

Chore Garden

Give a gift that keeps on giving—a pretty decoration + chores to help your mom out. Who could ask for more?

Crafter Level: Easy

Time Needed: 1 hour

What you'll need

- Felt (as many colors as you'd like for the flowers, plus green for leaves)
- Sharp scissors
- Buttons in assorted colors and sizes
- Shaped felt buttons (optional)
- Craft sticks (6-inches long or longer)
- Green paint and paint brush (we used two shades)
- Waxed paper
- Long basket or planter with filler (such as glass beads, coffee beans, florist foam or grass)
- Low-temp hot glue gun and glue sticks (optional)
- Craft glue
- Black or dark-colored permanent marker



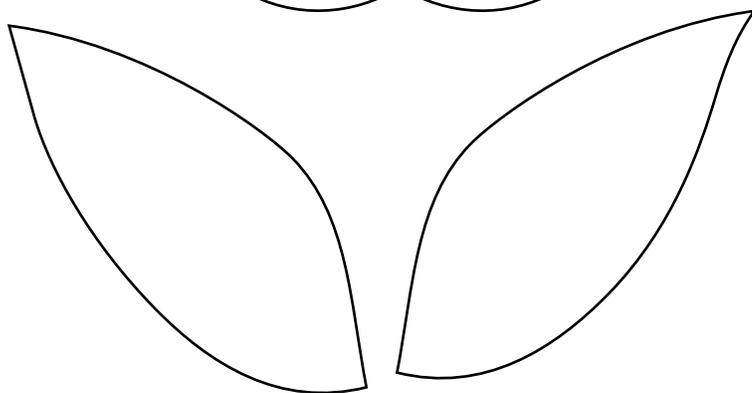
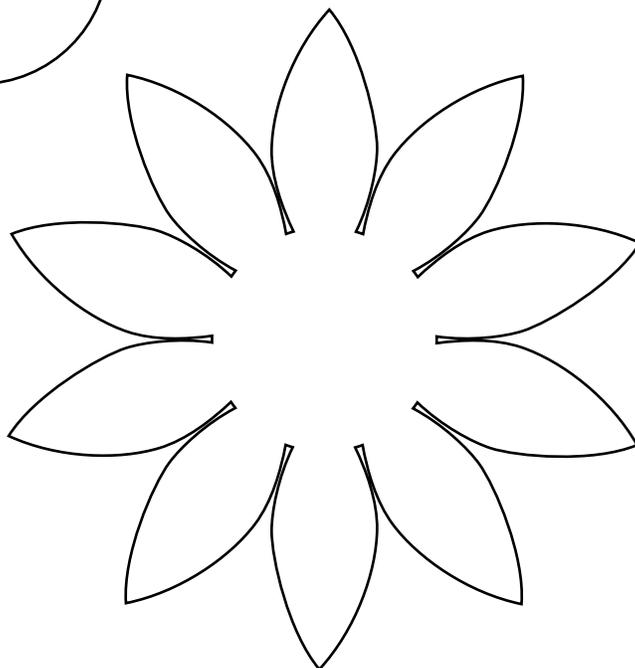
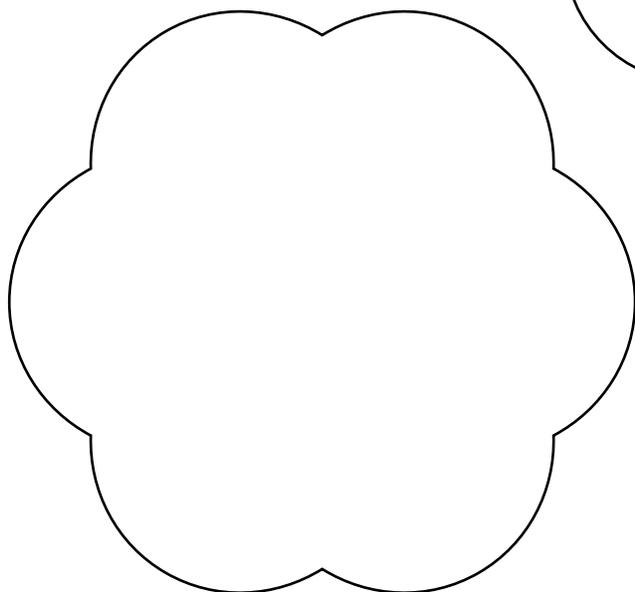
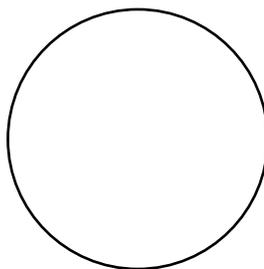
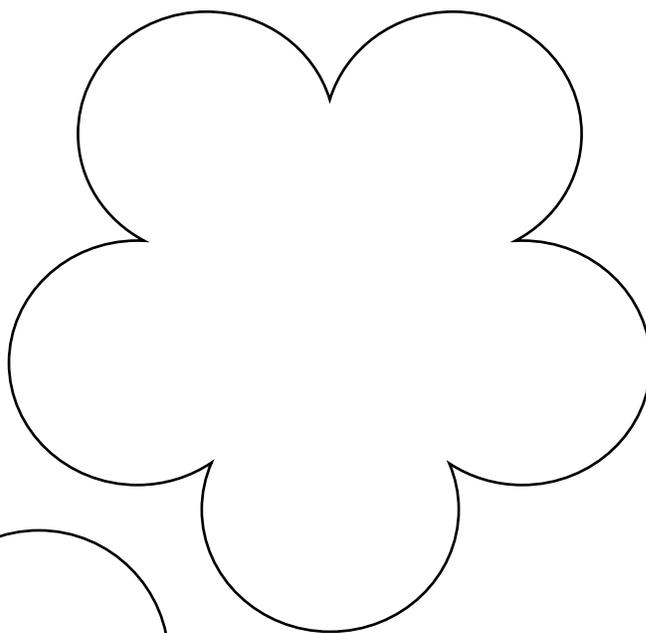
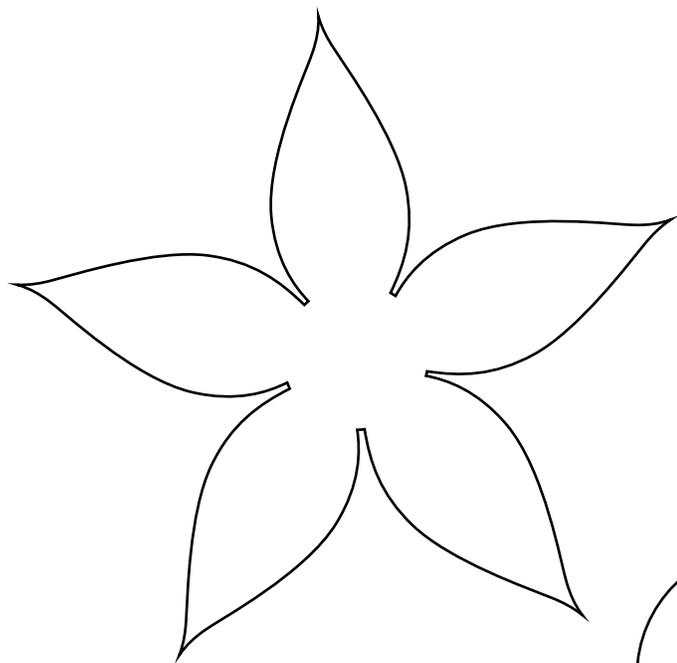
How to make it

1. Cut out felt using templates provided or your own flower designs. Cut several for each flower in different sizes for layering. To make flowers shown, we used either two layers of felt and two buttons, or three layers of felt with one button. Cut an additional circle out of felt for the back side of each flower you create (optional).
2. Layer felt flowers and buttons together from largest on bottom to smallest on top until you have the look you want. Use hot glue or craft glue to secure the layers together.
3. In another area, lay out waxed paper and paint the craft sticks green for the flower stems. Let dry. Be sure to paint both sides. Use 2 coats if necessary.
4. When sticks are dry, add a "chore" you'd like to do for your mom on the back of each using a permanent marker. Keep it short so the whole chore can fit on the stick. (Examples: "clean my room" or "unload dishwasher"). If you run out of chore ideas before you run out of flowers, add a few fun ones like "give mom a hug" or "make mom laugh."
5. Glue the center back of each flower to the front tip of each painted craft stick using hot glue or craft glue. Glue the circles of felt to the backs of each stick to cover the stick.
6. Arrange the flowers in your basket or planter.
7. Give to mom! Not only does she have a beautiful bouquet from you, she also has a gift that keeps on giving—one pretty chore at a time.



Templates for layered felt flowers and leaves

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



Leaves

