Winning idea Quilling window picture - VBS Fall craft competition 2023

Instructions No. 2941

Difficulty: Challenging

Working time: 8 Hours

The idea "Autumn for the window" was submitted to us by "Schäfchen". It shows us how creatively a great autumn decoration can be made with paper strips using the quilling technique.

The basis for this idea is a decorative ring, Ø 10 cm. If you don't have a decorative ring in a dark color, you can glue a dark brown silk paper around it to give it the look of a branch.

The owl and the autumnal leaves were all made using the quilling technique.

We recommend that you work on a handicraft mat into which you can stick the individual paper elements pins to hold them in place.

Crafting with the quilling technique

In quilling, paper strips are rolled up into spirals and curls and then fixed in place with handicraft glue .

Therefore, place a paper strips in the slot at the end of the quilling pen, twist this strip as tightly as possible into a spiral using the stencil included in the starter set and fix the ends of the paper with a drop of paper glue. You now have the basic shape for the various basic figures.

You can arrange them on your foam rubber mat using pins to create the desired shape and fix them in place using handicraft glue .

Extra tip:
You can read about this technique in detail in our instructions no. 709 "Quilling craft technique - ideal for the Christmas season".

We recommend that you start by making the leaves. This will familiarize you with this crafting technique and you can start making the owl later, once you have practised making the autumn leaves.

Designing autumn leaves

Use several quilling spirals for each leaf, which you have previously twisted from different shades of green and brown and fixed with glue.

Bend each spiral at two ends so that you have a narrow mini leaf with two lace . Glue these individual elements together to form a larger sheet. Glue another paper strips in the "leaf color" to both outer edges of this large shape and twist it together at the pointed end to form a leaf stem. Once again, paper glue will help to hold it in place.

Making an owl

First draw the basic shape of the owl on a piece of paper and divide it into individual design areas.
Make the eyes by twisting and gluing paper strips particularly tightly together so that the edges of the quilling strips form a solid surface.
The orange beak consists of a spiral that only has been bent on one side to form a teardrop shape.

Place your owl drawing on the handicraft mat and arrange paper spirals next to the eyes and beak to form a body and wings using the pins and glue.

As soon as everything is securely fixed with the glue, place the decorative ring in front of you on a firm surface, position all the finished parts such as the owl you have made and the leaves decoratively on it and glue them in place. Narrow further paper strips can also be glued on in addition to filigree branches.

Depending on your personal taste, you can make further quilling autumn leaves and later decorate everything in your window with a thread.

Must Have



VBS Quilling starter set

Material: Paper, Plastic, Metal

9,99 €

Item details

Quantity: 1

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Article information:

Article number	Article name	Qty
16079	Metal ring "Circle", 10 - 30 cm, Set of 5, Black	1
395212	Foldable cutting mat "Prym Love"	1
860581	VBS Quilling starter set	1
860529	VBS Quilling strips "Colorful", 3 mm, 500 pcs.	1