

Shopping Bag Flowers

Supplies Needed

- 1 Plastic Shopping Bag (Color of your choice)
- Floral Wire
- Scissors

Step 1 →

Lie out and line up your t-shirt style shopping bag neatly. Make sure all the creases line up. If you are using a bag without handles skip this step and go to step 3.



Step 2 →

Cut off the handles.
You can re-use these for braiding later if you like.



Step 3: →

Cut off a small strip across the bottom. This will allow you to open the bag up wider and give you a more even cutting area. This needs to be done with any type of bag you are using.



Step 4:



Uncrease your bag and flatten it out as evenly as possible.



Step 5:



Now fold the bag in half once, then in half again. Smaller bags will give you exactly 8 single pieces. Larger bags, will give you more. You only need 8 per flower.



Step 6



Cut the seams of the folds so that the sheets are all single pieces and no longer connected. Then stack 8 pieces together.



Step 7:



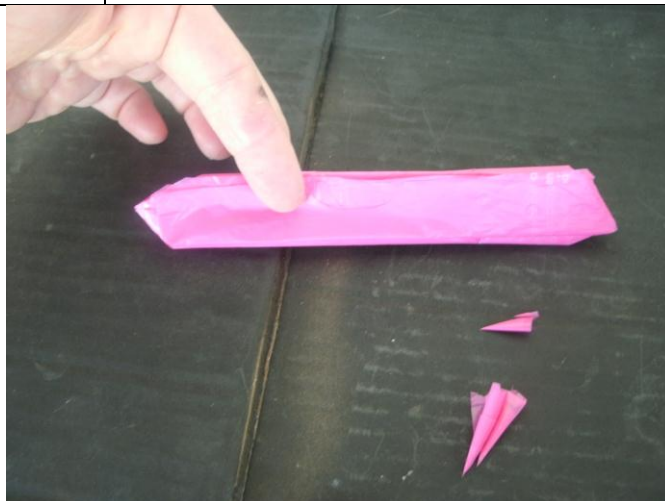
With your pieces lined up neatly and fan fold the pile until you have a single strip. (approximately 1/2 to 3/4 inch folds)



Step 8:



Now snip the edges, either at an angle (as in this pic) or rounded. It will change the shape of your flower significantly depending upon which you choose.



Step 9



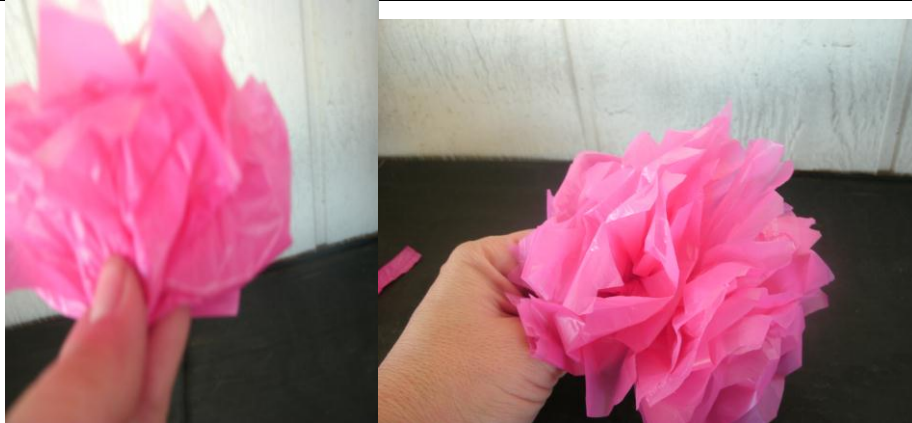
With the bags still lined up in a single strip wrap your floral wire around the middle. Not, super tight though. It makes it harder to close the flower up at the end.



Step 10



Start to open each layer individually until each layer is separated.



Once all your layers are separated and you have a nice fluffy flower, pinch the bottom in together until all your edges are nice and close and you can no longer see any of the middle wire. Take a portion of your floral wire that is hanging off the bottom, tightly wrap it around the pinched area. Fluff out your flower again.

Final Steps:

- **Apply your flowers to your project (use caution with hot glue gun, it will melt the plastic)**





- Slip the remaining floral wire into a straw and wrap it with floral tape for a flower to use in arrangements.



This wreath uses the same flower concept. Click [here](#) for the tutorial

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