

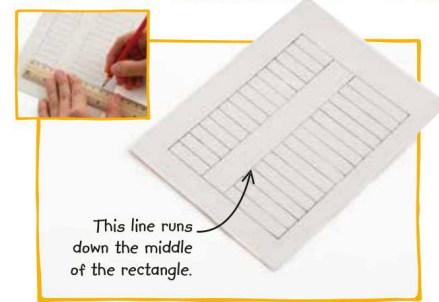
# HOW TO MAKE FUNKY FLOWERS

These flowers have three rings of petals: two made from a cardboard tube, and one cut from a template. The more evenly spaced the petals are, the neater your flowers will look, so measure and cut carefully.

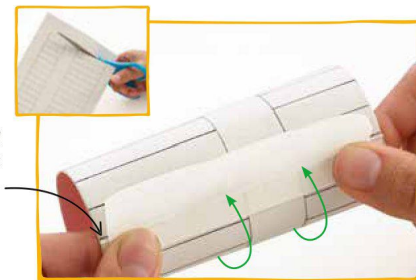
A quick project that won't take up too much time or space!

Difficulty level: Easy

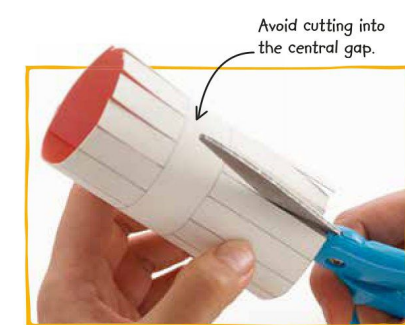
## YOU WILL NEED



1 Use a pencil and ruler to draw a rectangle on a piece of thin card. Draw a line down the middle of the rectangle, then add more lines to roughly match the pattern shown above.



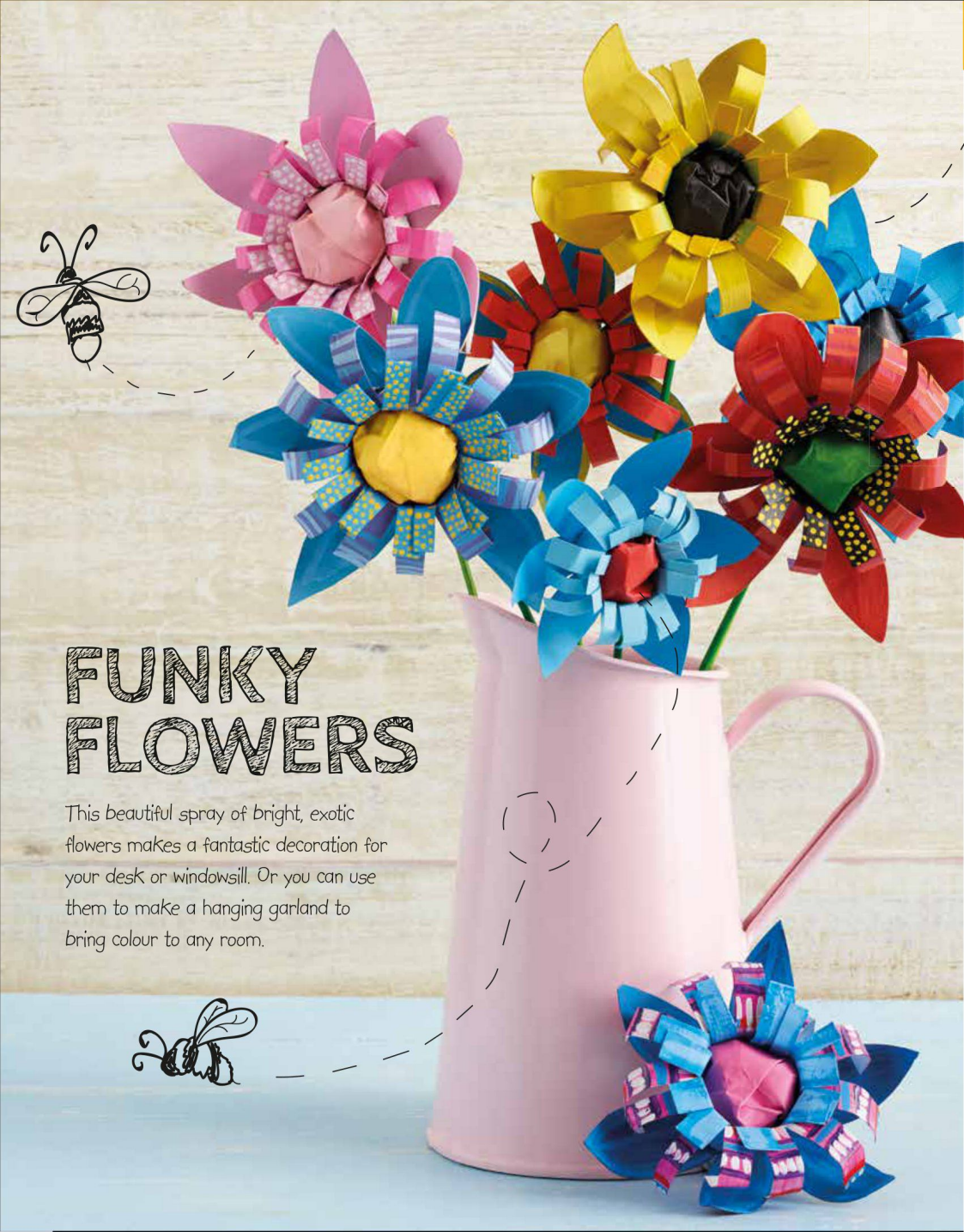
2 Cut out the rectangle, then roll it into a tube with the pencil lines facing out. Use sticky tape to hold the tube together.

