

Quilled Place Cards

Crafter Level: Easy

Time Needed: 1 hour

What you'll need

- Ivory place cards
- Ruler with inch marks and centimeter marks or quilling circle sizer ruler
- ⅛-in.-wide quilling paper in the following colors:
 - turkey leg—brown and ivory
 - flower—orange, yellow and green
 - small pumpkin—orange and green
 - large pumpkin—orange, green and brown
- Slotted quilling tool
- Brown marker (optional)
- White glue or glue pen



Tip: You'll need to apply very small amounts of glue, so look for "precision tip" glue applicators or fine-line glue pens, or keep a supply of toothpicks on hand to apply tiny dots of white glue.

How to make it

Basic quilling instructions:

1. Tear paper to correct length instead of cutting to avoid sharp edges, which are more noticeable.
2. Insert the tip of the quilling paper into the slotted end of the tool.
3. Hold the tool in your dominant hand, and hold the paper between the thumb and the forefinger of your other hand. Turn the quilling tool to roll the paper, making sure to line up the edges of the paper as you go. Turn firmly, but not too tightly, or the paper will tear.
4. When the paper is completely coiled around the tool, hold it for a moment, then point the tool down to the table and let the coil drop off. The paper will loosen and uncoil slightly. When the coil has loosened to the size you want, add a tiny drop of glue to the outside, torn end of the paper, and glue it to the paper coil. To make a looser coil, release the coil more quickly from the tool so that it will unravel more.
5. To add a quilled embellishment to a place card, be sure to write the name on the front of the place card first, and fold it in half. Then attach your quilled embellishment to the place card with small dots of glue.

Turkey leg

1. Begin with a 12-inch length of brown quilling paper glued into a loose size No. 1 circle (about ¾-inch diameter). Pinch a point on the coil to make a teardrop shape for the meat of the leg.
Tip: If you have a hard time locating brown quilling paper at your craft store, you can use a brown marker to color a white or ivory strip. Just be sure you completely color the edges of the paper, since that's the part you'll see the most. And let it dry completely before you start your quilling and gluing.



2. For the bone, start with a 4-inch length of ivory quilling paper. Fold it in half, and then roll both ends inward toward the fold to make a heart shape. Keep about $\frac{3}{4}$ inch on either side of the fold straight.
3. Starting from the fold, glue the uncoiled part together (about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch down).
4. Glue folded end of the ivory paper to the pointed end of the brown teardrop. Use brown marker to darken the end of the ivory paper to blend into the brown paper (optional).

Flower

1. Begin with an 8-inch length of orange quilling paper for the flower center. Glue into a loose size No. 4 circle (1 centimeter diameter).
2. For petals use 4-inch lengths of yellow quilling paper, glued into size No. 6 circles ($\frac{1}{4}$ inch diameter). Make 7 or 8 petals depending on how full you want your flower. Pinch each coil once to form into a teardrop shape. Glue rounded end of petals to the center orange coil.



Small pumpkin

1. Use 4, 4-inch lengths of orange quilling paper. Make 4 coils loosely rolled into size No. 6 circles ($\frac{1}{4}$ -inch diameter). Use a 1-inch length of orange to form a tiny circle.
2. For the outer edge, use a 6-inch length of orange glued into a loose size No. 1 circle ($\frac{3}{4}$ -inch diameter).
3. Fit the 4 small circles and 1 tiny circle into the large circle and glue together.
4. For the stem, use 2, 4-inch lengths of green quilling paper, glued into size No. 6 circles ($\frac{1}{4}$ -inch diameter). For each circle, pinch opposing ends, turn halfway, pinch ends again to make a lopsided square. Glue squares together to form a rectangle.
5. Use another $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch length of green quilling paper rolled on one side to make a spiral scroll. Glue spiral scroll and rectangle stem to the top of the pumpkin circle.

Large pumpkin

1. Use 3, 12-inch lengths of orange quilling paper glued into loose size No. 2 circles ($1\frac{1}{2}$ -centimeters diameter). Pinch each circle on opposing ends to form eye shapes.
2. Use another 16-inch length of orange glued into a loose size No. 0 circle ($2\frac{1}{2}$ -centimeters diameter). Fill size No. 0 circle with 3 eye-shaped coils. Fill in any open areas with additional $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch lengths of orange coils.
3. For the stem, use a 6-inch length of brown quilling paper glued into a size No. 5 circle (1-centimeter diameter). Form it into a rectangle by pinching opposing ends and then pinching opposing ends again about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from your first pinch.
4. For the brown scroll, use a 2-inch length of brown spiraled on one end. Glue to stem at other end.
5. For the leaf, use a 4-inch length of green quilling paper. Make a size No. 6 circle ($\frac{1}{4}$ -inch diameter) pinched on opposing sides to form an eye shape. Glue to brown stem and scroll.
6. Glue leaf and stem piece to top of pumpkin.

