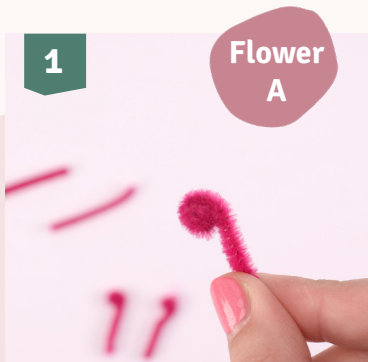




Creating a bouquet with flowers from pipe cleaners

Crafting with chenille wire, also known as pipe cleaners, offers endless creative possibilities. In this DIY, we'll show you how to make flowers from chenille wire and assemble them into a beautiful and unique bouquet that will stay fresh forever! Who will you surprise?



Flower A

To make this flower, you'll need 5 light pink, 1 dark pink, and 1 green chenille wire. Start by cutting the dark pink wire into 5 equal pieces. Roll up one end of each cut piece; these will be the stamens of the flower. Set them aside.



Now, take the 5 light pink wires; each wire will form 1 petal. Cut each wire in half. Take one half and cut it in half again, leaving the other half at its original length.



Fold two shorter pieces around one longer piece, as shown in the photo.



Then, twist the two long ends together once to secure the short wires.



Bend the long wire back along the short wires and twist them together where the short wires end.



Shape the result into a petal. Repeat these steps until you have five petals.



Now, gather the stamens from step 1 and hold them all together. Place the five petals around them.



To finish the flower, tightly wrap a green chenille wire around the ends of the petals.



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Flower
B



For this flower, you'll need 1 beige, ½ brown, and 1 green chenille wire. Take the beige wire and wrap it around a pen or marker to create a spiral.

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Remove the wire from the pen and thread a green wire through it.

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Create a loop with the green wire and wrap it tightly around the stem of the flower. The curls of the beige spiral should now be touching at the bottom.

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Now, form petals from the beige spiral by pinching each loop at the top into a point and twisting a quarter turn towards the center.

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Take the half brown wire and twist it into a circle, bending the end backward. This will be the heart of the flower.

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Use a hot glue gun to attach the 'heart' to the center of the flower to complete it.

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Flower
C



For this flower, you'll need 3 light pink, 3 dark pink, 2 green, and 1 brown chenille wire. Start by cutting all the pink wires in half.

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Now, take a cut wire and fold it into a V shape. Bend the ends back toward the center.

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Twist the ends together in a loop at the center. Repeat this until you achieve the result above.



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Now, roll up the brown wire, leaving a piece to form a stem.

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First, bend the stem under the bud for stability and then secure it with a hot glue gun.

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Now, create leaves from the green wires. Use a pinky finger as a guide and bend the wire to the length of two finger joints.

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Then, fold the wire back to the length of one finger joint.

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Repeat this until you have three leaves and wrap the short end around the rest of the stem to secure them.

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Take the brown flower bud from step 5 and glue the light pink petals onto it.

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Then, glue the dark pink petals underneath.

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Next, glue the two green stems with leaves onto the flower.

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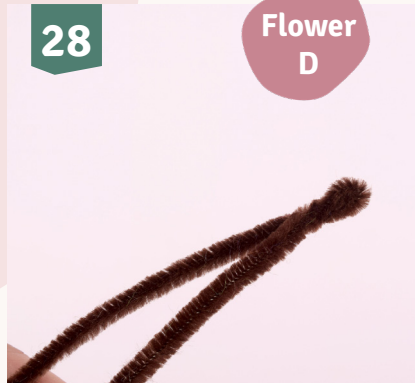


Wrap the green stems around the brown stem to create a sturdy stem.





27 Turn the flower over and shape the petals as desired.



28 For this flower, you'll need 3 lilac and 1 brown chenille wire. Take the brown wire, fold it in half, and twist it around itself. This will be the stem for the flower.



29 Now, take the 3 lilac wires and cut them into 8 equal pieces.



30 Fold each piece in half and twist the ends together. This will give you a total of 24 loops for the flower.



31 Take the stem and a hot glue gun and glue all the petals to the stem. Start at the very top.



32 Continue gluing the petals further down, making sure there are no bare spots between them.



33 Make as many flowers as you like and mix and match to your heart's content, including colours. Once you're satisfied, assemble the flowers into a bouquet and tie them together at the bottom with a green chenille wire.



34 Take two sheets of 1 mm thick felt and overlap them halfway. Wrap them around the flowers to beautifully package them.



35 To complete the bouquet, wrap a chenille wire around the bottom of the bouquet. Use a second wire to make a bow, and your bouquet is complete!