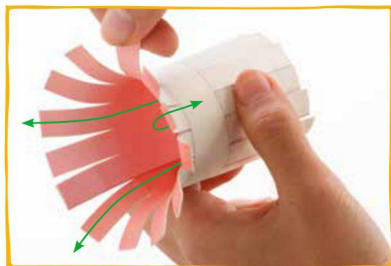


3 Use scissors to cut along the lines on each side of the tube. Be careful not to cut into the gap in the middle, or your flower will fall apart.

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This beautiful spray of bright, exotic flowers makes a fantastic decoration for your desk or windowsill. Or you can use them to make a hanging garland to bring colour to any room.





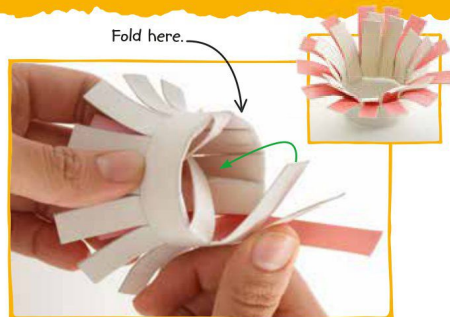
**4** Gently bend the shorter set of strips outwards, so they form curves. These will become the **middle ring of petals** on your flower.



**6** Screw a piece of paper up into a tight ball, then wedge it securely into the centre of the tube. You may need to add a little glue to the outside of the ball of paper to hold it in place.



**8** Use scissors to cut out the complete outer ring of petals. Don't cut down the middle!



**5** To create the **inner ring of petals**, push the longer strips through the tube so that they stick out at the other side. Fold the bases of the strips along the rim to keep them in place.



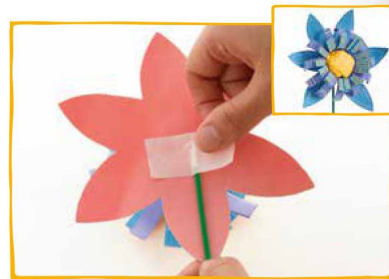
**7** To make the **outer ring of petals**, copy the petal template from page 135 onto a piece of thin card. Turn the template over, then draw around it again to make a complete ring of petals.



**9** To fix your flower together, put a dab of glue in the centre of your outer petal shape, then stick the rest of the flower securely on top.



**10** Press down on the ball of paper in the centre of your flower to make sure all the pieces are securely stuck together.



**12** To make the **stalk**, use sticky tape to fix a stick or straw to the back of your flower. Your brilliant bloom is now ready to display in a vase or flowerbed.

**11** Now it's time to paint your flower. Choose a main colour for each section, then add details and patterns on top.

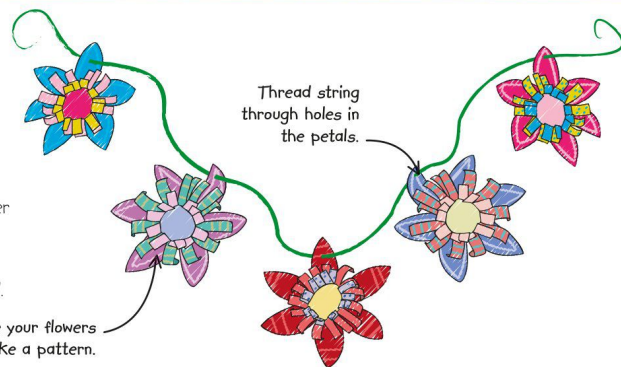


Look at pictures of real flowers for inspiration.

Try using a vibrant colour for the centre of the flower.

## NOW TRY THIS

Instead of putting your flowers on stalks, try creating a beautiful floral garland. Make five or six flowers and decorate them any way you like for an eye-catching garland! Then use a pencil to pierce a small hole in one of the outer petals on each flower. Thread a length of string through the holes and tie the ends together to complete your garland.



Arrange your flowers to make a pattern.