

FREE PRINTABLE GUIDE

Easy Pipe Cleaner Flowers for Kids

Daisy · Rose · Sunflower — No Glue, No Scissors, No Mess



AGE

4+

TIME

5 min

FLOWERS

3 Types

GLUE NEEDED

None

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Before You Start

Your child can make a beautiful pipe cleaner flower in under 5 minutes — no glue, no scissors, no mess. This guide walks through 3 easy flowers kids love: a round daisy, a simple rose, and a cheerful sunflower. Every step is written for children aged 4 and up, with an adult nearby for the first attempt.

What You Need

- Colorful pipe cleaners (chenille stems) — 1–4 per flower
- A flat surface to work on
- *Optional:* small pom-poms, beads or buttons for flower centers
- *Optional:* a paper cup or small jar to display finished flowers

Good to know: Thicker, softer pipe cleaners are easier and safer for small hands. Always tuck wire ends inward so no sharp tips stick out.



Flower 1 — The Round Daisy

The easiest shape — perfect for first-timers

- 1 Choose colors.** Let your child pick their favorite pipe cleaner for the petals, and a green one for the stem.
- 2 Make loops for petals.** Bend the pipe cleaner into a circle and twist the ends together in the center. Form small loops around the center by bending it back toward the middle — each loop becomes a petal.
- 3 Twist the center safely.** Gently twist the middle a few times to hold the petals in place, tucking in any sharp ends.
- 4 Add the stem.** Twist a green pipe cleaner around the back of the flower center, leaving a short stem for little hands to hold.
- 5 Optional center.** Twist a small pom-pom or bead into the middle for extra color and texture.

Kid-friendly tip: Uneven petals are perfectly fine — they often look even more playful!



Flower 2 — The Simple Rose

A star-shaped twist on the classic loop flower

- 1 **Start the same way.** Form the center loop and twist, just like the daisy.
- 2 **Make fewer, longer loops.** Instead of many small round petals, create fewer loops and pull them gently outward into pointed shapes.
- 3 **Shape the points.** Pinch each loop lightly at the tip so it looks like a soft rose petal.
- 4 **Add the stem.** Twist on a green pipe cleaner underneath, just like before.

Kid-friendly tip: This shape helps kids practice controlled bending — a great fine-motor exercise!



Flower 3 — The Cheerful Sunflower

Yellow petals + a brown center = instant sunshine

- 1 **Pick yellow (or orange).** Use a yellow pipe cleaner for the petals to get that classic sunflower look.
- 2 **Make the loop-petals.** Follow the same loop technique as the daisy — a full circle of petals around a center point.
- 3 **Add a brown center.** Twist a small brown pom-pom, bead, or a tightly wound scrap of brown pipe cleaner into the middle.
- 4 **Attach the stem.** Twist on a green pipe cleaner stem, just like the other flowers.

Kid-friendly tip: Combine daisy, rose and sunflower stems together to make a colorful mini bouquet!

Safety Tips for Grown-Ups

- ✓ Choose soft, flexible pipe cleaners — avoid stiff or industrial-quality stems
- ✓ Tuck or twist wire ends inward so no sharp tips are exposed
- ✓ Supervise younger children (ages 4–6) while twisting
- ✓ Use age-appropriate décor pieces — avoid small beads for children who still put things in their mouths

Display & Gift Ideas

- ✦ **Bedroom wall decor** — attach flowers to a string for a colorful garland
- ✦ **Desk decoration** — group a few flowers in a small jar or cup
- ✦ **Gift topper** — twist one flower onto a wrapped present or gift bag

My Flower Checklist

- ☐ I made a Daisy
- ☐ I made a Rose
- ☐ I made a Sunflower
- ☐ I made a mini bouquet with all three!

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