

How to make a spring flower

Bring the outside in with this springtime craft!

You will need: cardboard roll, thin card (from a cereal box or similar), pencil, paint, paintbrush, scissors, glue stick, fine nib permanent marker (optional).

Instructions:

1. On the thin card, draw a double leaf shape and a tulip shape. Make sure you make the base of the tulip shape and the leaf shape wider than the width of the cardboard roll. Cut out.
2. Paint the cardboard roll, leaf and tulip shapes. Leave to dry.
3. With the scissors make two small cuts (about 2cm deep) on each side of one end of the cardboard roll.
4. Insert the tulip shape into the two cuts.
5. Glue on the leaf shape. If you wish, you can add more details with a black permanent marker or paint.
6. Your flower is complete! Display in a windowsill or on a table, wherever it will be seen the most.

Fun facts: Tulips first came to England in 1630s and 'tulipmania' swept the country as wealthy people competed for the rarest tulip bulbs to grow in their gardens. They became popular again in Victorian gardens and continued to be the flower of choice for many large gardens of 1930s. They tend to bloom later than a lot of spring flowers; the earliest in March, but most in April and May.

