



paper fan flower



Supplies needed:

- 5 or 6 strips of precut book pages
- craft scissors
- craft glue
- wooden stick
- card stock paper cutouts
- string or ribbon (optional)

1. Accordion fold a strip of paper starting at one end, making each fold about a half-inch deep. Trim the end of the strip if the final fold is less than half an inch.



2. Pinch one end of the accordion together and cut across the very end at a 45-degree angle.



Repeat with four or five more strips, cutting the end of each at the same angle. You should have five or six strips folded and cut the same.

3. Using the glue sparingly, glue the strips together, making sure the angled ends are facing the same direction. Press down on glued pieces to allow glue to set. You'll have one long strip.



4. Curl the long strip into a circle and glue the ends to the sides of the wooden stick. Press firmly with your fingers to set the glue.



(Note: If you want a hanging flower, omit the stick and glue a loop of string or ribbon where the stick would be. Press firmly to set the glue, and proceed to the next step.)

5. Put a piece of waste paper underneath the hole in the middle of the flower. Put a generous amount of glue on the outer edges of a paper cutout. Place the cutout over the hole to secure the center of the flower. Set something with a bit of weight (but not so heavy it will crush the folds) on top of the cutout, and let it set for 5-10 minutes. After one side is set, flip the flower over and repeat with cutout and glue on the other side.

