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Tissue Paper Flowers

No holiday is complete without colorful tissue paper! In our new *Trimmings* book on The Art of Holiday Living, our designers used tissue paper to craft sensational flowers to adorn a fun Christmas stocking. These tissue paper pretties are super-easy to make and so versatile for decorating at any time of year. You could make a sunny bouquet for a summer picnic table, an elegant white cluster for a wedding shower centerpiece, or poinsettia-red ones for Christmas ornaments. The possibilities are endless!



Materials

- Tissue paper in assorted colors
- Fine-gauge wire
- Wire cutters
- Tinsel
- Craft glue
- Buttons



For each flower, layer and accordion-fold eight 10" x 12" pieces of tissue paper into a 1/2" x 12" strip. Tie a piece of wire tightly around the middle (see photo). Trim the tissue ends to a point and carefully pull the tissue toward the center, two layers at a time to make a flower. For a little added glitz, roll a piece of tinsel into a ball and glue it to the center of the flower. To attach flower to a paper or fabric project, push the wire ends through the project and thread them through a button; then, tie off and trim the ends.

In *Trimmings*, we used a group of tissue paper flowers with tinsel centers to adorn this kicky newsprint stocking.

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Project is from Leisure Arts Book #15955, *Trimmings: The Art of Holiday Living*, a special kind of book aimed at today's crafter—that intrepid soul who doesn't always care if instructions are followed to the letter, because they'd rather put their own spin on a project. This 128-page collection of gifts and decorations offers ideas that can be completed in just a day or a weekend, either exactly like our patterns and instructions or customized to express personal style.

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