What is quilling

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Discover the fascinating world of quilling

Immerse yourself in the wonderful world of quilling, where breathtaking works of art are created from simple paper strips . With the filigree paper strips you can conjure up unique decorations to adorn your Christmas tree, window decorations or unusual gift ornaments in no time at all. In these easy-to-follow instructions, you will learn everything you need to know about this creative crafting technique - from the fascinating history and inspiring artists to the basic techniques and tools required.



What is quilling?
Quilling is a creative technique in which paper strips are rolled and shaped. The ends are fixed with glue so that the figures retain their shape.

The basic shape of quilling is the circle. A spiral is made from this in no time at all. Further shapes such as eyes, drops or flowers are created by carefully pressing the spiral together. Using a simple tool such as a toothpick, the paper strips can be rolled up and then glued together. **Quilling** impresses with its ease of use and fascinates creative craft fans worldwide.

The history of quilling

Did you know that quilling has a long and rich history? The crafting technique is by no means new. The first parallels and techniques can be traced back to the ancient Egyptians. Quilling has been known as a craft technique since the Renaissance. Back then, monks and nuns made filigree decorations for book covers from paper strips, that were left over from cutting books. These were covered with gold paint and offered an inexpensive alternative to real gold ornaments, sometimes barely distinguishable from the "valuable" decorations. Quilling became popular in Europe in the 18th century. For English ladies in particular, it was the pastime par excellence and tea caddies and pieces of furniture, for example, were decorated with the filigree paper strips . The settlers eventually brought the crafting technique to America. There, kandelaar were often decorated with quilling.

Quilling today

Quilling is no longer the exclusive preserve of posh English ladies. Craft fans from all over the world love the creative technique. They call themselves "quillers". Quilling is inexpensive, but rich in creative possibilities - which is why it is so popular as a hobby. Today, paper strips are eagerly rolled and shaped for every conceivable occasion. quilling decorations are commonly used on cards, boxes, pendants, mobiles and jewelry or simply pictures made up of various quilling elements to create a complete work of art.

Quilling for Christmas

Quilling works look great as Advent decorations, in Christmas trees or on christmas cards. They can be very elaborate or very plain and simple. Whether you are a quilling pro or just starting out, you are sure to create magical

Christmas decorations with the paper strips in our online store



The art of quilling

Discover how versatile and artistic the quilling technique can be. You can create your own elaborate and artistic

picture reliefs with the paper strips or be inspired by our "Good mood quilling mural" idea.



Are you ready for quilling?
Quilling is easy to learn and is a great way to practise patience, concentration and skill. Start with simple ornaments or floral motifs that are easy to create.

Quilling-craft kits,, which contains everything you need, is ideal for getting started. With a little practice, you'll soon be bitten by the quilling bug!

What do I need for quilling?

Essentials:

- Many paper strips
- A transparent paper glue that dries quickly
- A pair of scissors

- Toothpicks


quilling pin to make it easier to roll up

- A folding bone for neat folding
- Thin double-sided adhesive tape
- Quilling-stencil and base for precisely fitting circles and for combining the individual parts
- Quilling comb for further shapes
- pinsto connect individual parts

paper strips for quilling


 paper strips are available in many colors and patterns. If you don't have the right strip, you can easily cut it yourself.

Popular quilling techniques

3D quilling
Sculptural figures are created when the twisted spirals are carefully pushed apart with the fingers. Or by arranging the paper strips in such a way that they form a three-dimensional object.



Comb quilling:

You can weave paper strips using the teeth of the **quilling comb**. This technique enables many filigree creations. Comb quilling can be used to create intricate stars, decorations or jewelry, such as earrings.



Free quilling

You can also create your own figures and motifs. For each project, the outlines of the desired figure are first formed and fixed using paper strips . The shapes are then filled with squiggles made from quilling strips.



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