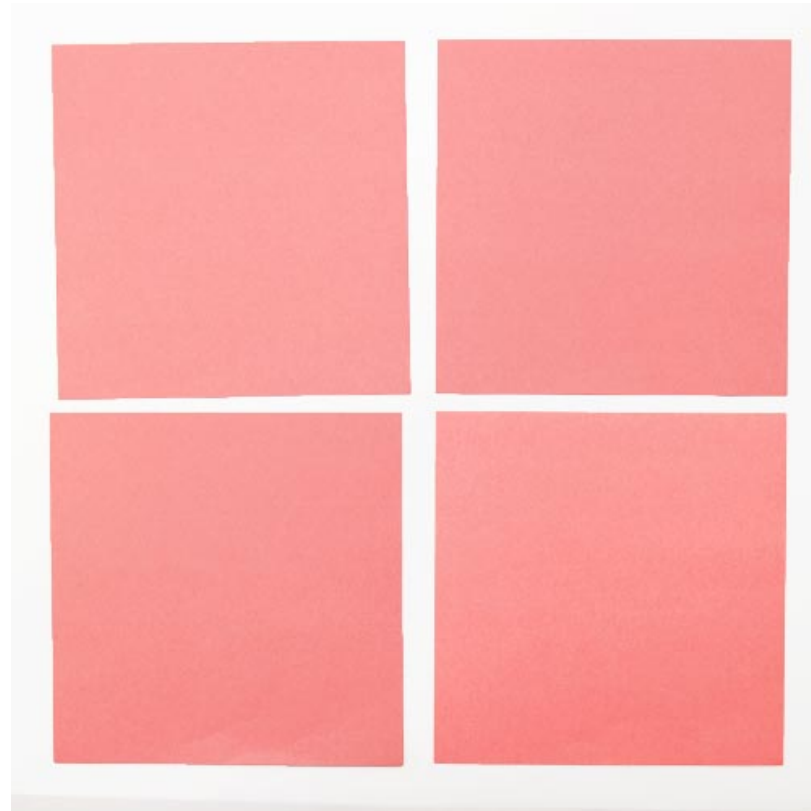


SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- Wooden dowels or sticks
- Buttons, plastic gems, brads, or other embellishments (optional)

STEPS



Prepare 3 to 4 squares.

Prepare 3 to 4 paper squares of the same size. Gift wrap paper, magazine pages, and colorful brochures are some examples of interesting paper options. You can also incorporate the print-out coloring page. Avoid using cardstock or paper that is too thick or heavy to fold.



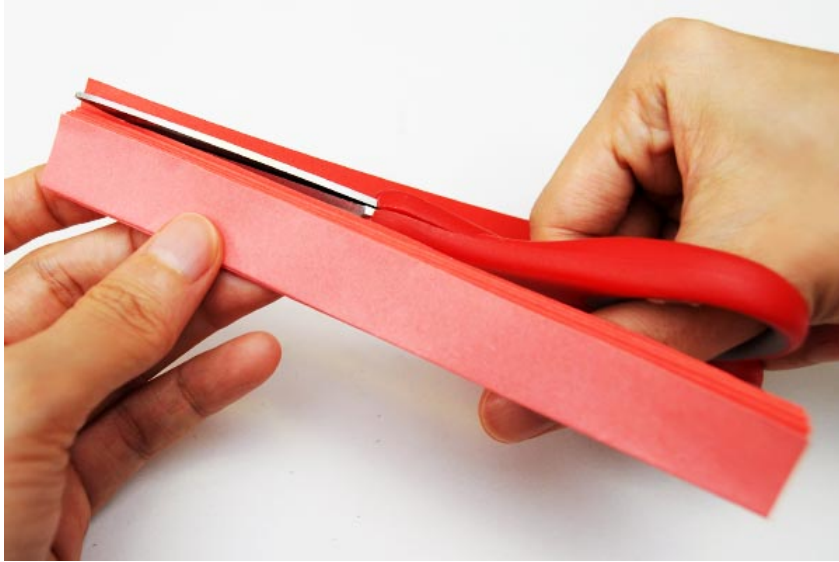
Make the first fold.

To ensure that all the paper squares will have the same fold width, gather the sheets together, aligning them on all four sides. While keeping the squares stacked together, make a $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch wide fold on one side. Separate the sheets.



