

WORKSHOP 2

Go for it!



Here's what we're going to learn in this workshop:

- 1. A bouquet of flowers in an envelope.*
- 2. A paper necklace.*
- 3. Another paper necklace.*
- 4. A flower necklace?*
- 5. Don't cut.*
- 6. Paper around your neck or in your window.*

And now let's go for it.

This is how easy paper cutting is: take the scissors in your right hand and a piece of paper in your left hand. It's entirely up to you how simple or complicated you make it. But before you 'go for it', it's useful to first follow the workshop entitled 'Want to learn paper cutting in fifteen minutes?' You can download the PDF for free from my website (www.gerlofsmit.com). If you get stuck while paper cutting and wonder 'how was I supposed to do that again?' then have a look at the films on my website. Unfortunately for English-speaking people it really is limited to watching. The films are in Dutch and don't have subtitles yet. But you will be able to see how paper cutting is done.

And now let's go for it. Give it your best. Gerlof.

Paper is a fragile material. If you make jewelry out of it, there's a good chance it will break. You can act like it's the end of the world, but you can also work under the assumption that you're creating something for just this once. For a festive occasion, for example. Creating things is fun enough as it is. If you really think it's a shame, just hang it up as an ornament on your wall. Or only make laminated jewelry, because that won't get damaged.

A bouquet of flowers in an envelope!



What do you need?

Paper. Several pieces of paper with nice colors or patterns.

Scissors. A pair of large or small scissors.

Envelope. Any envelope that appeals to you or that you happen to have in the house.

Go for it.

Short explanation. Cut out several flowers.

Put the flowers in an envelope. Send it off, and you're done!

Cut several flowers out of the paper (1).

Make sure they're not bigger than the envelope.

You can write a wish on one or more of the flowers. Put the flowers in an envelope and they're ready to be sent off (2). That's how to fit a bouquet of flowers into an envelope. The size of the envelope in the example is 120 x 180 mm.

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A paper necklace.



What do you need?

Paper. A piece of paper the length of a necklace.

Scissors. A pair of large or small scissors.

Tape. Preferably mat, transparent tape.

Glue. Only necessary if you want to fasten the necklace with paper.

Go for it.

Short explanation. You take a piece of paper the length of the necklace. Cut the paper into long strips. Cut the strips that will eventually form the necklace. Stick the strips to each other. And then stick the ends together. That's it!

A necklace can easily be as long as 80 centimeters. Decide for yourself how long you want your necklace to be. If you're using a roll of paper, you can cut a piece that's 80 cm long. You can also use smaller pieces of paper and stick them together. This example was made on white paper. Ordinary printing paper.

I used A3-sized paper (29.7 x 42 cm) and stuck the short sides together (1). This gives you a piece of paper 84 cm long.

