

# **Fairfax County Neighborhood & Community Services**

## **#NCSconnects Virtual Activity**

**Activity:** Paper Flowers

Category: STEAM: Arts & Crafts

Suggested Grade Level: Grades 1-12

**Description:** Make colorful flowers out of simple supplies to gift to others or make your home brighter!

### **Supplies:**

- Tissue paper, any color (alternative: any other colored paper.)
- Straws, preferably green.
- Pipe cleaners, multiple colors (alternatives: glue or a small rubber band.)
- Green paper.
- Scissors.
- Hole punch.

### **Making the Petals**

- 1. Select any color of tissue paper and fold over multiple times.
- 2. Draw flower shapes on the tissue paper. Use your imagination these do not have to look like real flowers!
- 3. Cut out various shapes and sizes that you can layer for your flower.
- 4. Finally, punch a hole into the center of the flower shapes.

#### **Assembling the Flowers**

- 1. Thread one or two leaves onto the straw so that they are resting on the pipe cleaner.
- 2. Layer three to 10 flower shapes to achieve your desired look.
- 3. Secure the flower on the straw by using another 1-inch piece of pipe cleaner to wrap around the tip of the straw.
- 4. Another option is to fold the straw over and secure with pipe cleaner.
- 5. Put your flowers in a vase and enjoy!

**Takeaways:** Get creative by mixing and matching colors. Work on fine motor skills by cutting and attaching small pieces. Talk about different types of flowers and how flowers help the Earth.













