Day of the Dead
Día de Muertos
Tissue Paper Flower Activity

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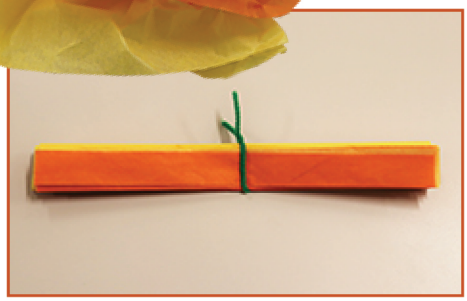
Flowers are an essential part of *Día de Muertos* celebrations. Large brightly colored flowers such as chrysanthemums and marigolds are used to decorate family ofrendas and gravesites. Because of their intense hue, marigold petals are used to create pathways for the dead to follow. Souls find their way home by following these paths.

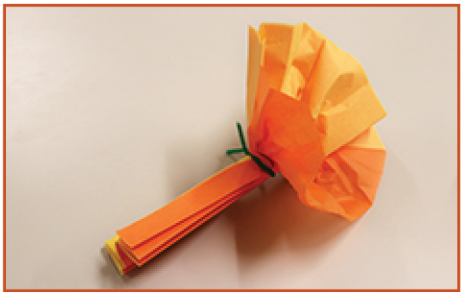
Materials Needed:

- 4 pieces of brightly colored tissue paper
- 1 green pipe cleaner

Instructions:



1. Put 4 sheets of tissue paper in a pile and fold it like an accordion.
2. Twist the pipe cleaner around the center of the folded paper.



3. Gently pull each piece of paper up to form the center of the flower, seperating each sheet of paper from the others (forming the petals of the flower).

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