

## Recycled paper rose buttonholes

You will need:

- Paper for the flowers – I used sheet music from a damaged music book
- Light weight card for the leaves – print a pattern on the card or use plain green
- Thin wire – I used paper covered florist wire
- PVA glue
- Green paper, crepe paper or florist tape to finish the stem
- Scissors for paper
- Wire cutters or old scissors you don't mind making blunt cutting wire
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Optional bamboo skewer



1. Cut off the border of the page if using paper from books



2. Cut a piece of paper about 4 inches/11cm square
3. Fold it in half
4. And in half again



5. Fold it diagonally so that all of the cut edges are at the top and folds go down to the point



6. Mark on a rounded shape at the top



7. And cut it out
8. Repeat this twice more
9. Optional – cut another to use as sepals
10. Rub out any pencil marks as these might show on the finished flower
11. Use the first one you made as a template for the curve on the others

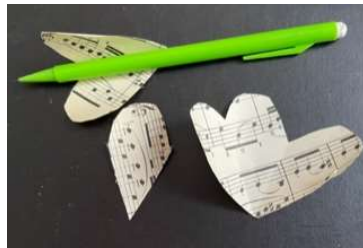
12. Open them out and cut them as shown



13. Gently refold the curves of the larger 3 pieces so that they make flower shapes
14. On each one, spread glue over a whole petal section which by the cut out and glue it to the other side of the cut out
15. Leave to dry



16. Use the pencil to 'iron out' the folds in the smaller 3 pieces so that they will roll easily
17. Put a line of glue down one long edge of the 2 and 3 petal pieces and glue them into trumpet shapes
18. Roll the smallest piece into a tighter trumpet shape and glue. Make sure you leave a tiny hole at the bottom for wire to go through. I found this easier to do round a bamboo skewer



19. Cut a tiny hole at the point in each piece for the wire to go through
20. Curve each petal gently around the pencil and increase the curve by them rolling it gently by hand



21. Make a small loop in the wire – using pliers or by rolling it round the skewer
22. Put it into the smallest trumpet shape with a good amount of glue to keep it in place
23. Leave to dry



24. Build your rose by adding the sizes in turn. putting glue inside to keep them in place



25. Optional. Cut last shape into 6 individual pieces
26. Trim into triangles
27. Curve the tops and sides and glue one behind each petal



#### Leaves

1. Either cut oval shapes to use as they are, cut the edges in a jagged line or use a die to cut them out
2. Fold in half and glue a piece of wire on one side of the fold
3. It is up to you how many you wish to use

#### Assembly

1. Fold and cut the flower wire to the length you want. Mine is about 3 inches / 7cm
2. Place the leaves in the position you want them to be and use a twist the wires along with the stem wire to keep them in place
3. Cover the wires, starting just under the flower and wrapping the paper or tape round and gluing the paper in place as you go.
4. When you get to the bottom of the wires make folds when wrapping to ensure that this is fully covered
5. Continue wrapping back to where you started and do a couple of extra turns to ensure it is securely in place