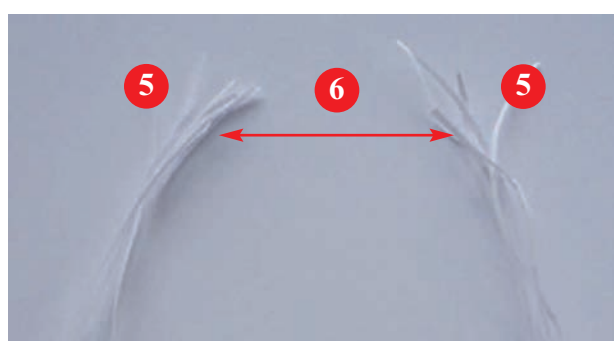
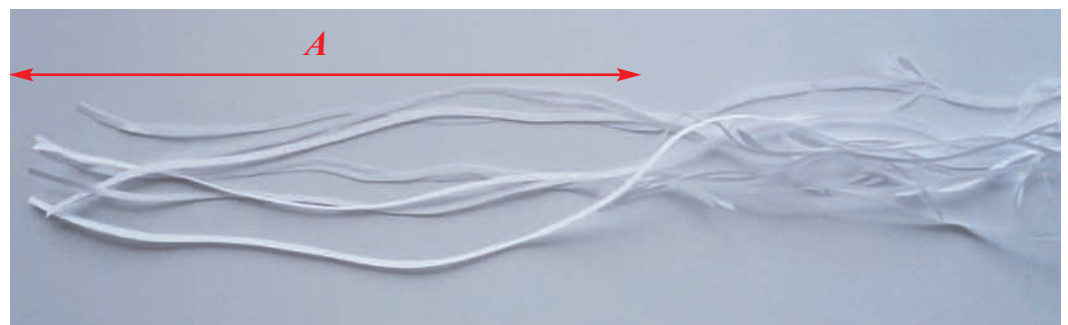
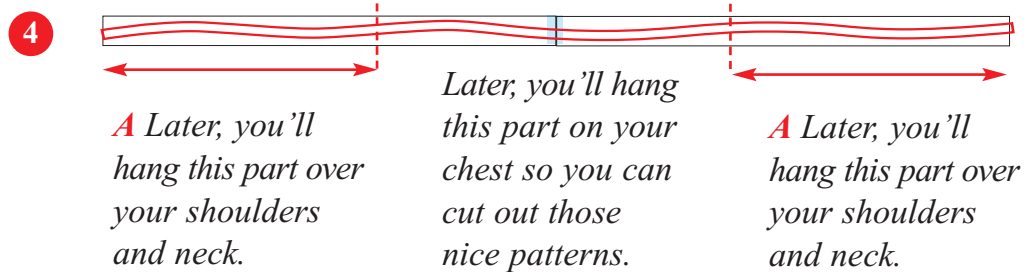
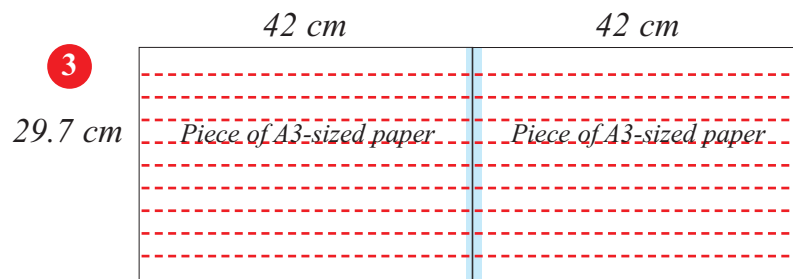
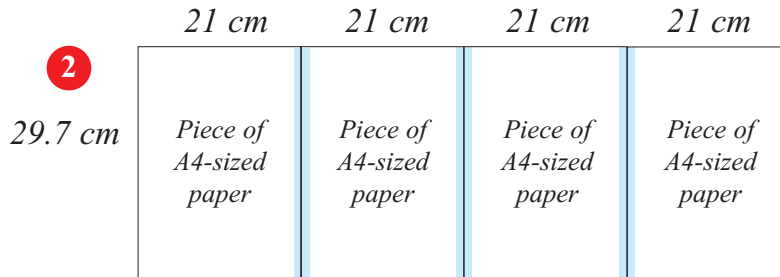
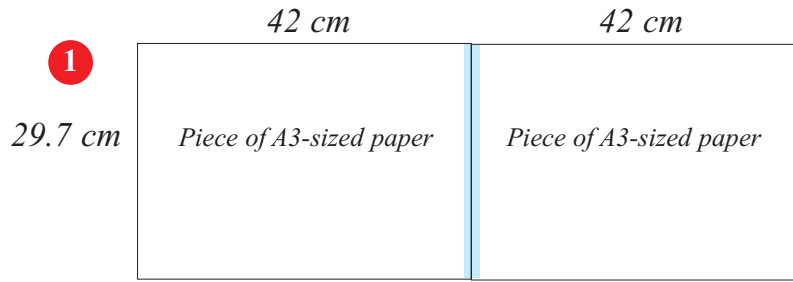
If all you've got is A4-sized paper (21 x 29.7 cm), stick 4 pieces together along the long sides. (2).

You can also use pages from a glossy magazine or whatever other paper you happen to have at home. As long as you can cut away.

Now cut the paper in long strips approximately 3 cm wide (3). That will give you 10 strips (in the example, I made the necklace out of 6 strips).

Now cut a thin line out of each strip about 3 to 5 mm wide (4). Starting at a third of the length, cut out little patterns. Leaves, branches, tendrils, whatever appeals to you. Once you're finished cutting the lines, stick them together with tape or a piece of paper around them (5).

Then stick the ends together in the same way (6) and it's ready to be worn.



Tape

Don't stick the pieces onto each other but against each other. It's a little complicated to line them up together nicely. Therefore, first stick them together with a small piece of tape and then put the long piece of tape on top of it.

Another paper necklace.



What do you need?

Paper. A piece of paper the length of the necklace you have in mind.

Scissors. A pair of large or small scissors.

Tape. Preferably mat, transparent tape.

Glue. Only necessary if you want to fasten the necklace with paper.

Go for it.

