Miniature nativity scene from quilling strips

Instructions No. 2298

Difficulty: Advanced

Working time: 8 Hours

This Christmas nativity scene is made entirely of paper. A great example of how creatively great decorations can be made with the Quilling technique.



Cardboard base house

The crib has the following dimensions (approx.): L 12.5 cm, W 5 cm and height 15 cm. A 48.5 x 5 cm **strip of corrugated cardboard** serves as the "basic framework". First cut this to size and fold seams for the crib, creating the following "sections": Bottom with 12.5 cm length, first side wall with 10 cm, short roof slope with 5 cm, long roof slope with 11 cm and finally the second side wall with 10 cm length. Glue the ends together.



How to make the Christmas crib

Cut 2 strips of corrugated cardboard, each 8 cm long and 2 cm wide, for the crib. Cut a 1 cm slit in the middle of each strip (after 4 cm) and pin them together. This will create a small cross. Stabilize the crib even further by adding some craft glue to the pinned seam. After drying, set up the crib and glue small quilling strips inside as "straw".

Craft figures & star

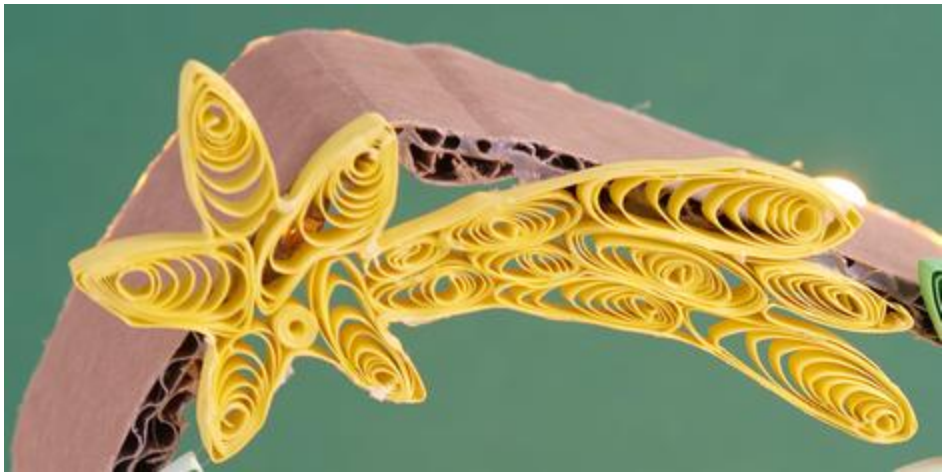


Print out the motif template for making the **quilling figures**. Place it on the foam base and mark the contours with pins and place a paper strip around it, fix it with craft glue. Now turn small paper rolls and fill the mold with them. Place round, oval or differently colored Quilling squiggles according to your taste. Once everything is filled to your satisfaction, coat the rolls with paper glue. Once dry, the pins can be removed.

For the **Jesus Baby**, simply glue 2 paper rolls together and glue a small piece of paper (as a halo) over the head. You can put the figure in the small crib with straw right after it dries, again fix it with some craft glue.

Make the **yellow star** in the same technique: Stitch the contours with needles on the foam so that you have a frame for your quilling work and fill the inner surface with quilling rolls. These can be sculpted into shape using pins.

Once everything is in the perfect place, coat everything with craft glue. This will hold the star together. After drying, the pins can be removed.