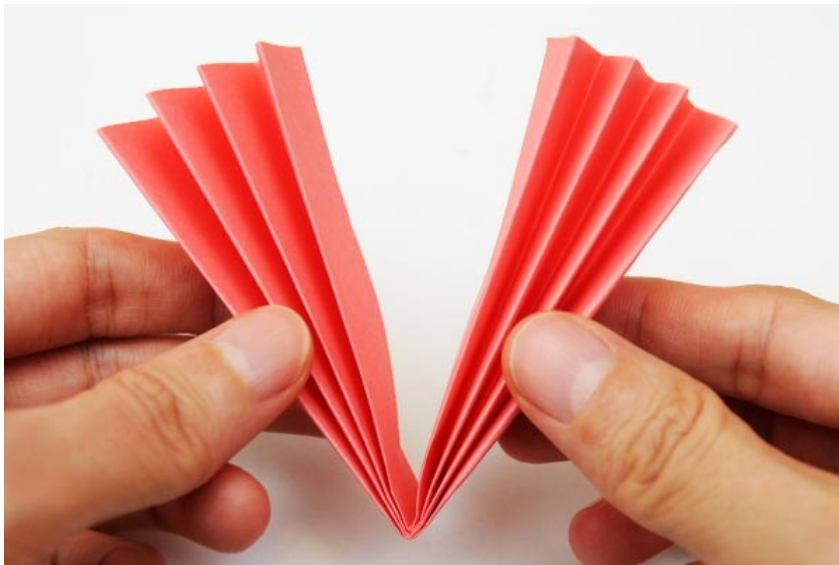
Make accordion folds on a square.

Take one square. Using the fold width created in the previous step, fold each paper square like an accordion (back-and-forth folding).



Trim the paper after the last fold.

Trim the excess paper after the last fold.



Fold in half.

Fold the paper accordion in half.



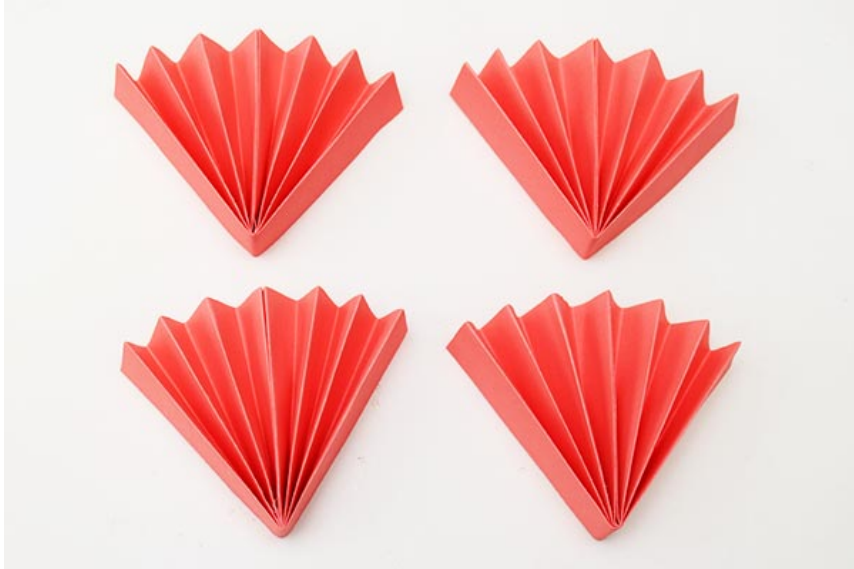
Apply glue.

Apply glue on the inside of the folded paper accordion.



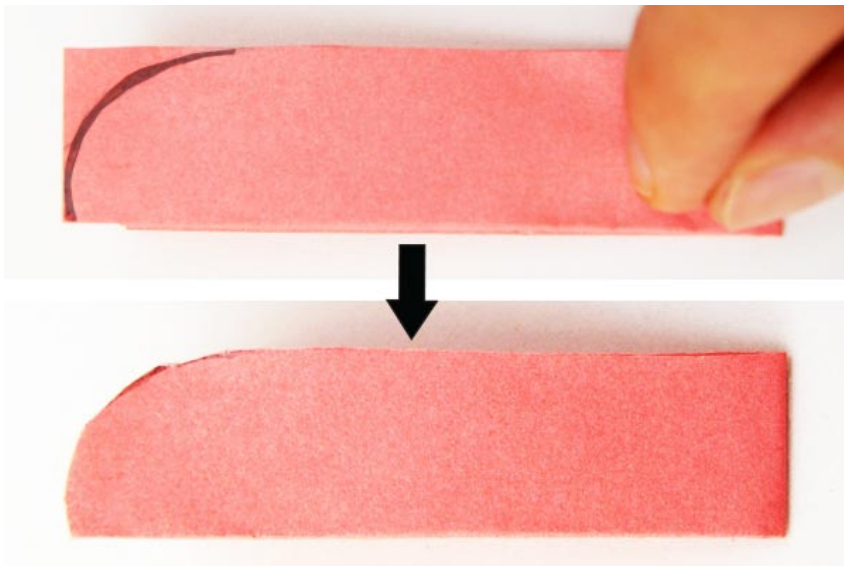
Glue in place.

