liquid watercolors](#), you can use slightly diluted food coloring in its place). Adding too much color will decrease the brightness. Just two well placed drops are enough to color each petal. It is so fun to watch the colors mix and swirl when they meet!
7. Carefully transfer the completed flower to something that is resistant to absorption - a plastic tray, or a plastic wrap covered tray. Placing them on something like a paper towel will again decrease the brightness.
8. Allow them to fully dry (3-4 hours at least), then carefully separate the two coffee filters from each other.
9. Gather one up, adding a small crimp/twist to hold it together. Then fluff the petals a bit.
10. Next take the second duplicate filter and wrap it around the outside of your first. Rotate the copy flower so that the patterns is offset. A dab of glue at the base between the two flowers helps to hold them together.
11. Using hot glue, attach the base of each flower to a green pipe cleaner and then placed them in a salt filled vase or other container. You can use marbles or whatever you would like as a vase filler.

