

# Nouveau Flowers

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While messing around with tea bag folding I came up with this fold which looked a bit like a flower, the rest of the card evolved around this.

## Materials Required:

Mini Pic Sheet: MP033.

Gold Label Stickers: XL500U-03 Straight Lines.

Craft Knife, Ruler and Cutting Mat.

P.V.A. Craft Adhesive.

Card Mount: SF01U-30 Smooth White.

## To Make The Card:

Place the card face up, opened flat on the cutting mat lining up the edge of the card with one of the centimetre lines on the mat. Place a ruler on the front panel 1cm in from the fold, peel one strip of the medium width border and apply to the card laying along the ruler to keep it straight, leave a little extra at the top and bottom to trim to size later. Position the ruler 2cm in from the fold and add a strip as before. Now line up the ruler along the bottom 1cm in from the card edge (turn the card or cutting mat if you find it easier) and lay a strip, taking it about 5mm beyond the fold. Repeat at 2cm and 3cm. Once you are happy that all your lines are nice and straight, press each strip firmly down onto the card and trim the excess with a sharp knife.

The stems are made using the narrowest strips. Place a ruler vertically up the centre of the panel to give you a guide for the centre stem. Place the bottom of the strip just overlapping the top line of the border design, run the length straight up the ruler to about 2.5cm from the top of the card and bend to a nice smooth curve. It can take a couple of goes to get this smooth so don't press too firmly as you bend in case it has to come up again. It is very important that you do not stretch the sticker while you bend it as it will shrink back to its original size and lift off the card as it does so (I did this too)!

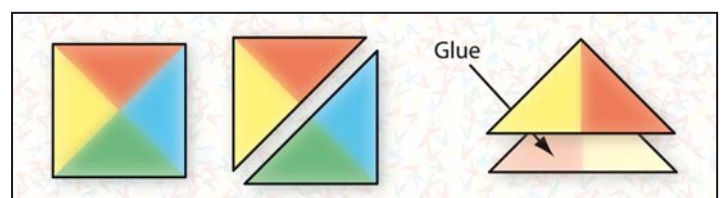
As you come out of the bend, make sure the straight bit of stem is parallel to the original stem. Leave the extra length on for now as it is easier to lift and control if you have to.



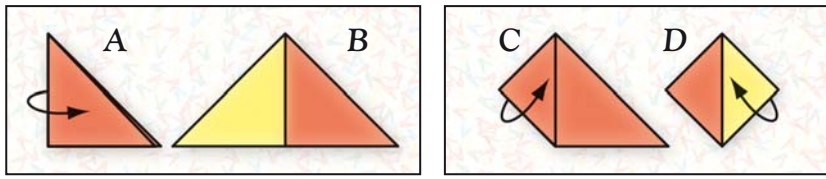
Make another stem to the left of this one leaving a gap between the two of about 2mm. Run the length up parallel to the first stem for about 11cm then begin the bend, going out to the left this time.

Make the third stem to the right of these and begin the bend at around 8cm. Once you are happy with these stems, trim the ends to leave a straight bit of 2cm. Give the stems a good firm press down and leave under a heavy book for a while to encourage them to stay in place.

The flowers are made using the larger mini pics on the sheet, you will need 6 panels. Cut each panel in half diagonally to give you a red and yellow half and a blue and green half. Glue the red and yellow halves back to back so you have double sided triangles.



If you end up with any white edges showing along the 'L' shaped sides it would be best to give them a little trim now.

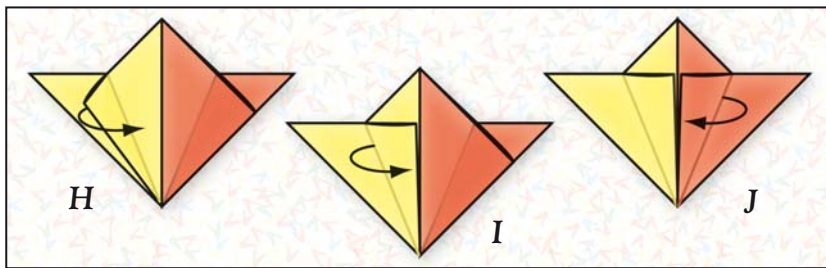


A. Fold the triangle in half and (B) unfold again.

C. Fold the left hand side up to meet the centre line then (D) do the same with the right hand side.

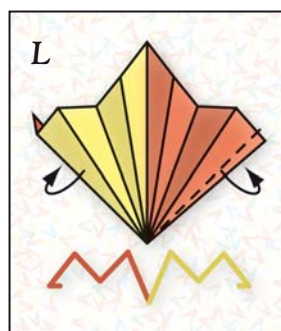
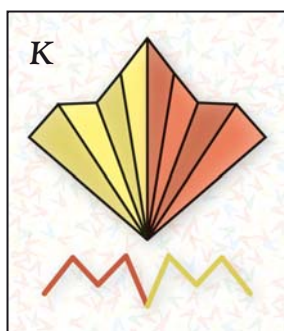


E. Fold out the left hand side from the middle as shown. F. Repeat on the right hand side, then (G) turn the whole shape over.



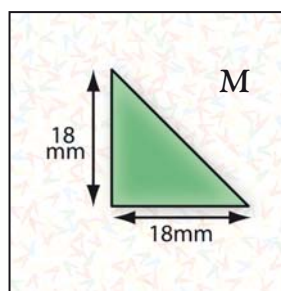
H. Take hold of the left hand corner of the diagonal square and (I) fold it across to meet the centre line as shown. J. Repeat with the right hand corner.

K. Unfold the shape and it will look like this. Look along the edge of the shape and you will see it makes a zig-zag line.

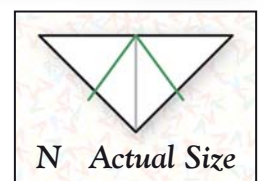


L. Fold a narrow strip under along the outer edge of the shape on both sides as shown. This will support the flower on the mount. Make another two flowers using the same method.

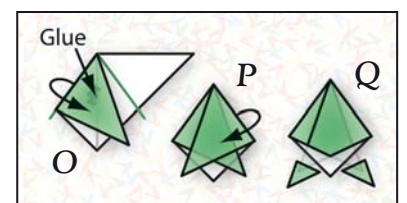
M. The top of each flower is made using a small part of the green section of the coloured panels. Cut off a green corner, making each side about 18mm long. Fold the triangle in half (with the coloured side out) and open out again.



N. Place your triangle over the diagram on the right and mark the points where the lines meet the edge.



O. Fold one side down from the centre to the mark. Put a dab of glue



on top as shown, before (P) folding the other side over it. Q. Trim off the two little points. Make another two the same.

Gently squeeze the sides to open out the shape, put some glue inside then push the folded flower inside it. Put a little glue on the back of the green part of the flower and along the outer folded edges and stick onto the stems.



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