

Start by tracing the outline of your hand onto the printer paper.



Then cut out your handprint. If you have any pencil marks showing on the paper, just use an eraser to carefully erase them.



Curl the bottom of the hand shape into a cone. Leave a small hole at the tip of the cone, just large enough to fit a pipe cleaner through.



Then use a small piece of invisible tape to hold it together.



Use a ROUND pencil (not a hexagonal pencil like I'm showing in the picture below) to curl each one of the fingers of the handprint outwards. A pencil crayon, marker or round pen will also work well.

If you use a pencil with the hexagonal corners like I'm showing in the picture below, it will end up leaving little folded marks on your paper. I just forgot to go back and take a better photograph of that for you so just try to keep it in mind while you're making these.



Curl each one of the fingers outwards so that your flower looks something like this:



I ended up using one 6" yellow pipe cleaner and one 6" green pipe cleaner. If you don't have short pipe cleaners, just cut the standard 12" long pipe cleaners in half.

Start by bending the yellow pipe cleaner in half:



Make a little "J" shaped hook on the end of the green pipe cleaner and loop it over the bend in the yellow pipe cleaner.

Then bend one side of the yellow pipe cleaner in half again, leaving the other side straight like in the photo below.

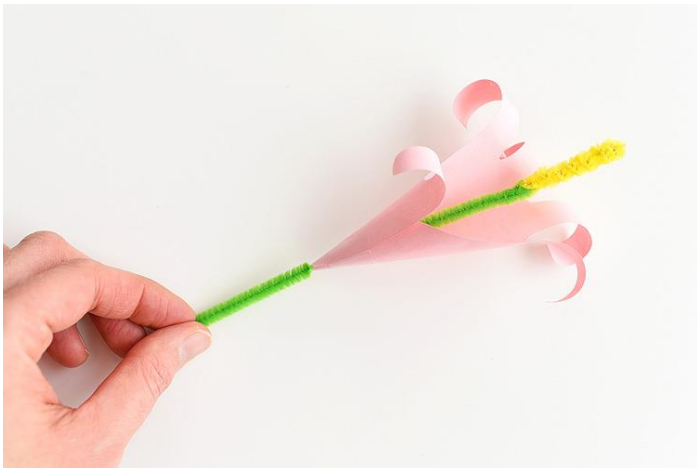


Pinch the "J" shape in the green pipe cleaner so it tightly holds the yellow pipe cleaner. If there's room, you can twist it a little, but as long as you pinch it tightly, it should hold itself together nicely.

Then take the longer end of the yellow pipe cleaner and wrap it tightly around the shorter side of the yellow pipe cleaner. Keep wrapping tightly until you reach the end of the yellow pipe cleaner.



Take the pipe cleaner stem and poke it through the middle of the hand print flower, pulling it all the way through so the green stem is below the flower and the yellow part is in the middle of the flower.



Then repeat all of these steps to make yourself a small bouquet! The bouquet doesn't need to be big. Three handprint lilies looks beautiful!



Don't they look pretty? And they are so easy to make! Who would have thought!?



Hand Print Lily