

# Quilling Basics

## Materials

- Quilling paper in 1/8" and 1/4" widths
- 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
- Small scissors, embroidery scissors work well

## 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.

Square: begins as a loose circle; immediately after gluing the end down, gently pinch one end of the coil, pinch the coil again about a quarter of the way around the coil, pinch the coil again about a third of the way around the remaining coil and a final time about in half of the remaining coil.

Triangle: begins as a loose circle; immediately after gluing the end down, gently pinch one end of the coil, pinch the coil again about a third of the way around the coil, and pinch again between the first two pinches.

Fringe: using scissors, make little snips along the length of the paper but don't cut all the way through the paper.



## Resources:

- Lake City Craft Co. is a great source of all quilling supplies. [www.quilling.com](http://www.quilling.com)
- "Paper Quilling" by Malinda Johnston and "Paper Quilling for the First Time" by Alli Bartkowski 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](http://www.emilypapercrafts.com)

# Christmas Quilling Projects

These projects make great tree ornaments, gifts, or on a greeting card.

## **Snowman: (use 1/8" wide paper unless otherwise specified)**

Using a 36" piece of white paper, make a tight circle for the body.

Using a 36" piece of white paper, make a tight circle for the head. If desired, glue a 1" piece of 1/4" wide orange paper to one end of the white paper before gluing for a nose. Start rolling with the orange end of the paper.

Using a 12" piece of black paper, make a square for the top hat. Glue one side of the hat to a 1" piece of black paper for a hat brim. Trim the brim as necessary.

Glue the body and hat to the head. After the glue has dried, glue a 1 3/4" long piece of a colored paper around the neck for a scarf. After the glue has dried, trim the scarf as desired and fringe the ends.



## **Angel: (use 1/8" wide paper)**

Using a 12" piece of white paper, make a triangle for the body.

Using a 6" piece of white paper, make a triangle for a wing. Make two.

Using a 3" piece of yellow paper, make a loose circle for the head.

Glue the wings to the point of the body triangle and glue on the head.



## **Tree: (use 1/8" wide paper)**

Using a 12" piece of green paper, make a triangle the tree.

Using a 3" piece of brown paper, make a square for the trunk. Glue the trunk to the tree.



## **Santa Head: (use 1/8" wide paper unless otherwise specified)**

Using a 48" piece of cream or flesh colored paper, make a tight circle for the head.

Using a 2" pieces of white paper, make loose circles for the beard; about 12 loose circles. Glue in two layers to the bottom of the face.

Using a 12" piece of red paper, make a triangle for the hat.

Fringe a 4" length of 1/4" wide piece of white paper. Using 2" of the fringe, make a tight circle for the top of the hat. Using remaining 2" of the fringe, fold and glue along the bottom edge of the hat. Glue the hat to the head. Fluff open the fringes.

Draw on eyes and a mouth.



## **Red-nosed Reindeer: (use 1/8" wide paper)**

Using a 12" piece of brown or tan paper, make a loose circle and slightly pinch one end like a teardrop for the face.

Using a 2" piece of red paper, make a tight circle for the nose. Glue to the point on the face.

Using a 4" piece of brown paper, fold in half and glue the inside of the fold. Make several small accordion folds for antlers. Make two. Glue antlers to the top of the face. Glue on wiggly eyes.

