

Let's Make a Spring Flower Basket!



We need:

- 1 a4 piece of paper/card in any colour for the basket
- Green card for the stems
- Blue card for the bluebells
- Pink, yellow, red or white card for the tulips
- Glue
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Felt tip pens to decorate



William Morris designed wallpapers and textiles that featured lots of beautiful spring flowers, such as this design with bluebells.

Follow our instructions to make a beautiful basket of tulips and bluebells from paper!

Let's make a basket:

1. Make a square by taking one corner of the paper, bring it over to the opposite side and press the paper down. Cut off the rectangle of paper at the top.
2. Fold the triangle in half, press it down and then unfold it again.
3. Take the top of the triangle and fold it down to the bottom side, press it down and unfold it again.
4. Take one bottom corner, bring it up to the fold and press it down. Then take the other corner, bring it up to the fold and press it down.
5. Now fold in half again along the middle fold. There is a diagonal side at the top. Draw a parallel line about 2cm away from it. Cut along the line to the fold.
6. Open your basket out again. Fold down a triangle on both sides, you can also secure the flaps with glue.
7. Your basket is complete. You can use your coloured markers to decorate it.



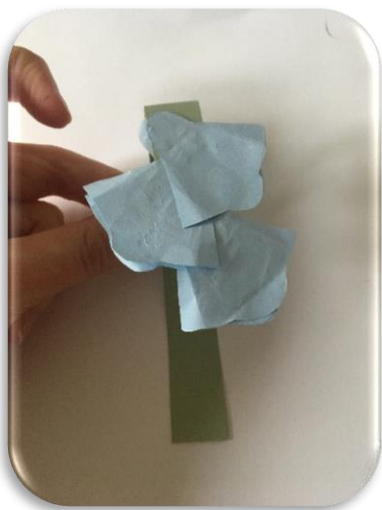
Let's make a tulip:

1. Cut some narrow strips of green card to make the stems about 1cm thick and 12cm tall.
2. Draw and cut out three identical tulip flower shapes, following the template at the bottom of the page, or draw the shapes yourself.
3. Glue one flower to the top of a green stem.
4. Fold the other two shapes in half. Glue the right-hand side of one to the left-hand side of the other.
5. Put glue on the first flower and press the other two flowers on top. You can also repeat this on the other side of the flower to make it 3D
6. We have made a tulip, now you can use any other colours to make some more.

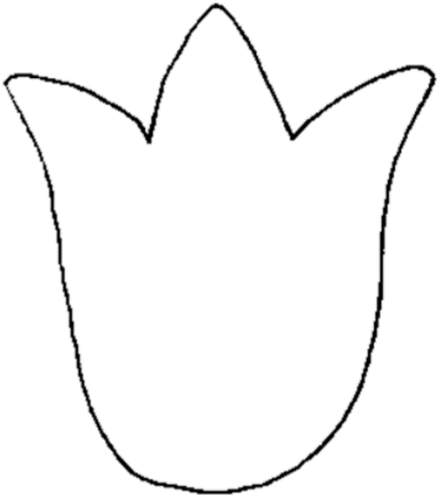


Let's make a bluebell:

1. Cut some more stems in green card but make these ones 1cm thick and around 18cm tall.
2. Bend the card at around 13cm, this is because English bluebells bend over.
3. Draw 6 small flowers shaped like bells on the blue card (template below) and cut them out.
4. Glue the shapes on both sides of your stem, starting from the top of the flower. If you angle these slightly it will look more like a bluebell.
5. Once you have stuck them all down you can fold up the sides to give them extra shape.
6. You have made an English bluebell! The last step is to make lots more bluebells and tulips to fill our spring flower baskets!



Tulip template



Bluebell template

