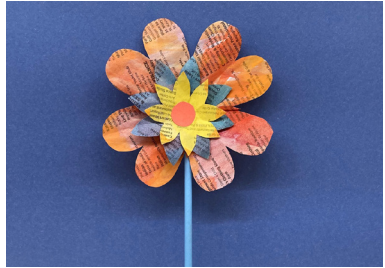


CRAFT KITS FROM THE PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM'S CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

NEWSPAPER FLOWERS!

In honor of Earth Day (April 22), we are recycling old newspapers to make fanciful flowers. Once you make one you will want to make a whole bouquet! Let your imagination run wild and see what blooming blossom designs you can come up with!



Supplies in kit

- newspaper
- 3 straws
- pre-cut colored dots to cover the staples

What you'll need from home

- watercolor paints and or markers
- scissors
- stapler
- tape
- glue stick or liquid school glue

Directions

1. Trace three or more circles of varied sizes on to the newspaper. Color each circle with watercolors or water-soluble markers. If you use water soluble markers, brush the colors with a wet brush to blend. Wetting the paper helps to create a firmer texture when dry for assembling the petals. When the paper is dry cut out the circles. Stack them from largest to smallest to get an idea of how they look together.



2. Beginning with the largest circle, fold it in half, then in half two more times as pictured. Draw your petal shape and

carefully trim the edges as pictured.



3. Next open up your circle. Repeat the folding and cutting of the other circles. Your petals can be any shape that you choose - rounded, pointed, wiggly! Staple the layers together and apply the dot to hide the staple. Turn the blossom over and tape the straw to the back. Happy Earth Day!



BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

The Mole Sisters and the Busy Bees by Roslyn Schwartz

The Secret Garden of George Washington Carver
by Gene Barretta

Outside Your Window by Nicola Davies

Sidewalk Flowers by JonArno Lawson

Weslandia by Paul Fleischman



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