

Heart “felt” Flower Bouquets

Crafter level: Easy

Time needed: 1 hour

What you'll need

- Felt sheets in a variety of colors (including prints)
- Sharp scissors
- Pinking shears (optional)
- Buttons in assorted colors and sizes (optional)
- Craft sticks (6-in. long or longer)
- Green paint and paintbrush (we used two shades of paint)
- Waxed paper
- Long basket or planter with filler (such as glass beads, grass, coffee beans or florist foam)
- Low-temp hot glue gun and glue sticks (optional)
- Craft glue
- 2 to 3 sheets green scrapbooking paper in a various designs/shades or green felt
- Fine line permanent marker



Layered felt flowers



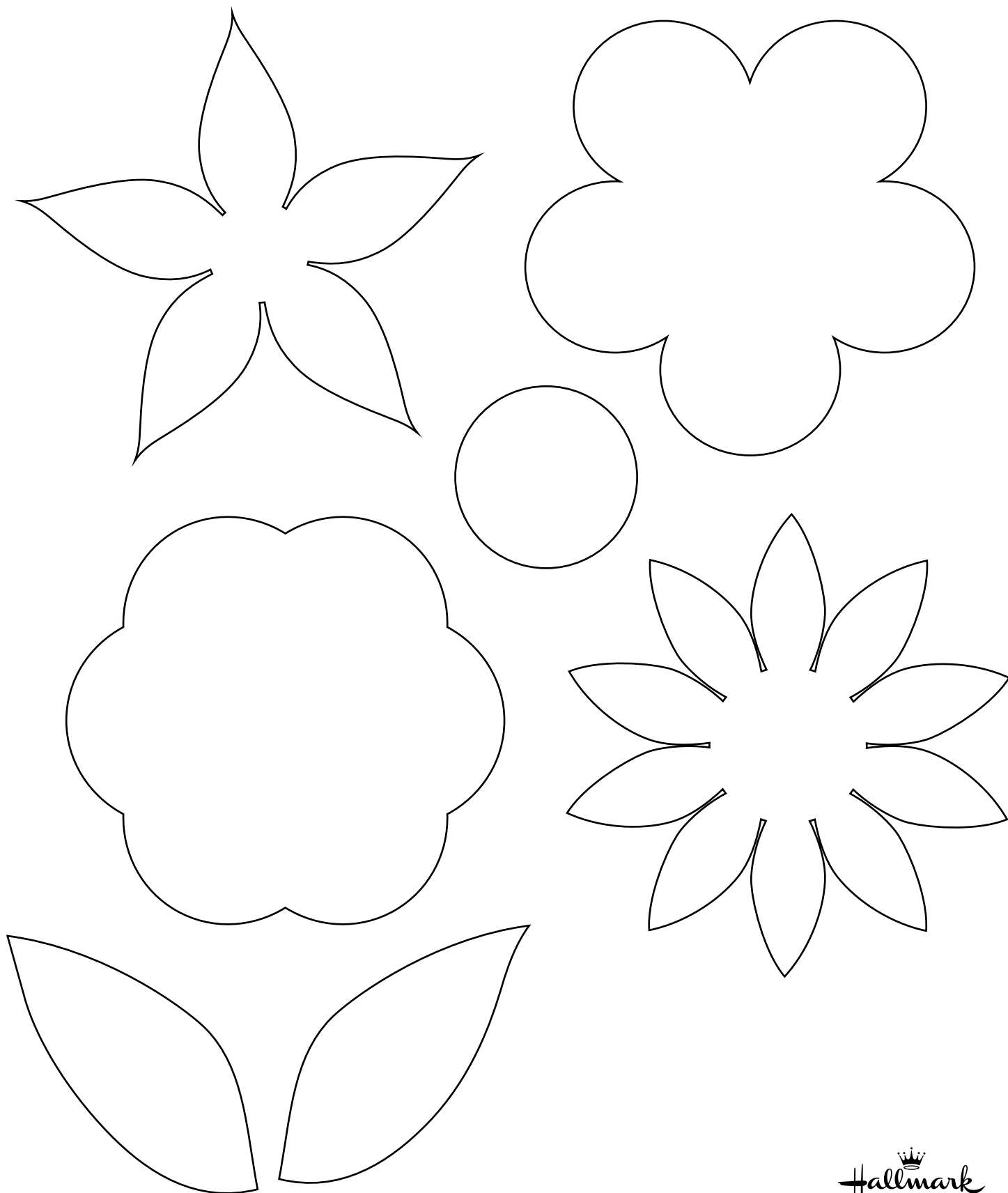
3D felt flowers

How to make it

1. Cut out felt flowers using templates provided or your own flower designs.
2. To make the layered flowers, pick 2 to 3 different felt flowers and place them on top of each other with the smallest 1 on top. Use hot glue or craft glue to secure the layers together. To make the 3D flowers, use the templates and instructions provided to make the flowers.
3. In another area, lay out waxed paper and paint the craft sticks green for the stems. Let dry. Be sure to paint both sides and use 2 coats, if necessary.