Bring the two halves towards each other and press firmly to glue them together.



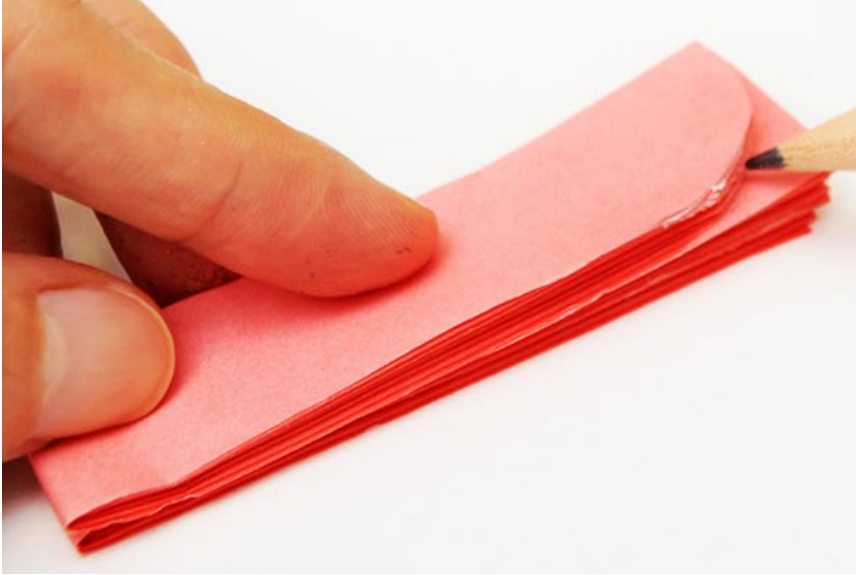
Fold all squares.

Do Steps 3 to 7 for all the squares. When unfolded, each paper accordion will look like a fan. These fan-like pieces will make up the sections of your paper flower and the folds will be the flower petals.



Trim the top corner.

As an **optional step**, you can alter the shape of the flower petals by trimming the tops of each accordion-folded piece. Draw a curved line or a diagonal line near the top of the outermost fold. Cut along the line.



To make sure that all flower sections have the same petal shape, place the trimmed section over an untrimmed one, aligning them along the edges. Trace the shape of the tops of the trimmed section onto the section below it. Cut along the line.



Glue two sections together.

Glue the first and second flower sections together, aligning them along the edges.



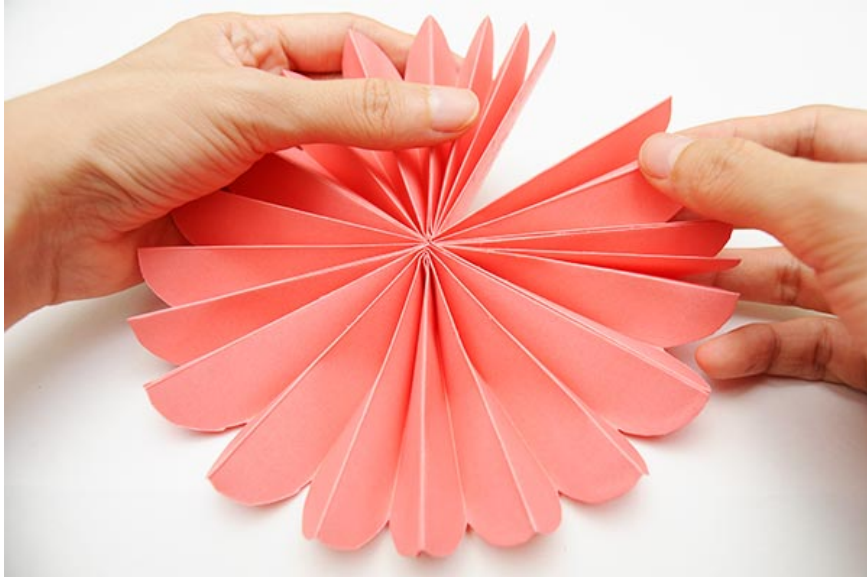
Glue the remaining sections.

