



May Crown for Mary

A sweet and simple craft to honor Mother Mary

As the end of the school year nears, we continue to help our students grow in faith and devotion. We call on Mary, the Mother of Christ, for her constant intercession and loving, steadfast guidance. This May, give each of your students the opportunity to crown Mary with these beautiful wreaths.



*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my savior.
For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness;
behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed.
The Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.*

- Luke 1:46-49 – The Cantic of Mary

Materials List:

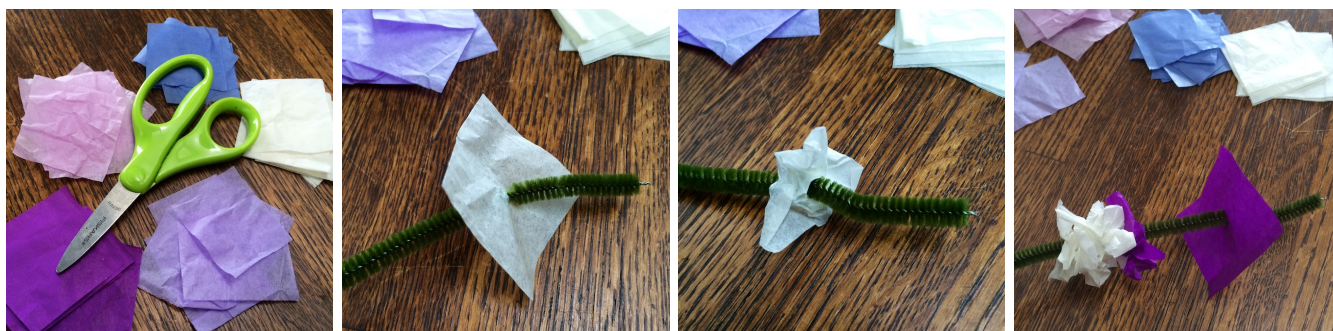
- One pipe cleaner per student (any color, as it will not show)
- Tissue paper in various colors
- Scissors





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Directions:

Use scissors to cut tissue paper into two-inch squares. Make a pile for each color you would like to include on your crown.

2. Use the end of the pipe cleaner to poke a hole in one square and slide it on to the pipe cleaner.
3. Crumple the square with your hand to give it textures so that it will look more like a flower.
4. Add 3 or 4 more squares of the same color, each time crumpling the square a bit.
5. Begin a new color and follow steps 2-4.
6. Continue adding colors (in a pattern or randomly) until the pipe cleaner is completely covered except for the two ends.
7. Twist the two ends together, and then wrap them around each other to form a smooth circle.
8. Spread out the flowers around the circle evenly so that they cover the exposed pipe cleaner.
9. The flower wreath is ready to crown Mary. On each day of May, a different student can crown Mary during the morning prayer. As crowns are removed, consider hanging them together on a Mary bulletin board, or linking them together to form a garland above your prayer table.



Mary, Queen of Heaven, pray for us!