

Cascading Flowers

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These bright spring flowers make a pretty collection together on this cascade card, and look just lovely used individually too.

MATERIALS REQUIRED:

3mm Quilling Paper: QP002 Mixed Colours.

Quilling Tool.

Paper Ribbler.

Peel Off Stickers: XL563U-01 Tiny Uppercase Letters and XL758U-01 Large Letters.

P.V.A. Craft Adhesive.

Cascade Card Mount: CD12U-44 Linen Cream.

TO MAKE THE CARD:

Fold the card and use the large lettering to spell out Spring Time on the top corner of the back panel. Use the small letters to spell out the individual flower names as shown in the picture.

The photograph is approximately actual size, so you can use it to check the size and position of your quilled pieces. All the diagrams are slightly expanded for clarity.

Snowdrops: Use white for the flowers and pale green for everything else. Begin with a 4cm strip of pale green, run it through the ribbler and stick in a neat little hill near the bottom of the card. The leaves are made in a mix of styles. Start by making the small looped leaf (A), make a 15mm long loop at one end of the strip and glue it. Add another dab of glue to the outside of the glued end and bring the strip over to make a larger loop. Make a third loop in the same way. Tear off the rest of the strip, glue the pinched end for about 1cm and squeeze in at the sides.

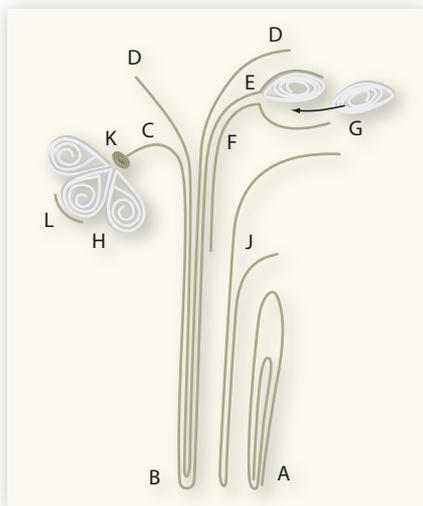
Stick the looped leaf onto the card in the position shown and work the leaves and stems around it. The three main stems are worked by folding two lengths of paper and sticking one inside the other (B) so four ends come up at the top. These ends (C, D & E) are curved to shape. The leaf ends (D) are also snipped along the upper edge to come to a point at the card. Any extra pieces are tucked in or glued alongside these as needed, F & J are examples of this.

Make four calyx (K) using 3cm lengths wound to tight coils. Squash these slightly so they are not quite round and stick one to the top end of each open flower stem.

Make fourteen loose coils from 8cm lengths of white.



Allow these to expand to about 8mm in diameter then glue the ends ready to make the flowers and buds. Pinch two coils at both ends for the bud (G). Glue them in position and curve the ends of the stems (E & F) around them, cutting a short point on each.



For each flower (H) use three coils, pinch one end of each to make into teardrops. Hold the point of one teardrop between your thumb and forefinger and press the bulbous end to flatten slightly, this is the centre petal. Add the centre petal to the card with the point on the calyx, cut a short length of pale green and glue it along the squashed end (L) then add the outer petals.

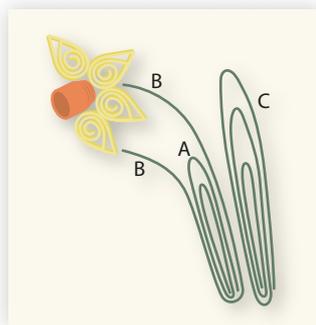
Daffodils: Use mid green for the leaves and stems, deep and bright yellow for the flowers, and orange for the trumpets. Ribble a 4cm strip of green and stick to the 2nd panel of the card, about 5mm above the top of the front panel and following the angle of the card.

Make one looped leaf in the same way as for the snowdrop (A), checking the size against the photo. Make a leaf and stem (B) for the left hand daffodil by folding it around the looped leaf (A). Taper the leaf end of this piece (lower B) as before.

Make four more looped leaves winding a third loop round to make them taller (C). Glue these onto the card along the top of the ribbled strip. Cut and add the two right hand stems tucking them in as before.

Make twelve deep yellow and four bright yellow loose coils from 7cm lengths. Allow these to expand to about 7mm diameter then glue the ends ready to make the flowers. Pinch all the coils at one end to make teardrop shapes.

Make three trumpets. Wind orange paper onto the tool to make a tight peg approx. 4mm diameter and glue to hold. Press the pointed end of a blunt pencil into the centre and push the trumpet to shape. Slightly flatten the trumpet



for the sideways daffodil. Assemble the daffodils onto the stems, if the teardrops are too tight a fit to encircle the trumpet neatly on the full flowers, simply pinch the rounded end of a petal or two to make them into eye shapes, then they should all fit in.

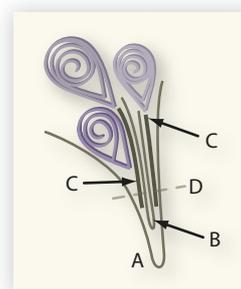
Crocus: Use three shades of mauve for the flowers and dark green for everything else. Ribble a short strip of green paper for the base, placing it at an angle as before, but on the top panel this time.

Make three groups of leaves and stems as follows. For the left hand group, begin with a short, folded strip of paper (A), fold another strip inside this (B). Snip along the upper edge of the leaves (A & B) to bring them to a point at the card.

Glue a short length of green back to back to make a thicker strip and cut into two stems (C), tuck these in between the leaves as shown.

Glue the lower end of this bunch up to the dotted line (D) and squeeze tightly together, curve the ends of the leaves to shape as necessary. Make the other two sets of leaves and stems in a similar way following the photograph.

Make seven flowers using 8cm lengths in a mix of mauves. Wind loose coils as before and allow to expand to about 8mm before gluing the ends. Pinch one end to make them into teardrops and add them in amongst the leaves to complete.



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