

Quilling Basics

Materials

- Quilling paper in 1/8" width
- Slotted quilling tool
- Sponge
- One or more corsage pins (regular sewing pins work as well but have smaller heads)
- Small bottle of liquid Elmer's glue
- Ruler

How to quill basic shapes

- Insert a piece of quilling paper into the slot of the quilling tool.
- Roll the quilling tool in one hand while applying pressure to the paper with the fingers of your other hand.
- When you reach the end of the paper, remove the paper from the tool and allow the paper to expand.
- Once the paper has stopped uncoiling on its own, or reaches the desired size, dip the corsage pin into the glue and place a very small amount of glue on the inner side of the end of the paper.
- Stick the corsage pin into the sponge to remove the excess glue.
- While holding the coil in one hand, smooth down the end of the paper with the glue to the coiled paper.
- At this point, you are ready to shape the glued paper coil into one of the following shapes.

Tight circle: glue the end of the paper down before removing from tool.

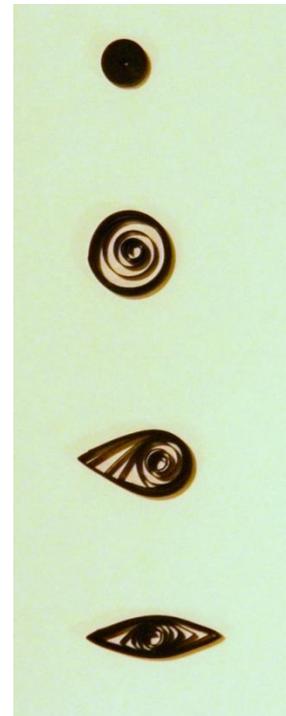
Loose circle: remove the coil from the tool and allow shape to expand before gluing the end of the paper to the coil. This shape is used for all other shapes.

Teardrop: begins as a loose circle; immediately after gluing the end down, gently pinch one end of the coil.

Marquise: begins as a loose circle; immediately after gluing the end down, gently pinch one end of the coil and at the opposite end of the coil, pinch again.

Heart scroll: start by folding the piece of paper in half, roll one end of the paper toward the inside of the fold making a loose circle. Roll the other end of the paper toward the inside of the fold making another loose circle.

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Quilling Snowflakes

Snowflake #1

This snowflake does not double easily. Finished size is about 5 ½". Helpful tip: consider gluing the loose circle portions of the heart scrolls together so the scrolls do not unroll.

Using 4" pieces of white paper, make a 6 heart scrolls. Glue heart scrolls together at the rounded tops of the hearts.

Using 4" pieces of white paper, make another 6 heart scrolls. Glue the points of the heart scrolls onto the points of the previous heart scrolls.

Using 2" pieces of white paper, make 12 tight circles. Glue the tight circles on both sides of where the points of the heart scrolls are glued together.

Using 4" pieces of white paper, make 6 marquises. Glue the marquise to the outside of the outer heart scrolls.



Snowflake #2

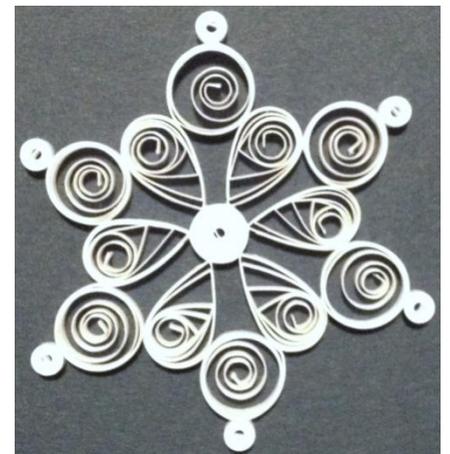
This snowflake can be easily made into two different sizes. Below are the instructions for a small snowflake (finished sized about 2"). The lengths of the paper listed below can be doubled (i.e., 6" into 12", 3" into 6") to make a snowflake about 4".

Using a 6" piece of white paper, make a tight circle for the center of the snowflake.

Using 3" pieces of white paper, make 6 teardrops for the center spokes of the snowflake. Glue the teardrop points evenly around the tight circle and allow to dry.

Using 3" pieces of white paper, make 6 loose circles to glue between the rounded ends of the teardrops.

Using 1 ½" pieces of white paper, make 6 tight circles (or loose circles) and glue to the outside of the previous loose circles.



Resources:

- Lake City Craft Co. is a great source of all quilling supplies. www.quilling.com
- "Paper Quilling" by Malinda Johnston and "Paper Quilling for the First Time" by Alli Bartskowski are fantastic books for trying a variety of quilling techniques and projects.
- Emily Mallory at Emily's Papercrafts, located in Maple Valley, WA provides quilling classes for a variety of occasions and skill levels. www.emilypapercrafts.com