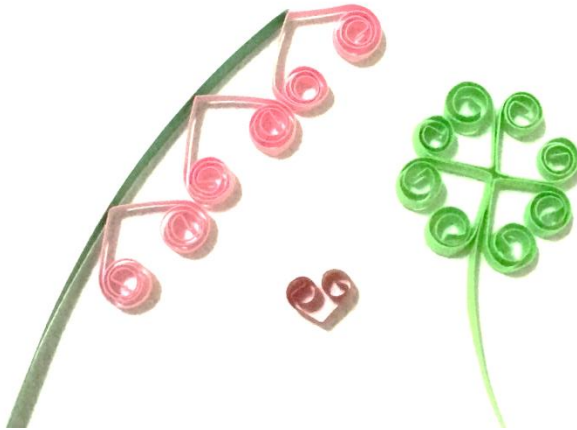


Everything hearts

It's amazing how versatile a quilled heart can be. Below I will demonstrate several ways you can use this simple shape.

Begin by tearing a strip of paper; my rule of thumb is no shorter than 1.5" as smaller is a lot harder and the tails hardly roll at all; and no longer than 6" as it gets bulky rolling and keeping all those coils where they need to stay. A trick I've learned recently about keeping the coils from unrolling is to give the tool a little tight twist while holding the paper taut before removing the paper from the quilling tool.



(Note: I've enlarged the original picture.)

To make a heart: measure your desired length of paper, for example 4", fold the paper in half lengthwise so each side of the fold is 2". Take your quilling tool and roll each side, separately, in toward the fold. I tend to stop about 1/2"-1/4" from the fold. (Don't forget to give the tool a little extra twist while holding the paper taut—this keeps the coil from unravelling as much.) Remove the paper from the tool and roll the other side in the same way.

The shamrock is 4 hearts glued point to point with a stem inserted between two of the leaves.

The bleeding hearts flower is a series of hearts glued to a stem, perfect for any spring greeting card.

Happy quilling!

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