

Coffee Filter Flowers

You can make pretty flowers with coffee filters and a pipe cleaner.

What you need to decorate your coffee filters:

- White coffee filters
- Washable markers
- Water
- Newspaper to dry them on (or a line to hang them to dry)
- Plastic or newspaper to protect your work surface.
- Method #1 - small cup, Method #2 - spray bottle
- Method #2 – wax paper

Method #1 -- Capillary action experiment: Using a washable marker, colour a circle on your coffee filter where the ripples start. Fold in half and half again. Put in a glass with 1" of water in the bottom. Watch the magic!

Method #2 – Spray bottle: scribble all over the filter with washable markers. Try one with yellow, orange and red. Do another with purple blue and pink. Put your filters on waxed paper and spray your decorated coffee filter (about 5 squirts). Let stand to dry.

To Make Your Flowers

Stack 1-4 coffee filters to make one flower (the more filters, the fuller the flower)

Fold in half, then fold in half again.

Take the top section and fold again – back over itself

Turn over and repeat the last fold

Note: your coffee filter folds will zigzag back and forth

Use a pipe cleaner to wind tightly around the point of the filters – make it very tight

Gently separate the folded pieces to make a flower

- Make flowers for your Mom or Grandmother for Mother's Day
- Make a flower for a special person in your life
- Make a spring bouquet for your whole family to enjoy