

Make a paper Rhododendron bloom

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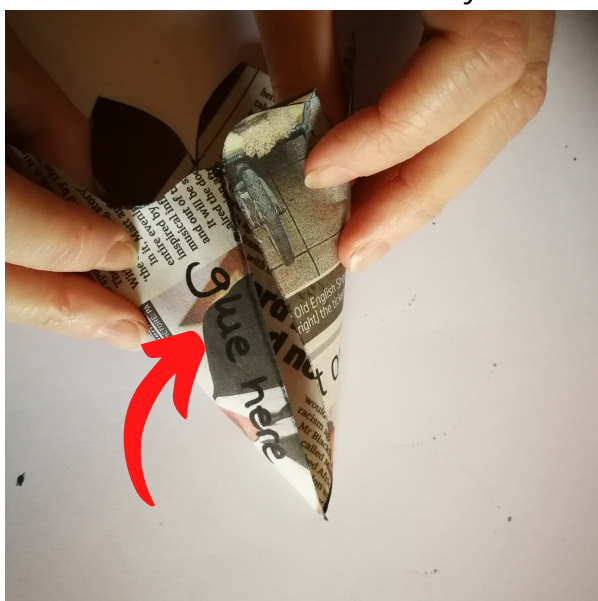


Materials and equipment needed:

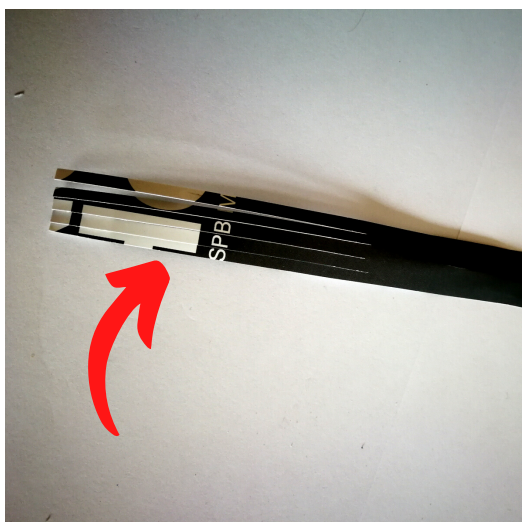
- **Paper or thin card** - for the flower- I used newspaper and magazine paper
- **Card or thick paper**- for stems and stamens
- **Card or thick paper**- for leaves
- **Colouring pens/pencils/crayons**- optional
- **Scissors**
- **Hole punch**- if you have one
- **Sellotape**
- **Glue**- you could try mixing flour and water if you don't have
- **Flower and leaf template**- if you don't have a printer then try tracing it from the screen and cutting out the template ([see link](#))



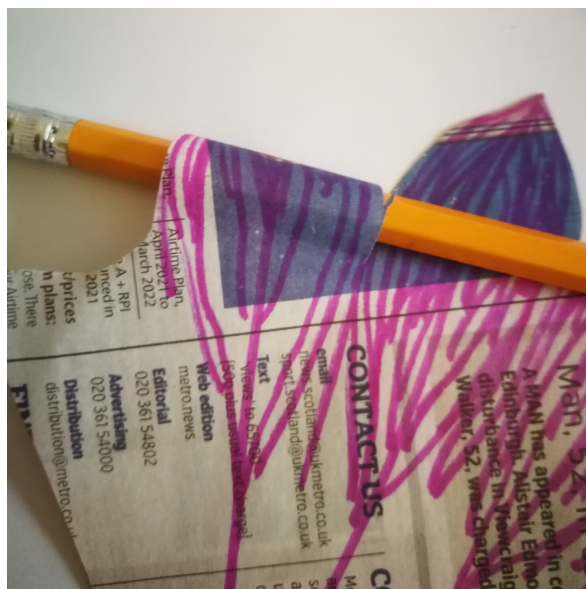
1. Print/trace, cut out flower template. Draw around template onto your chosen paper or card. Draw 5. Cut out 5. Colour in the flower if you chose.



