

# Pipe Cleaner Flowers

## Free Printable Instructions

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10 Step-by-Step Flower Guides - No Glue Required

Sheet	Flower	Difficulty	Time	Age
1	Wildflower	* Easiest	3 min	3+
2	Lavender Sprig	* Easiest	3 min	4+
3	Daisy	** Easy	5 min	4+
4	Tulip	** Easy	5 min	5+
5	Sunflower	** Easy	7 min	6+
6	Rose	** Easy	6 min	6+
7	Cherry Blossom	*** Intermediate	8 min	7+
8	Spiral Zinnia	*** Intermediate	7 min	7+
9	Bouquet Assembly	** Easy	15 min	7+
10	Flower Crown	** Easy	20 min	6+

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Free for personal, classroom and non-commercial use - No glue - No scissors needed

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### How to use this booklet

Print this PDF and lay the relevant sheet flat on your craft table. Each sheet fits on one A4 or US Letter page. All instructions work in black and white. Laminate your favourites to reuse them session after session.

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## Materials needed

1 pipe cleaner (any color) - 1 green pipe cleaner (stem)

## Step-by-step instructions

- 1 Fold the colored pipe cleaner in half.
- 2 Fold it in half again (4 layers).
- 3 Fold in half one more time (8 layers).
- 4 Hold the center tightly and twist it once.
- 5 Fan the loops outward - they form a flower shape naturally.
- 6 Twist a green stem at the center twist point, 3 rotations.
- 7 Add a small green leaf loop halfway down the stem.

**Pro tip:** *The faster you twist step 4, the more the petals bounce outward naturally.*

Full tutorial: [myflowerdecor.com/simple-pipe-cleaner-flower-ideas](https://myflowerdecor.com/simple-pipe-cleaner-flower-ideas)

## Materials needed

1 green pipe cleaner (stem) - 1 purple pipe cleaner torn into 8 pieces of ~3 cm each

## Step-by-step instructions

- 1 Hold the green pipe cleaner as your stem.
- 2 Take the first purple piece and fold it in half over the top of the green stem.
- 3 Twist the two purple ends together once under the green stem.
- 4 Move 8-10 mm down and attach the next purple piece the same way.
- 5 Continue adding 6-10 purple buds along the top third of the stem.
- 6 Leave the bottom two-thirds of the green stem bare.
- 7 Gently pinch each purple bud upward so it points slightly skyward.
- 8 Curve the stem slightly at the midpoint for a natural look.

**Pro tip:** *Vary the size of your purple pieces slightly - some 2.5 cm, some 3.5 cm. The variation looks more realistic.*

Full tutorial: [myflowerdecor.com/lavender-pipe-cleaner-flowers](https://myflowerdecor.com/lavender-pipe-cleaner-flowers)

## Materials needed

6 short white pieces (~5 cm each) - 1 yellow pipe cleaner (center coil) - 2 green pipe cleaners (stem + leaf)

## Step-by-step instructions

- 1 Coil the yellow pipe cleaner into a flat circle ~2 cm diameter. Twist end upward.
- 2 Fold each white piece in half to make a petal loop. Pinch and twist ends at base.
- 3 Arrange all 6 white loops evenly around the yellow center.
- 4 Twist all petal bases and the yellow coil tail together firmly - 4 full rotations.
- 5 Spread petals outward evenly and fan them flat.
- 6 Twist two green pipe cleaners together for a double stem. Attach to the center.
- 7 Add one green leaf loop halfway down the stem.

**Pro tip:** *The tighter you twist step 4, the more firmly the petals hold their position.*

Full tutorial: [myflowerdecor.com/pipe-cleaner-daisy-flower](http://myflowerdecor.com/pipe-cleaner-daisy-flower)

## Materials needed

1 colored pipe cleaner (flower) - 2 green pipe cleaners (stem) - 1 green pipe cleaner (leaf)

## Step-by-step instructions

- 1 Wrap your colored pipe cleaner around your index finger 3 times, each wrap above the previous.
- 2 Carefully slide the loops off your finger.
- 3 Pinch the sides of the loops inward to form a rounded cup shape - wider at top, narrower at base.
- 4 Twist the two pipe cleaner tails at the base together firmly 3-4 times.
- 5 Twist two green pipe cleaners together for a double stem.
- 6 Attach the stem by wrapping around the base twist 3 times.
- 7 Fold a green pipe cleaner into a large curved oval leaf (8-10 cm). Attach halfway down the stem.

**Pro tip:** *Pinch from the sides, not from above. Side pressure creates the classic tulip cup shape.*

Full tutorial: [myflowerdecor.com/pipe-cleaner-tulip](http://myflowerdecor.com/pipe-cleaner-tulip)

**Materials needed**

1 yellow pipe cleaner cut into 8 pieces (~6 cm each) - 1 dark brown pipe cleaner (center) - 2 green pipe cleaners (stem) - 1 green pipe cleaner (leaves)

**Step-by-step instructions**

- 1 Coil the brown pipe cleaner into a flat circle ~2.5 cm. Twist end upward.
- 2 Fold each yellow piece in half into a petal loop. Pinch and twist ends at base.
- 3 Arrange all 8 yellow petals evenly around the brown center.
- 4 Twist all petal bases and brown coil tail together firmly - 4 full rotations.
- 5 Fan petals outward and slightly backward. Curve each tip slightly upward.
- 6 Twist two green pipe cleaners together for a double stem.
- 7 Attach stem at the back twist point - 3 rotations.
- 8 Add two large green oval leaves on opposite sides halfway down the stem.