4. When sticks are dry, add a funny or sweet message on the back of each stem using a permanent marker (optional). Examples: “Wishing you bright days ahead.” Or, “Quitting is only for quitterpants.”
5. Glue the center back of each flower to the front tip of each painted craft stick using hot glue or craft glue.
6. For the leaves, cut out leaf shapes from scrapbooking paper or felt using the templates provided or your own designs. Glue the leaves to the craft sticks and let dry.
7. Arrange the flowers in your basket or planter and give them to your friend.

Templates for layered felt flowers and leaves

Print provided template and use scissors to cut felt pieces to size.



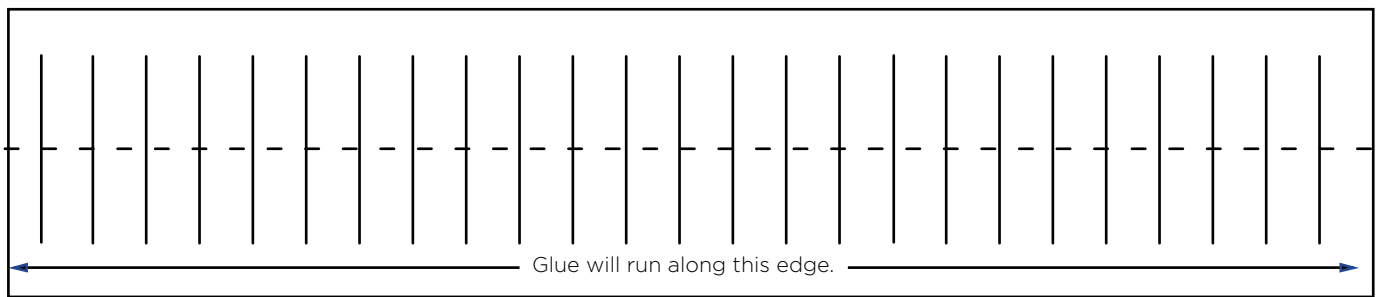
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Marigold

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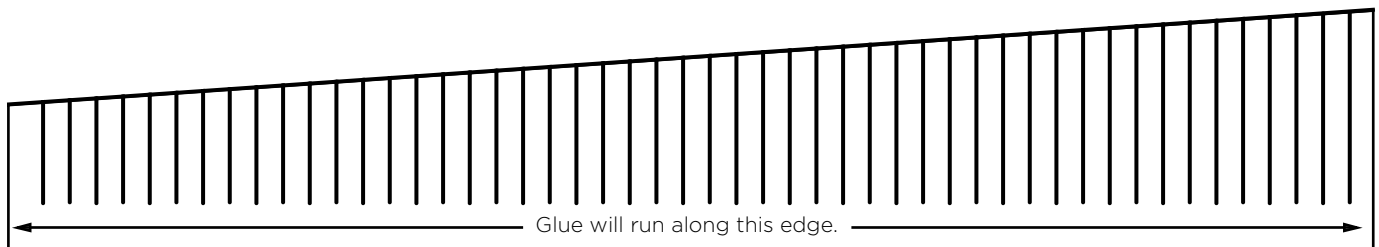
1. After cutting out outside shape, fold rectangle in half (where the dotted line is shown below) and run a bead of hot glue down the long side and press together.
2. Use your scissors to cut $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch slits into the felt, but be careful not to cut all the way down to where the glue is.
3. Run another bead of hot glue along the bottom edge and roll flower closed.