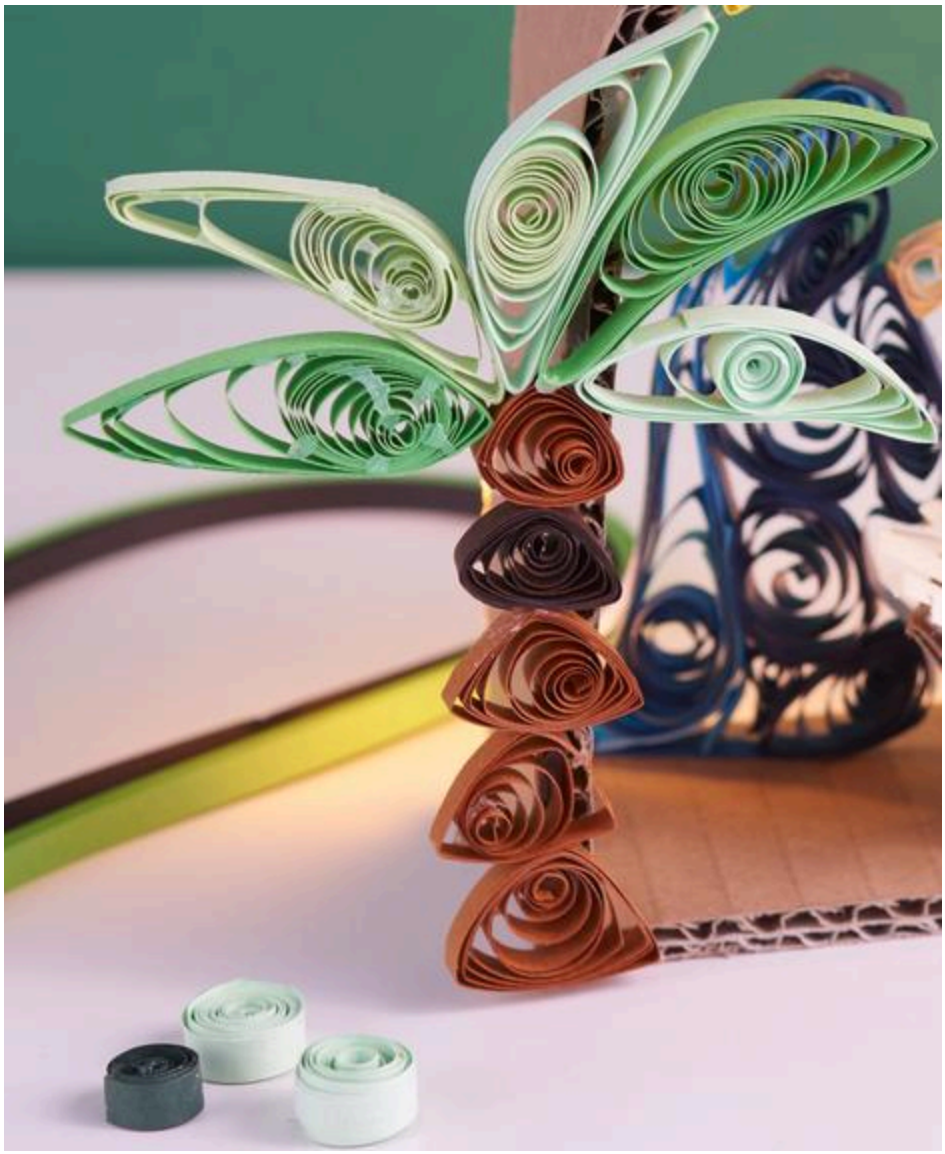
Palm trees made of quilling strips

To make the **palm trees**, make several brown paper rolls, glue the end together and bend each into a slight triangle.

To make the leaves, use green quilling strips. Press the finished rolls together at two ends so that each forms an oval. On the foam backing, bend the leaves into shape with the help of pins and then fix them with paper glue.

After drying, arrange the individual parts into a palm tree and coat everything with paper glue. This way everything sticks together.

When all the quilling work has dried, you can arrange your figures in and on the corrugated cardboard nativity scene and fix them with craft glue. To make the crib shine especially bright at Christmas time, glue a micro LED light chain behind the crib with hot glue.



Must Have



VBS Quilling strips "Colorful", 5 mm, 500 pieces

Acid-free
Grammage: 100 g/m²
Content: 500 pieces
Length: 390 mm
Width: 5 mm
Material: Paper

5,99 €

Item details

Quantity: − 1 + Add to cart

Article information:

Article number	Article name	Qty
723572	VBS Quilling strips "Colorful", 5 mm, 500 pieces	1
862110	Corrugated board blank, 2-flute	1
11674	VBS Quilling stencil incl. foam underlay	1
132115	VBS Embossing/Pricking/Quilling Set	1
68930401	VBS Micro LED chain of lights "30 LEDs", with timer	1
755986	Mini hot glue gun "Without cable"	1