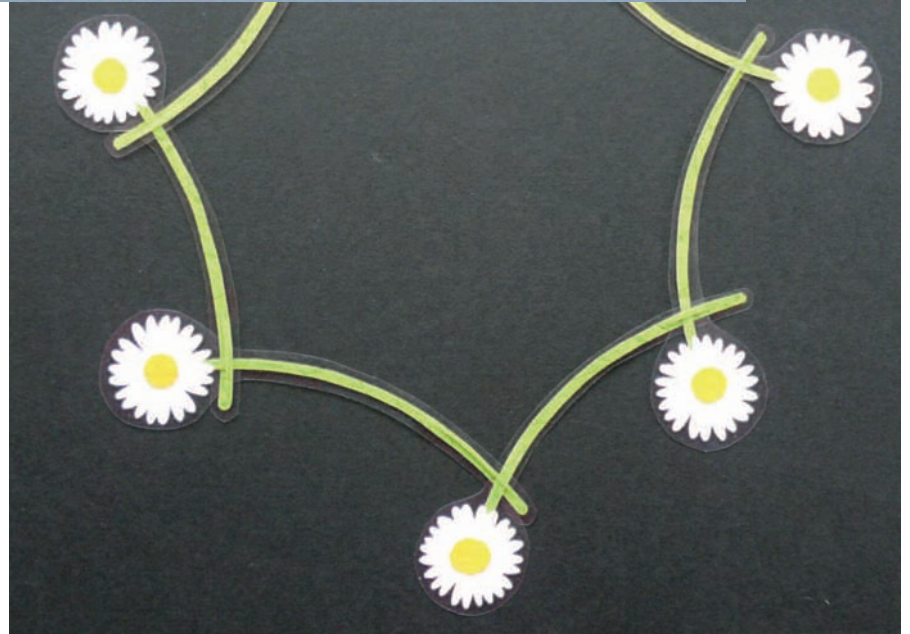
Short explanation. Use a piece of paper the length of the necklace you have in mind. Cut the paper into long strips. Cut the lines that will eventually form the necklace. Stick the lines together. And then stick the ends together.

That's it! You make this necklace the same way you made the last one. It's a little thicker and heavier this time. So don't use 3 cm strips but strips that are about 5 cm long. This example was made on colored paper from a glossy magazine.



This is an example, but not a great one. I didn't cut out strips first but starting cutting out lines into the paper right away. That's another way of doing it. But when you work with strips, you end up having a handier size in your hands to cut with.

A flower necklace?



What do you need?

Paper. Nice colored paper.

Scissors. A pair of large or small scissors.

Laminating machine. You'll probably manage to get all the flowers onto one piece of A4-sized paper. That will allow you to put them all through the laminating machine at the same time.

Knife/scalpel. A sharp knife you can use to make small cuts into the bottom of the stem.

Go for it.

Short explanation. Take several nicely colored and/or patterned pieces of paper. Cut several flowers into them. Laminate them. Cut them out. Stick them together. That's it!

Do this the same way you used to make daisy necklaces. Only now you're using paper.

Cut several flowers out of one or more pieces of paper (1). Make flowers with somewhat longish stems, because that makes it easier to end up with a round necklace.

Lay the flowers that you've finished in the shape of a necklace. If you think the necklace is long enough, lay all the flowers in an A4-sized pouch and put it through the laminating machine (2).

Then cut the flowers loose (3). Do it pretty roughly – don't get too close to the paper.

Make a small cut at the bottom of the stem, so you can pull the stem of the next flower through it. The last time you do this, it's not the stem that gets pulled through but the next flower.

So make the cut a little longer than the others. That's essentially your clasp.

You can also use green, white and yellow paper to make flowers (4,5). Then you'll end up with a necklace that's almost like a real daisy chain (6).

