

Paper petals

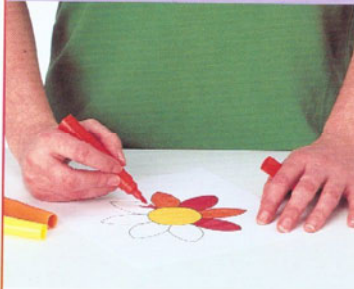
Give a paper flower a drink

You will need:

- white paper
- colored markers
- scissors
- plate
- water



1 Draw this flower shape onto a piece of paper, but make it about twice the size it is here.



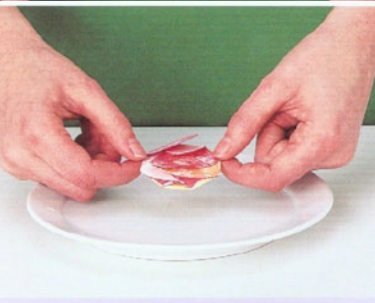
2 Color in the flower. Use whichever colors you like best.



3 Carefully cut around the petals of the flower.



4 Carefully fold in the petals, one on top of the other.



5 Pour some water onto the plate, and float the flower in the middle. What happens?

Thirsty flowers

In dry weather, when flowers are short of water, they usually close up their petals. After a shower of rain, the petals will open up, just like those on your paper flower.

Tulip with closed petals



The tulip opens up when watered



The paper soaks up the water



The paper expands and the flower opens up



Eventually, the flower opens up completely