3. Apply glue (or tape) to the 'overlap section'. Roll to make a cone, with the glued section inside the cone. This will create a funnel flower shape.



5. At one end of each card strip cut 5 thinner strips to approx 9cm long. These will be the flower stamens.



2. Gently curl sections petals outwards around a pen or pencil, be careful not to rip them.



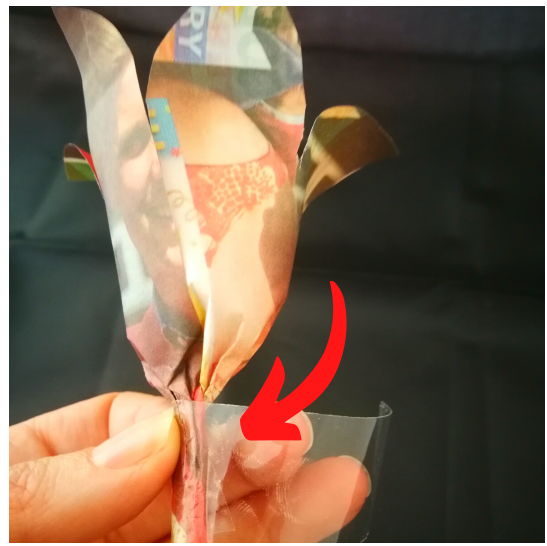
4. Cut 5 strips of card approx 15cm long x 1.5cm wide



6. Fold the strip in half lengthways, and then in half lengthways again



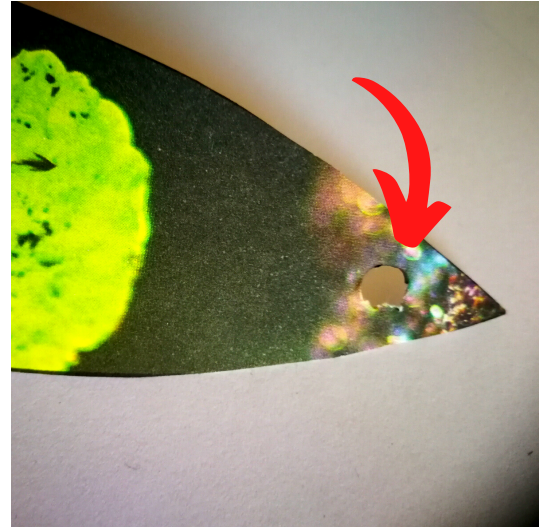
7. Push the bottom of the stem into the top of the flower and out the gap in the base. Make sure the 'stamens' are still easily visible inside the flower and some 'stem' protrudes from the base of the flower.



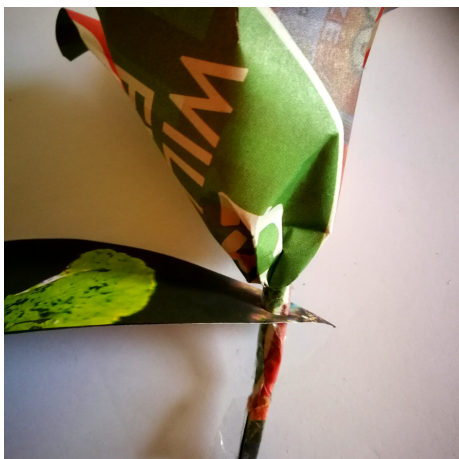
8. Carefully pinch the outside of the bottom of the paper flower around the stem to form a bell shaped flower. Secure the flower and stem together with sellotape.



9. Draw around the leaf template onto thick paper or card. Cut out the leaf shapes. Colour in the leaves if you choose.



10. Closer to the thinner end of the leaf (where the X is) punch a hole using a hole punch – if you have one.



11. Gently push a stem through the hole in a leaf, push the leaf all the way up to the flower. Do this with all 5 flowers and leaves/ Alternatively tape a leaf to each stem directly underneath the flower.



12. Gather all 5 flowers with leaves attached, into a bunch.

Make sure all the leaves come outwards from the bunch. Tape the stems together and you have your completed Rhododendron bloom.