

# ROSES ARE RED, VIOLETS ARE BLUE

We often think of the red rose as the classic Valentine's Day flower, representing love and passion. However, the rose is not the only flower that has a meaning! In the Victorian era, a language of flowers was created called *Floriography*. Floriography assigns an emotion or sentiment to the type of flower and its colour. During this era, Victorians would add a picture of a special flower on their Valentine's cards or give their beloved a bouquet. You had to be careful which flower you chose though! If you were giving a rose, you had to consider whether it was Red, Pink, or Yellow, because they each have different meanings. Red is for love and respect, pink for thankfulness, and yellow is for friendship.

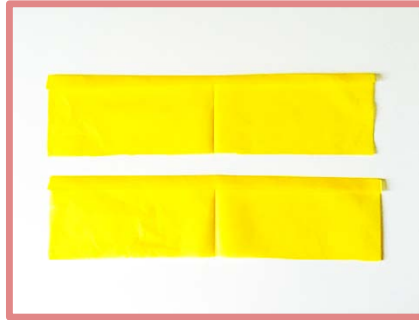
For this activity, we will be creating tissue paper roses. Select a colour of tissue you think will be best for the person you want to gift it to. If you don't have these colours you can always use a colour that you like and make up your own meaning! Once your rose is completed consider making a couple more and presenting your Valentine with a bouquet!



## **Supplies:**

Pencil  
Scissors  
Tissue Paper  
Tape

## PART 1: THE ROSE

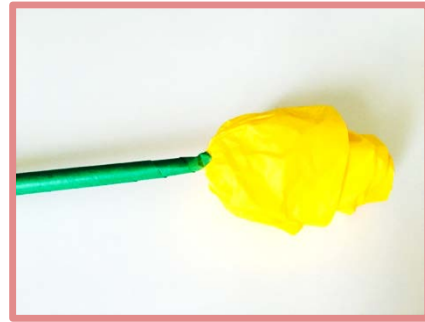


1. Cut two rectangular strips about 12cm by 35cm.
2. Make a fold on one of the long edges of the tissue. This will give the rose a clean edge.



3. Lay the first strip of tissue flat and place the pencil on angle. Then roll the tissue around the pencil 3 times.
4. Pick up the pencil and pinch the base of the tissue. Continue rolling the tissue in loose layers.
5. Repeat step#4 with the second piece of tissue to give the rose more petals.
6. Slide the pencil from the rose while pinching the base. Twist and tape the end. Set the rose aside to roll the stem.

## PART 2: THE STEM



1. Cut a large rectangle about 24cm by 35cm.
2. Roll the tissue around the pencil. Make sure to leave some of the pencil sticking out so you can remove it!
3. Remove the pencil and tape the stem.
4. Attach the rose from Part#1 to the stem with tape. Your rose is now complete!

Give your Valentine one rose or a bouquet using the colours that mean the most to you. Don't forget to post a picture of your tissue paper flowers and tag

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