

FREE PRINTABLE GUIDE

Pipe Cleaner Daisy Flower

Easy Step-by-Step Tutorial — Classic White & Yellow Daisy



TIME

10 min

PIPE CLEANERS

5 total

SKILL LEVEL

Beginner

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What You Need

Materials per Daisy

- **White pipe cleaners** — 3 (for petals)
- **Yellow pipe cleaner** — 1 (for the center)
- **Green pipe cleaner** — 1 (for stem & leaves)
- Scissors
- A pencil or dowel (for shaping petals)
- *Optional:* a small dab of hot glue for extra hold

Step-by-Step Tutorial

- 1 Create the petals.** Fold a white pipe cleaner in half, then twist small loops (~3 cm) along its length — 3 to 4 loops per pipe cleaner. Repeat with 2 more white pipe cleaners for 8–12 petals total. Aim for at least 10 for a full daisy.
- 2 Arrange into a ring.** Twist the bases of all petal sections together at one central point. Spread the petals evenly so they fan out flat like a real daisy bloom.
- 3 Make the yellow center.** Coil a yellow pipe cleaner tightly into a flat spiral disc, about 1.5–2 cm across. Press it flat and attach it to the middle of the petal ring by threading the tail through and twisting on the back.
- 4 Attach the stem.** Push a green pipe cleaner through the back of the flower center and twist a couple of times to secure it firmly.
- 5 Add leaves (optional).** Fold a small section of green pipe cleaner into an elongated loop, twist closed at the base, and wrap onto the stem. One or two leaves is enough.

Pro tip: Wrap each petal loop around a pencil before twisting to get perfectly uniform petals.

Tips for Realistic-Looking Petals

- ★ **Shape matters** — gently pinch each petal tip into a soft point instead of leaving it round
- ★ **Vary the length slightly** — a few shorter or longer petals add an organic, authentic look
- ★ **Layer your petals** — create an outer and a slightly smaller inner ring, offset for dimension

Creative Variations & Color Ideas

Gerbera-Style Daisy

Orange, pink or red petals + a dark brown center. Make loops wider and rounder.

Mini Daisy

Cut pipe cleaners in half before starting — perfect for jewelry, hair clips or card embellishments.

Two-Tone Petals

Twist a white and a light pink pipe cleaner together before forming loops for a delicate ombré look.

Wildflower Daisy

Lavender or pale blue petals with a bright yellow center, mimicking wild aster flowers.

Combine & bouquet: These variations make excellent additions to a pipe cleaner flower bouquet mixed with roses and tulips.

How to Display Your Daisies

Mason Jar Bouquet

5–7 daisies of varying heights, filled with pebbles or dried moss.

Wall Art

Attach daisies to a canvas or picture frame with hot glue.

Small Arrangements

Mix with roses and lavender stems for a beautiful combo.

Gift Toppers

Attach one daisy to a wrapped gift instead of a bow.

Why Kids Love This Craft

★ No sharp tools required — kids can twist and shape with just their hands

★ Instant gratification — comes together in about 10 minutes

★ Builds fine motor skills through twisting, looping and shaping

★ Endlessly customizable — kids choose their own colors and petal counts

FAQ

How many pipe cleaners per daisy?

About 5 total: 3 white for petals, 1 yellow for the center, 1 green for stem and leaves.

Can I use it for outdoor decor?

Best kept indoors — chenille stems can fade in direct sunlight and lose shape in rain.

What age is this good for?

Ages 4–5 with adult help for a simplified version; ages 7+ can usually follow the full tutorial independently.

My Daisy Checklist

- ☐ I made 8–12 petal loops
- ☐ I arranged them into a full ring
- ☐ I made the yellow spiral center
- ☐ I attached the stem and leaves
- ☐ My daisy is ready to display!

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