

# Blooms by the Gallon Basket

**Crafter level:** Easy

**Time needed:** 1 hour, not including drying time

## What you'll need

For each jug

- Decorations template printout
- 1 gallon plastic container, cleaned and dry
- Craft knife
- Low-temp hot glue gun and glue stick
- 2 sheets tissue paper for base color
- Several sheets or scraps of different colored tissue paper for decorations
- Scissors
- Decoupage glue
- Foam paintbrushes
- Ribbon or strip of tulle for bow on handle
- ½ yd. additional tulle and tissue paper for padding inside basket (optional)

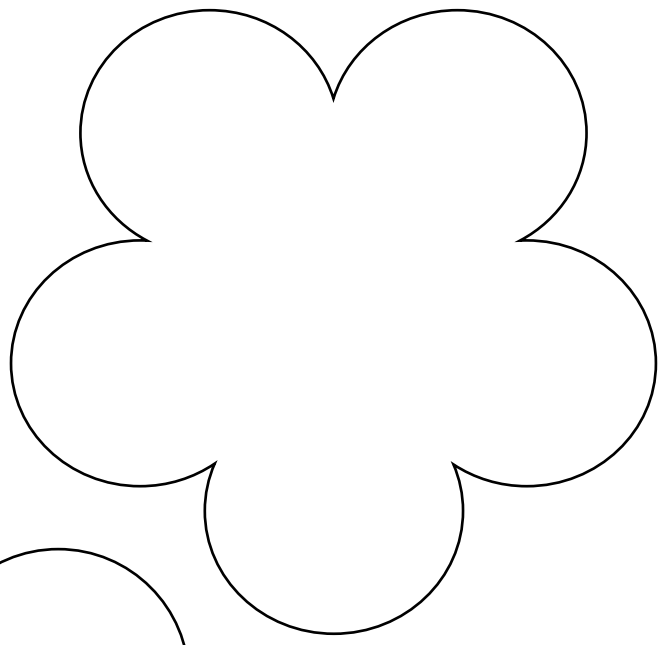
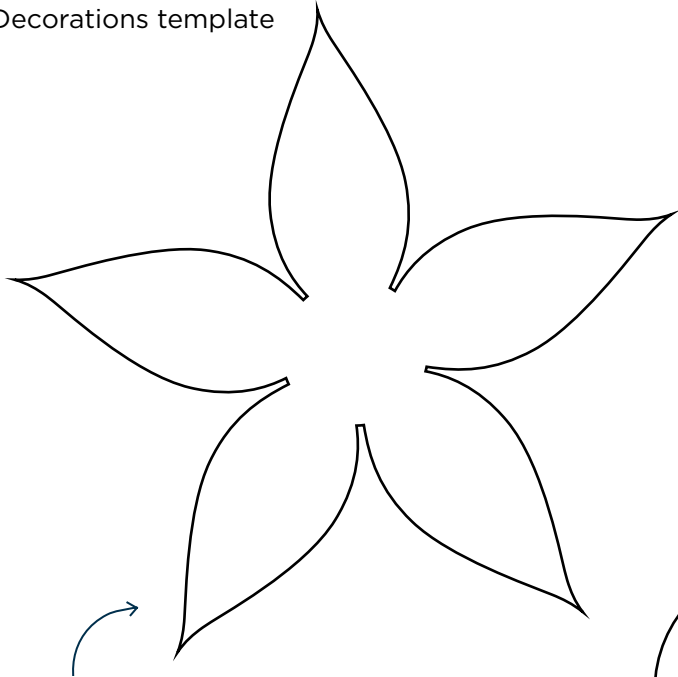


