

## LEARNING RESOURCE

### *Paper Peonies*

Peonies are beautiful, rounded flowers that bloom from late spring to early summer for just a short period of 7-10 days. This resource will show you how to create your very own peonies from tissue paper so you can enjoy their delightful blossoms all year round.

People have been making paper flowers since the invention of paper in ancient China. This quick and easy craft activity is suitable for all ages and produces stunning results.



### **What will I need for this project?**

Tissue paper, pipe cleaner or craft wire, scissors.

Optional: green card, craft glue

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### Step 1:

Start by cutting your tissue paper into eight 10x10cm squares.



### Step 2:

Create a concertina fold by folding over about 1cm at the top and then flipping the stack over to fold on the other side. Repeat until you reach the bottom.



### Step 3:

Loop your pipe cleaner around the centre of your concertina stack and twist to secure.



### Step 4:

Cut the ends so they are rounded and curved like petals.



### Step 5:

Carefully unfold and open out the concertina stack.



### Step 6:

Gently peel each layer of tissue paper into the centre. Make sure to fluff and adjust the petals as you go.



Experiment with different colours and materials and fill a vase with your beautiful creations!