



fun and funky flowers

Supplies & Tools:

- **STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam:**
 - 2½" Balls for flower, one ball makes one flower
 - 4" Balls for base, one ball makes two flower bases
 - 4" x 4" x 2" Block
- Acrylic paints: green, yellow
- 2mm craft foam: one sheet each of bright green for leaves and one each of your choice for petals
- 3/8" wooden dowel, 12"-18" length for each flower
- Serrated knife*
- Bar soap or old candle
- Wooden skewers
- Stiff-bristle paintbrush
- Disposable palette
- Water basin
- Paper towels
- Handsaw
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Scissors
- 1/2" head pins
- Thick, white craft glue or low-temp glue gun and glue sticks*

Directions:

**NOTE: An adult should perform any steps requiring use of a glue gun or a serrated knife; children should never handle glue guns or knives.*

1. Wax serrated knife with a bar of soap or old candle to ensure smooth cuts. Cut 2½" ball in half for flower center and 4" ball in half for base.
2. Sandwich one end of a wooden dowel between 2½" half balls, pressing halves together until flat sides are flush. Remove dowel. Insert skewer into flat side of each half ball to use as a handle while painting. Paint half balls yellow; stand skewers in foam block to dry.
3. Determine desired height for flower and cut dowel accordingly for stem.
4. Insert and glue dowel centered in rounded side of 4" half-ball. Paint dowel and base green. Let dry.
5. Using pattern cut five flower petals and two green leaves from craft foam.
6. Glue base of petals to flat side of one 2½" half-ball, spacing evenly; pin in place for extra reinforcement. Spread glue on base of petals and center indentation. Position 2½" half balls on flower stem and press together.
7. Glue leaves to flower stem with tips pointing in opposite directions.
8. Repeat to make a grouping of flowers, varying height of stems for added interest.

Skill Level: Experience needed, parental supervision required

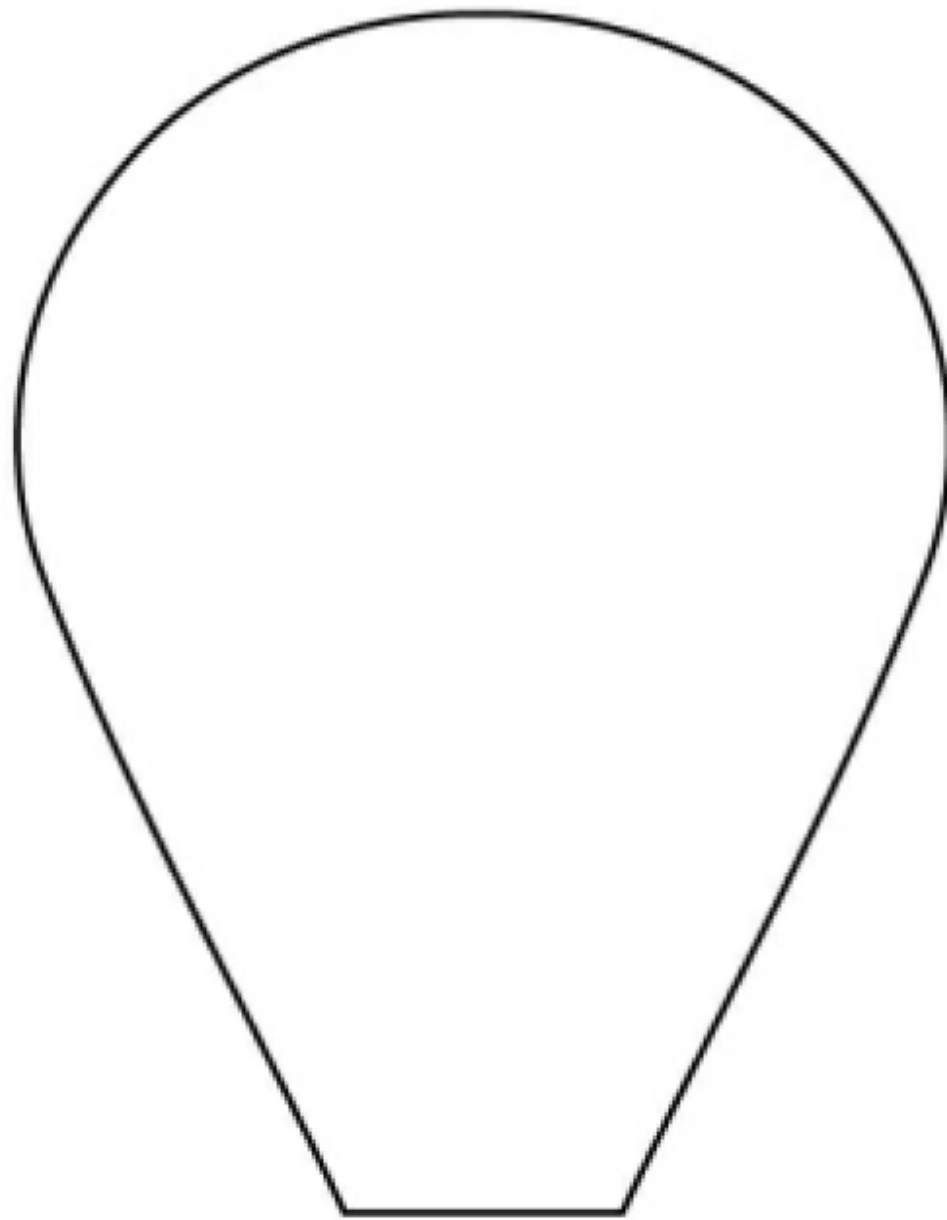
Approximate Crafting Time: 1 - 2 hours (does not include drying time)

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