Glue the third section over the second one, again aligning along the edges. Glue the fourth section on top of the third one. Press on the entire pile to glue all the sections in place. Allow the glue to set for a few minutes before proceeding with the next step.



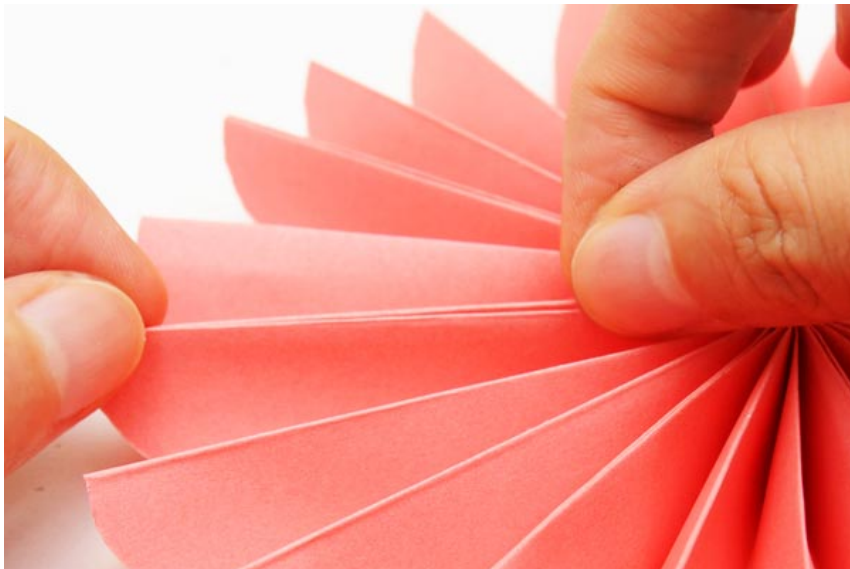
Apply glue.

Apply glue on the pile's topmost fold and at the base of the flower sections.



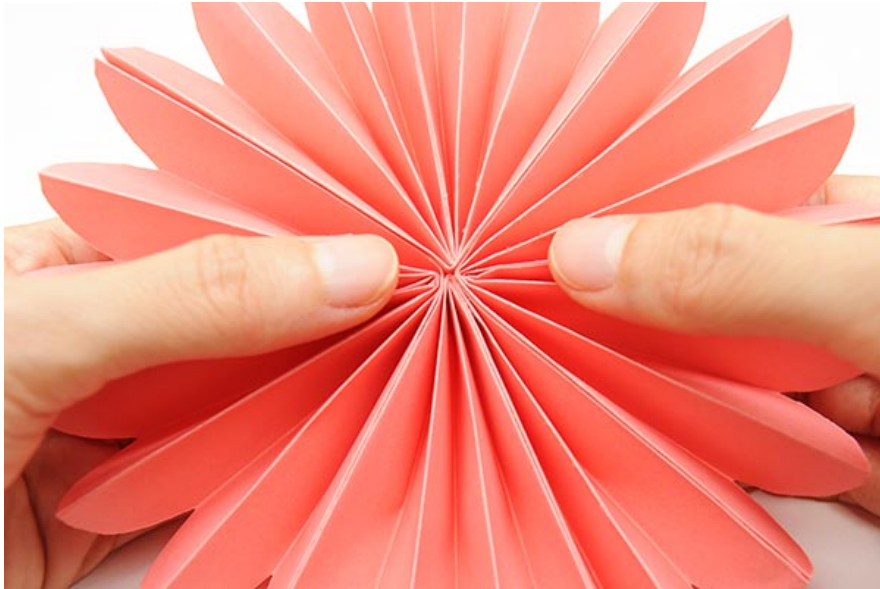
Open the flower.

Carefully bring the two outermost folds towards each other to open up the flower.



Glue the outer folds together.

Press on these pair of folds to glue them together.



Glue the bases in place.

Gently press the sections towards the center to glue them at the base.



Glue a wooden dowel or stick at the back of each paper flower to make a stem. Create colorful stems by painting the dowels or wrapping them with fabric ribbon or washi tape. Arrange the stemmed flowers on a vase to make a lovely table décor.

An accent can be added at the center of each flower by gluing a paper circle, a button, a plastic gem, or a craft brad. Without stems, these pretty flowers can be used to decorate wreaths, hats, flower crowns, and other craft projects. They can also be taped onto walls, bulletin boards, or window sills for a nature or spring-themed room.

Add some accents.