

FREE PRINTABLE GUIDE

Types of Pipe Cleaner Flowers



The Complete Visual Reference — 20+ Flowers, Sorted by Level & Project



FLOWER TYPES

20+

CATEGORIES

4

SKILL LEVELS

4

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Choose Your Level

Level 1 — Complete Beginner (under 5 min per flower): Wildflower · Lavender Sprig · Simple Loop Flower

Level 2 — Beginner (5–7 min): Daisy · Tulip · Rose · Sunflower · Forget-Me-Not

Level 3 — Intermediate (7–10 min): Cherry Blossom · Zinnia · Lily · Spiral Flower · Wheat Stem

Level 4 — Advanced (10–15 min): Double-Layer Rose · Double-Layer Sunflower · Peony · Ranunculus · Orchid

The 6 Most Popular Types

1. Rose

6 min · Age 6+ · Beginner · Bouquets, gifts, centerpieces

The statement flower in almost every arrangement — a tight flat spiral coiled from outside in. Variations: mini, double-layer, two-tone, ombré.

2. Daisy

5 min · Age 4+ · Beginner · Bouquets, crowns, kids crafts

The go-to filler flower — six white petal loops around a yellow center coil. Variations: multi-color, gerbera, mini, cluster.

3. Tulip

5 min · Age 5+ · Beginner · Spring bouquets, Mother's Day

The easiest flower that looks sophisticated — three loops, a pinch, a twist. Variations: open, parrot, two-tone, mini.

4. Sunflower

7 min · Age 6+ · Beginner · Summer bouquets, home decor

The hero flower for summer — eight yellow petal loops around a brown center. Variations: mini, double-layer, sunset, giant.

5. Lavender

3 min · Age 4+ · Easiest · Bouquet filler, home decor

The secret weapon flower — tiny purple loops on a bare stem. Variations: soft lilac, deep violet, French blue, mixed-shade.

6. Wildflower

3 min · Age 3+ · Easiest · Kids crafts, rainbow bouquets

The gateway flower — fold in half three times, twist once. Any color works; mix 6–8 for an instant rainbow bouquet.

4 Categories of Pipe Cleaner Flowers

Garden Flowers

Rose — hero flower, most photographed. **Tulip** — elegant spring flower. **Daisy** — cheerful filler. **Lily** — graceful curved petals, wedding-ready. **Peony** — ruffled dome, advanced but spectacular. **Carnation** — ruffled loops, easier than it looks.

Wildflowers & Delicate Flowers

Wildflower — fastest flower in the guide. **Cherry Blossom** — tiny 5-petal clusters on a branch. **Forget-Me-Not** — tiny blue clustered flowers. **Wildflower Cluster** — 4–6 tiny flowers on one stem. **Poppy** — bold crinkled petals, dramatic.

Summer & Seasonal Flowers

Sunflower — summer's defining flower. **Lavender** — versatile, peaks late spring/summer. **Zinnia** — bold multi-layered coil. **Spiral Flower** — abstract, modern. **Marigold** — dense autumn petals. **Poinsettia** — the Christmas classic.

Foliage & Filler Elements

Leaf Sprig — essential on every stem. **Fern Branch** — delicate lacy texture. **Wheat Stem** — rustic harvest look. **Vine Tendril** — connects garlands. **Berry Cluster** — winter/Christmas accent.

All 20+ Types — Quick Reference

Flower	Category	Difficulty	Time	Best For
Wildflower	Wildflower	★	3 min	Kids, filler
Lavender	Summer	★	3 min	Filler, décor
Daisy	Garden	★	5 min	Bouquets, crowns
Tulip	Garden	★	5 min	Spring, gifts
Rose	Garden	★	6 min	Hero flower
Sunflower	Summer	★★	7 min	Summer, décor
Carnation	Garden	★★	6 min	Weddings, gifts
Spiral Flower	Summer	★★	6 min	Modern décor
Forget-Me-Not	Wildflower	★★	5 min	Blue arrangements
Cherry Blossom	Wildflower	★★	8 min	Spring, Japanese
Zinnia	Summer	★	7 min	Bold colour
Lily	Garden	★	9 min	Weddings, elegant
Poppy	Wildflower	★★★	7 min	Summer, meadow
Marigold	Seasonal		8 min	Autumn
Wheat Stem	Foliage		4 min	Rustic filler
Fern Branch	Foliage		5 min	Bouquet filler
Double Rose	Garden		12 min	Wedding, hero

Double Sunflower	Summer	12 min	Summer statement
Peony	Garden	15 min	Centerpiece
Poinsettia	Seasonal	10 min	Christmas
Ranunculus	Garden	15 min	Wedding, luxury

Which Flowers for Each Project

Bouquets

Hero: Rose, Tulip, Sunflower, Lily, Peony · Medium: Daisy, Carnation, Zinnia · Filler: Lavender, Forget-Me-Not, Wildflower · +Foliage on every stem

Flower Crowns

Daisy, Mini Rose, Wildflower, Cherry Blossom, Lavender Sprig, Mini Tulip — smaller flowers sit flatter

Wall Decoration

Rose, Daisy, Sunflower, Wildflower, Lavender, Cherry Blossom — flat-backed flowers sit flush

Home Decor

Rose, Lavender, Sunflower, Lily, Wildflower, Fern Branch — mix statement + delicate filler

Weddings

White Rose, Ivory Tulip, Cherry Blossom, Lily, White Wildflower, Lavender, Fern — cohesive white/ivory palette

Classroom (Ages 3–12)

Wildflower, Lavender, Daisy, Tulip — no scissors, under 5 min each

How to Mix Flower Types

- ★ **The 1-3-5 rule:** 1 hero flower + 3 medium flowers + 5 filler flowers = a balanced arrangement
- ★ **Always include foliage** — at least one leaf per stem separates "bunch" from "bouquet"
- ★ **Use the color triangle** — choose 3 colors, spread them so no two same-color flowers sit together
- ★ **Mix textures, not just colors** — spiky lavender + soft daisy + bold sunflower brings a bouquet to life
- ★ **Scale to the vase** — bud vase: 1–3 flowers · medium vase: 5–7 · large centerpiece: 10–15

Seasonal Guide

Season	Best Types
Spring	Tulip, Daisy, Cherry Blossom, Lavender
Summer	Sunflower, Zinnia, Wildflower, Lavender, Rose
Autumn	Marigold, Wheat Stem, Zinnia (warm), Deep Red Rose
Winter/Christmas	Poinsettia, Berry Cluster, White Rose, Lavender

FAQ

What's the easiest type to make?

The wildflower — fold in half three times, twist once. 3 minutes, doable by any child aged 3+.

What's the most popular type?

The rose is the most searched, made and photographed pipe cleaner flower worldwide — daisy and sunflower are close behind.

Which looks most like the real thing?

The double-layer rose when made with tight coils and proper shaping. The lavender sprig also photographs very realistically.

Where should a complete beginner start?

Wildflower (3 min) → Lavender sprig (3 min) → Daisy (5 min). These three already make a beautiful mini bouquet and teach every core technique.

Best combo for a mixed bouquet?

Roses as hero, daisies or tulips as medium, lavender as filler, and a leaf sprig on every stem.

My Flower Type Checklist

- ☐ I made a Wildflower (Level 1)
- ☐ I made a Daisy, Tulip or Rose (Level 2)
- ☐ I tried a Level 3 flower (Lily, Zinnia...)
- ☐ I mixed 3+ types using the 1-3-5 rule
- ☐ I added foliage to every stem

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