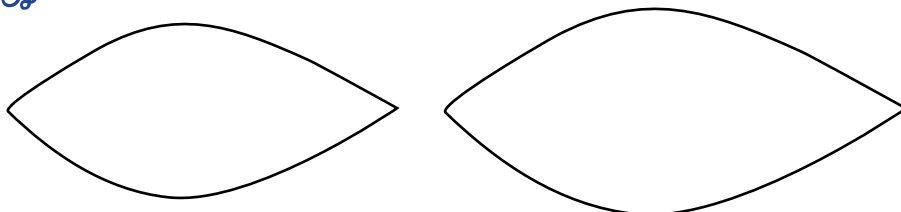
Chrysanthemum

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1. After cutting out outside shape, cut $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch fringe into the felt, but be careful not to cut all the way through the outside shape.
2. Run a bead of hot glue along the bottom edge and roll flower closed, starting with the shorter end.
3. Fan out the "petals" once the glue is dry to fully open the flower.



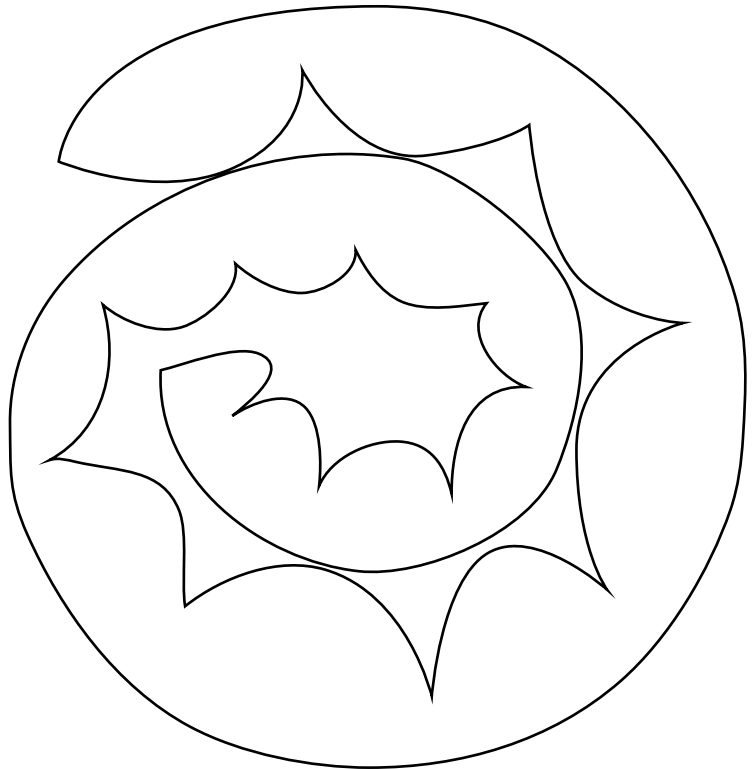
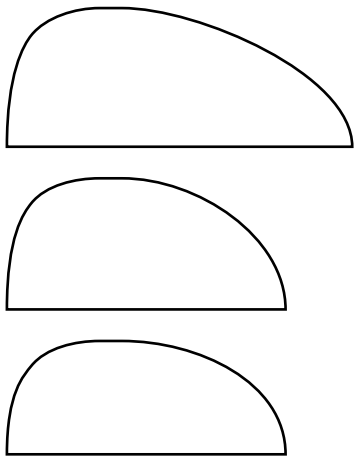
Leaves



Rose

1. For rose, start at the center and run small drops of hot glue around the straight edge, roll tightly, and hold for a few seconds while the glue dries.
2. Add extra individually-cut petals to the outside of the rose, adding glue along the base of each petal and overlapping each petal as you go. Add as many extra petals as you'd like—more petals means a fuller rose. Finger press some of the petals' outside edges to "open" the rose.

Additional petal shapes



Dahlia

1. For each petal, drop a bead of hot glue down at dotted lines indicated on templates below, fold in half, and press in place to give petals their shape.
2. Start with the large petals and glue down evenly around the edge of the backer piece. Then layer the medium petals down. And finish by adding the layer of the small petals. Use the illustration below to help with spacing.