## How to make it

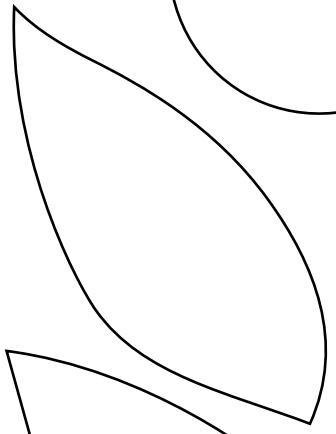
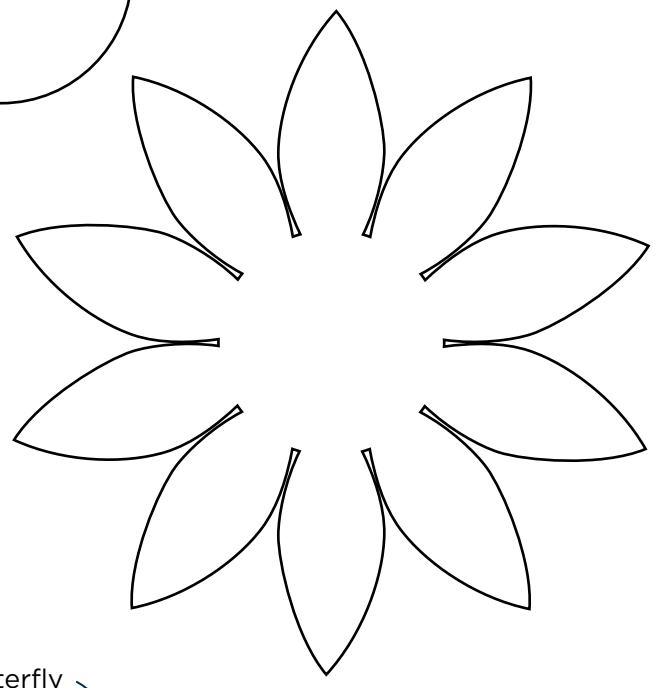
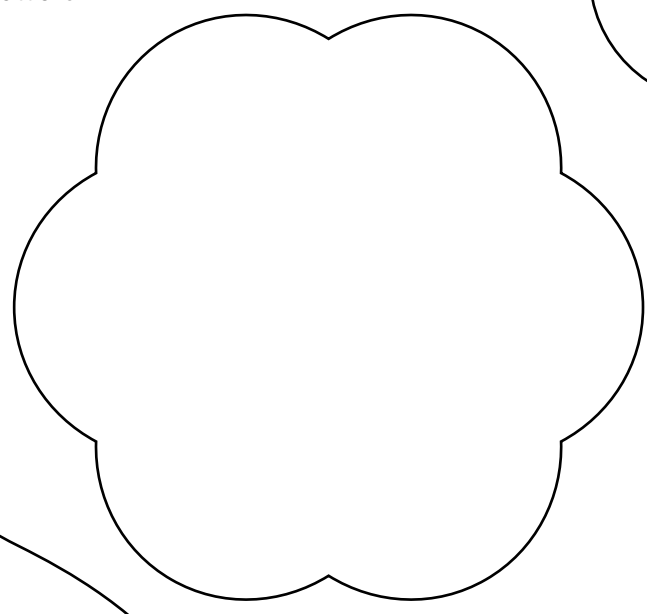
1. With a craft knife, have an adult carefully cut out a large section of the jug around the jug handle, starting at the jug's spout down and continuing about halfway down the back of the jug. Cut another section out at the front of the jug, mirroring the first cut for a symmetrical appearance. Then cut off the lid section from the top of the jug.
2. Glue the 2 side pieces together at their tips to form a handle.
3. Paint a thin layer of decoupage glue around the outside of the jug.
4. Place a large piece of tissue paper onto the glue-covered surface and begin smoothing it over the jug around all sides. Fold over the tissue paper at the edges to the inside of the jug and add more decoupage glue on the inside edges. Wrap tissue paper around all sides of the handles, using extra scraps of paper and additional glue if necessary. Tear or cut away excess tissue paper. Let dry.
5. For a brighter basket, repeat Step 4 with another layer of tissue paper in the same color.
6. For decorations, use the templates provided to cut flower and butterfly shapes (or your own designs) from different colored scraps of tissue paper. Add them to the jug with decoupage glue. Layer if desired. Let dry.
7. Add one more layer of decoupage glue to the entire outside surface of the jug. Let dry completely.
8. Tie a ribbon or strip of tulle into a bow at top of the handle to cover where the two ends have been glued together.
9. Add tulle and additional sheets of tissue paper to the inside of the jug for decoration (optional).



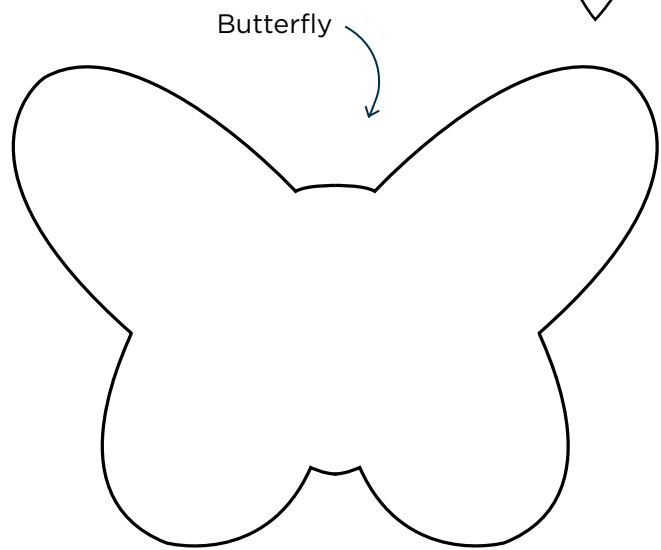
Decorations template



Flowers



Leaves



Butterfly

