

TAKE AND MAKE: Quilling



Watch the tutorial on Youtube: <https://youtu.be/NvUKidP66W8>

What is quilling? Quilling is a type of papercrafting that is done by wrapping small strips of paper around a thin, needle-like tool and forming them into a variety of shapes. It can be used for many projects, including scrapbooking, card-making, and jewelry-making.



What is in this Take and Make? In this bag, you will find a slotted quilling tool, some strips of quilling paper, a toothpick, and a blank card and envelope. You will need to supply some kind of glue (such as craft, Elmer's, tacky, etc.).

Quilling Tools and Paper

There are two main types of quilling tools: slotted tools and needle tools. The one in this kit is a slotted tool, meaning that it has a notch at the top that you can stick paper in to make it easier to coil it into a circle. The slot will leave a slight bend in the center of your coils when you remove the tool. You can avoid this notch by using a needle tool, which is simply a quilling tool with no slot in it. Another common tool is a dowel, which can be used to make coils with a large hole in the center. Dowels can be substituted with any household item of the size you want, such as a marker or a pen.

Quilling paper is medium-weight paper, meaning that it is slightly heavier than printer paper but not as heavy as cardstock. This makes it easy to wrap but ensures that it can better retain its shape and has less risk of tearing. You can purchase pre-cut quilling paper, like what you see in this Take and Make, or you can buy sheets and cut your own.

Many quilled shapes need to be glued so that they hold their form. You can use any glue that dries clear. It can be helpful to use the toothpick in this Take and Make to apply the glue so that you don't get it on your fingers and can more easily coat the ends of the paper with it.

Things to Know Before You Start


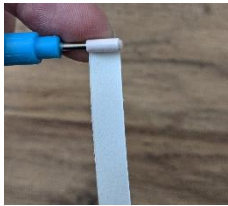



The length of the strip of paper you use will determine how big your shape is. The width of the strip of paper will determine how tall it is. As you practice making shapes, you will get a sense for how long or short a strip of paper needs to be to work for your particular design. You can practice this on scrap paper first.

Common Quilled Shapes and How to Make Them

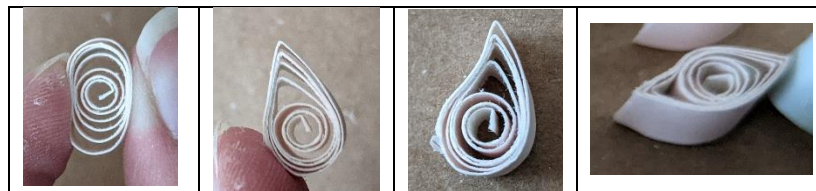
Tight Coil:

<p>Take a strip of paper and put it in the slot in your tool. Make sure to keep it near the top of the slot, not at the bottom.</p>	<p>Hold the paper with one hand to keep it taut and turn the tool with the other. Keep rotating it until you use all the paper.</p>	<p>Put some glue at the end of the strip, then press and hold it until it dries.</p>	<p>Remove it from the tool. You may need to rotate the tool slightly to get it loose if it becomes stuck.</p>	<p>You have a tight coil! You can make it bigger by using a longer strip and taller by using a wider strip (and vice versa).</p>

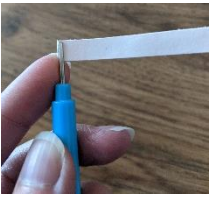
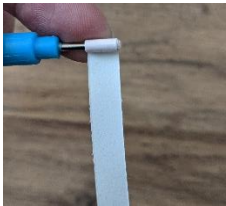



Loose Coil:

				
Take a strip of paper and put it in the slot in your tool. Make sure to keep it near the top of the slot, not at the bottom.	Hold the paper with one hand to keep it taut and turn the tool with the other. Keep rotating it until you use all the paper.	Remove it from the tool and let it unwind slightly. You can decide how loose you want it to be and adjust.	Glue the end in place once you're happy with the size of the coil.	You have a loose coil! You can make it into different shapes by pinching the sides into an oval, square, teardrop, etc.

Here are examples of some shapes you can make with a loose coil by pinching the ends:



Loose Scroll:

				
Take a strip of paper and put it in the slot in your tool.	Hold the paper with one hand and turn the tool with the other. Rotate it until you use all the paper.	Remove it from the tool and let it unwind. You can decide how loose you want it to be and adjust or trim.	You have a loose scroll! You can use this as-is in designs or modify it to make many other shapes.	For example, if you fold a strip of paper in half and make a scroll at both ends, you'll have a heart.

Once you decide what you want to make, you can glue the finished shapes onto the card in the Take and Make. For example, you might make a birthday card with loose coils for balloons and scrolls for the string. It's a ton of fun to experiment with making your own shapes and designs! If you want to learn more about quilling techniques or to try out some practice projects, check out some of the library resources below.

Resources for Exploring Quilling at PPLD:

- [New Concepts in Paper Quilling](#) by Marie Browning.
- [The Art of Quilling Paper Jewelry](#) by Ann Martin.
- [Paper Quilling for the First Time](#) by Alli Bartkowski.
- [Quilling: The Art of Paper Filigree](#) by Philippa Reid.
- [Art of Paper Quilling](#) by Claire Sun-ok Choi.