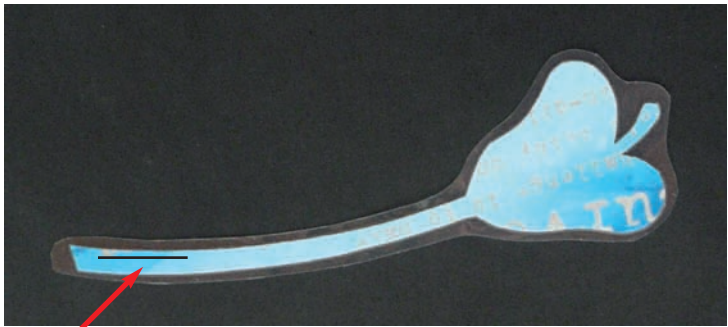
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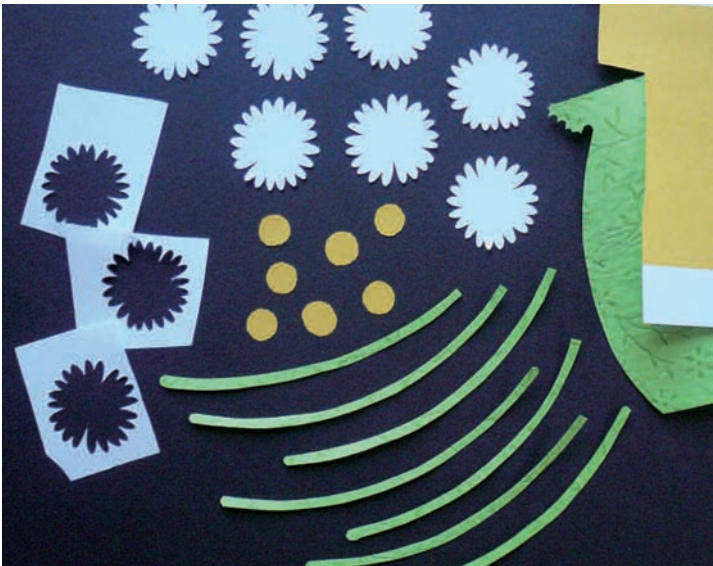


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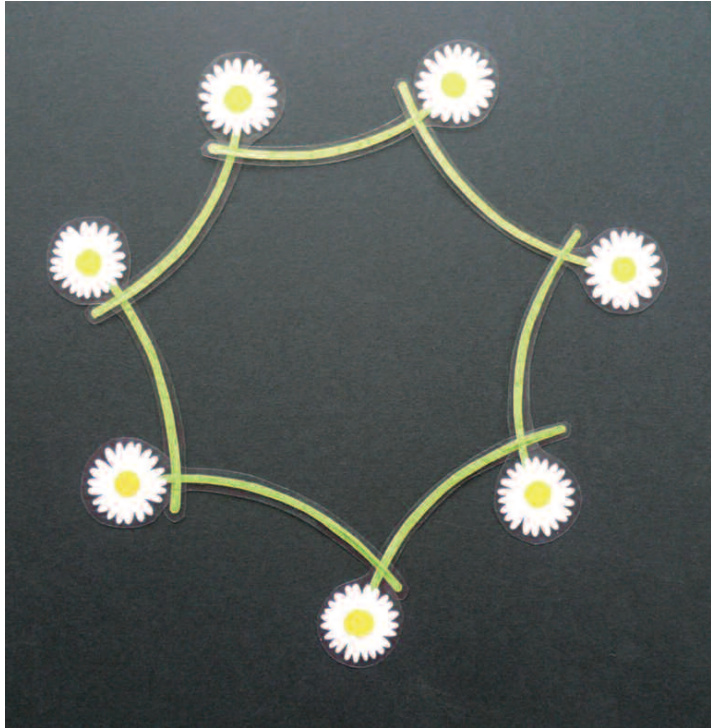
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Don't cut?



What do you need?

Flowers. Preferably small, flat flowers.

Scissors. A pair of large or small scissors.

Laminating machine. You'll probably manage to get all the flowers onto one piece of A4-sized paper. That will allow you to put them all through the laminating machine at the same time.

Knife/scalpel. A sharp knife you can use to make small cuts into the bottom of the stem.

Go for it.

Short explanation. Use several, nice, beautiful flowers. Laminate them. Cut them out. Stick them together. That's it!

If you don't feel like cutting for once (don't worry, I won't notice anyway), simply pick some real daisies, laminate them, and then just do exactly what you did in the last 'Flower necklace' workshop.

If it can be done with daisies, it can be done with violets, celandines or buttercups too.

Or a mix of different kinds of flowers. As long as they're small, somewhat flat flowers with long stems. Daffodils probably wouldn't work too well. Once you've picked the flowers, put them in between the pages of a thick book for a day or two. That will flatten them even more and dry them out a bit too.

It doesn't have to be a necklace. You can also make a bracelet, earring or brooch.



Paper around your neck or in your window.



What do you need?

Paper. Any kind, as long as you can cut into it.

Scissors. A pair of large or small scissors.

Transparent globe. Large or small
(example is 6 cm).

Ribbon, string or chord to hang it on.

Go for it.

Short explanation. Take one or more colored pieces of paper. Cut out whatever comes to mind. Put what you cut into the globe. That's it! Take one or more pieces of paper. Cut out whatever comes to mind (1). You can make fine cuts or rough cuts, as long as you've cut out enough (2). Put it all into one half of the globe. Closing it with the other half might be difficult. When it's closed (3), fasten something to it so that you can wear it or hang it up. A small globe can be used on a necklace. You can hang a large globe in your window.

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What now?

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