

Comin' Up Roses!

Fun Facts

During the first half of the 1900s, Richmond Hill was known as the rose-growing capital of Canada, shipping roses across the country and to the northeastern United States. . The rose industry was Richmond Hill's major employer—by 1939 over 100 workers were injecting \$250,000 in wages into the local economy. That same year the industry produced about 4 million roses. Even by today's standards Richmond Hill's horticultural industry was massive!



Making a Tissue Paper Rose



This is a great craft for kids to make for Valentine's Day, whether they want to give someone a single rose or a whole bouquet with these step-by-step instructions, you'll be making tissue paper roses that look like real roses, in minutes!

You will need:

- Tissue paper (Red, Pink, White)
- Green construction paper
- Chopstick, green pipe cleaner, or tree twigs (Stem)
- Green paint (if using Chopsticks)
- Clear or floral tape
- White glue
- Scissors, hole punch and a paintbrush

TO MAKE YOUR ROSE:

1. Paint chopstick green, and dry.
2. Cut tissue paper into rectangles 11 x 4 and then cut lengthwise into 2 strips.
3. Make 1/4 inch fold along the long side of one of the strips and glue in place. Repeat this so you have a double fold along that long edge. This fold will provide some structure to your rose petals.
4. Make the same folds to your other strip of tissue paper.



WINDING THE TISSUE PAPER AROUND THE STEM:

5. Guide the tissue paper as it winds around the stem, and frequently pinch the tissue paper at the base of the rose bud to keep things aligned. Keep it loose and messy for the most natural look.
6. When you reach the end of the strip, add the second strip by pinching it in place and continuing to wind.
7. When you reach the end of the second strip of tissue paper, pinch it all tight at the base of the rose.
8. Now cut the green construction paper into leaves, punch a hole in the centre and slide it up the stem and secure to the bottom of the rose with glue.
9. Use a little glue to secure the loose end of the tissue paper if need be.
10. Secure the bottom of the rose to stem with tape.

