

SNOWDROP AND VASE!

While it's lovely to have a little vase of real snowdrops (and I hope you do have that!) this vase of snowdrops is much bigger and will last forever. These instructions are to make one flower, but vases look best with odd numbers: three is ideal, or you could go for five!

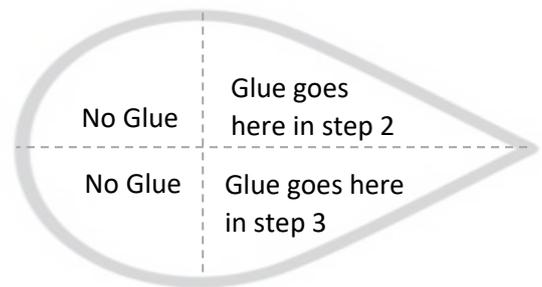


YOU WILL NEED:

- White Paper
- Colouring Pens or Pencils – especially green
- A green pipe cleaner (or a green plastic bendy straw, or a piece of green paper rolled into a long tube, or even a piece of white paper coloured in and rolled into a long tube)
- A glue stick
- Scissors
- Sticky Tape
- A Toilet Roll Tube

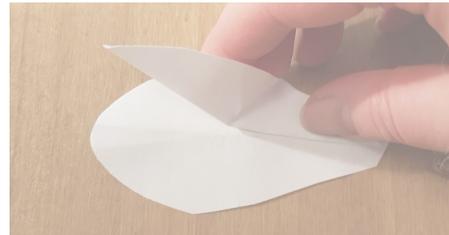
STEP ONE

You will need 3 petal cut outs for each snowdrop. Either print off this sheet and use it as a template, or fold a piece of white paper in half three times and cut a similar shape out. A good size is about 6cm (you can use a grownup's pointer finger to measure this.)



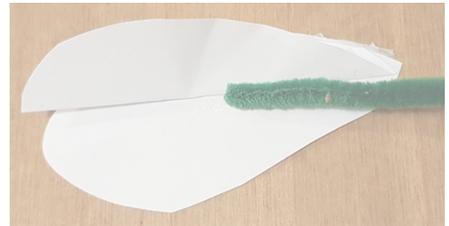
STEP TWO

Fold each of them in half, lengthways. Carefully put glue on one half; but only halfway down (see diagram above) and then glue another petal right on to it.



STEP THREE

Now flatten it out and spread glue across the inside top half; nestle your stem into the crease, and stick the last petal cut out over it. The creases in the petals should all line up. You might need a bit of extra sticky tape to secure the flower to your stem. Give the petals a gentle bend outwards to get a nice 3D flower.



STEP FOUR

Carefully bend the stem so that the flower is hanging down. And make a nice leaf. Fold a piece of paper and cut a long, thin, tapering strip right next to the fold. You will have a nice leaf with a crease running down the middle! Use green paper, or colour it in green like I have. Use sticky tape to attach it to your stem, so the point is up above where the stem arches down for the flower.



STEP FIVE

Print off the vase sheet from the email – if you don't have a printer, there's some ideas of what else to do on there as well. Colour in your Vase, cut it out and stick it onto your toilet roll tube. Arrange your flowers inside it, perhaps taping them to the inside and spacing them out so the vase doesn't topple over. Beautiful!