**Pro tip: Use exactly 8 petals - Fibonacci numbers look most natural for sunflowers.**

Full tutorial: [myflowerdecor.com/pipe-cleaner-sunflower](http://myflowerdecor.com/pipe-cleaner-sunflower)

**Materials needed**

1 colored pipe cleaner (flower) - 2 green pipe cleaners (stem) - 1 green pipe cleaner (leaves)

**Step-by-step instructions**

- 1 Hold one end of the pipe cleaner between thumb and index finger.
- 2 Coil the pipe cleaner tightly in a flat spiral from outside in - like a snail shell.
- 3 When you reach the center, fold the last centimeter upward to lock the coil.
- 4 Gently pull the outer rings slightly upward and outward to open the rose shape.
- 5 Twist two green pipe cleaners together for a double stem.
- 6 Attach stem by wrapping around the coil base 3 times firmly.
- 7 Fold green pipe cleaner into small pointed oval leaves. Attach two leaves halfway down the stem.

**Pro tip: The tighter your initial coil, the more realistic the rose looks. Do not rush this step.**

Full tutorial: [myflowerdecor.com/pipe-cleaner-rose](http://myflowerdecor.com/pipe-cleaner-rose)

## Materials needed

1 pale pink pipe cleaner (petals) - 1 brown pipe cleaner (branch) - 1 yellow pipe cleaner (tiny stamens, optional)

## Step-by-step instructions

- 1 Twist a brown pipe cleaner into a small Y-shaped branch (one main stem, two smaller arms).
- 2 Cut the pink pipe cleaner into 10 small pieces (~2 cm each).
- 3 Fold each piece into a tiny 5-petal flower: fold into a star shape with 5 equal loops.
- 4 Twist all 5 loop bases together tightly at the center - this is one blossom.
- 5 Make 4-6 blossoms total.
- 6 Attach each blossom to a branch tip by wrapping its base around the brown branch 3 times.
- 7 Cluster 2-3 blossoms at each branch tip for a natural cherry blossom look.

*Pro tip: The smaller the blossoms, the more elegant the branch looks. Resist making them too large.*

## Materials needed

1 bright colored pipe cleaner (flower) - 2 green pipe cleaners (stem) - 1 green pipe cleaner (leaves)

## Step-by-step instructions

- 1 Make a very tight flat spiral with your colored pipe cleaner - tighter than a rose.
- 2 Instead of folding the center upward, leave it flat.
- 3 Working around the outer ring, gently curl alternating sections upward then downward.
- 4 This creates the layered zinnia effect - some petals up, some down, alternating.
- 5 Twist two green pipe cleaners for a double stem.
- 6 Attach at the back of the coil - 3 rotations.
- 7 Add two medium green leaf loops halfway down the stem.

*Pro tip: The alternating up-down curl is what makes it look like a zinnia and not a rose. Take your time.*

**Materials needed**

5-8 finished flowers with double-twisted stems - Green floral tape - Small vase or jar - Pebbles or rice for anchoring

**Step-by-step instructions**

- 1 Make all flowers with double-twisted green stems at least 15 cm long.
- 2 Add at least one green leaf to every stem.
- 3 Hold flowers loosely together - tallest at back, shortest at front.
- 4 Arrange so no two flowers completely overlap.
- 5 Starting 5-7 cm below the lowest flower head, wrap floral tape around all stems together.
- 6 Wrap all the way to the stem base. Finish with a ribbon bow.
- 7 Fill vase two-thirds full with pebbles or rice.
- 8 Push bundled stems straight down until bouquet stands upright on its own.
- 9 Tilt each flower head slightly forward toward the viewer.

**Pro tip:** *Odd numbers of flowers (5 or 7) always look more natural than even numbers.*

Full tutorial: [myflowerdecor.com/pipe-cleaner-flower-bouquet-ideas](https://myflowerdecor.com/pipe-cleaner-flower-bouquet-ideas)

**Materials needed**

4-6 green pipe cleaners (base ring) - 6-10 finished flowers with stems 8+ cm - Green floral tape optional. Size guide: Toddler = 3 pipe cleaners, Child = 4, Teen/Adult = 5-6

**Step-by-step instructions**

- 1 Twist 4 green pipe cleaners end-to-end into one long chain.
- 2 Wrap around head and twist ends together to close the ring - snug but not tight.
- 3 Make 6-10 flowers with stems at least 8 cm long.
- 4 Attach first flower by wrapping stem around base ring 4+ times.
- 5 Use the clock method: attach at 12, then 6, then 3, then 9 o'clock for even spacing.
- 6 Fill remaining gaps with more flowers and green leaf sprigs.
- 7 Check fit and adjust - bend flowers outward so they face the viewer.

**Pro tip:** *Fill every visible gap between flowers with a green leaf sprig. This single detail makes the crown look professional.*

Full tutorial: [myflowerdecor.com/pipe-cleaner-flower-crown](https://myflowerdecor.com/pipe-cleaner-flower-crown)