



HOME for the Holidays

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Upcycled Accordion Flowers on Map Wrapping

Using old maps is a great way to create an adventurous package and at the same time reduce waste. Decorate your holiday gifts with Upcycled Accordion Flowers made with maps.

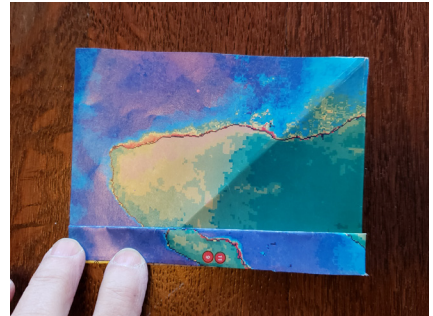
Materials: maps, glue stick or glue gun, scissors, ruler, button, twine or string

Instructions:

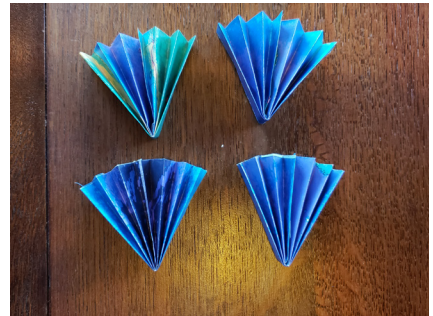
1. Cut 4 same size squares from a map - 4"x4" used here.
2. With all sheets together, make 1st ½" fold, then separate sheets.
3. Take one square and, using the original fold width, continue folding by flipping paper back and forth till end of paper is reached. Trim any excess paper at end.
4. Fold in half to V shape.
5. Glue inside flaps and press together forming a fan shape.
6. Fold and glue all remaining squares by repeating steps 3-6.
7. Trim top corners to make petal shape. To ensure all 4 sections have the same shape, lay the first section you trim on top of remaining sections and mark where to cut.
8. Glue 2 sections together with folds on one end and petal shape at the other. Glue all four sections into a pile all in the same direction.
9. Glue folded ends together.
10. Gently open flower and glue the two outer folds together.
11. Glue a button into flower center and glue flower to package. Glue stem and leaves to package.



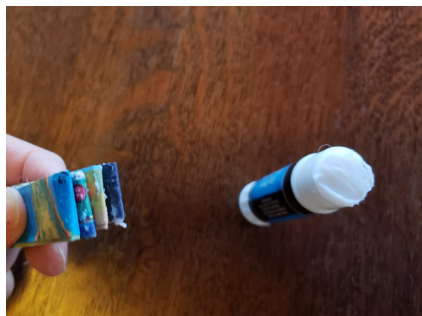
See next page for step-by-step pictures.



Cut 4 same size squares from a map - 4"x4" used here. With all sheets together, make 1st 1/2" fold, then separate sheets. Take one square and, using the original fold width, continue folding by flipping paper back and forth till end of paper is reached. Trim any excess paper at end.



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