

# Quilling craft technique – ideal for the Christmas season

Instructions No. 709

Difficulty: Advanced 🍴🍴🍴🍴



**Quilling** - this ancient technique was already developed in the Renaissance. At that time, monks and nuns used the scraps of paper that were created when cutting the valuable books to size to make filigree decorations for pictures and books. Today, Quilling is inseparably connected with the name **Karen-Marie-Klip**.

The imaginative figures, which are Paper strips rolled, shaped and glued from narrow ones, are an enchanting decoration and gift idea especially at Christmas time. The various sets from the Danish company contain not only the required items but Paper strips also detailed illustrated instructions, which make it easy to rework the filigree works of art.

## How the Quilling technique works

In **classical quilling**, most basic forms are created from a simple **spiral**. For this purpose, the Paper strips is threaded through the slot at the end of the quilling pin and this is turned. In this way the long strip automatically winds itself into a tight spiral, which is then placed in the desired field of the quilling-Stencil. If you release the Paper strips, it will jump up to the size given by the round Stencil. The ends are now fixed with paper glue and the basic form is finished, from which all further elements are created. Here it is important to use a paper glue that sets very fast and dries transparent.



**Christmas table decoration**

This spiral can now be varied by folding and shaping it into different basic figures. The centre of the spiral is carefully moved until the desired shape is achieved, then the open circle is pressed together to form a point. In this way you can create **drops, eyes, petals, semicircles, stars, moons and many other basic figures** in a few easy steps , **which** can be combined **to create** works of art such as stars and flowers

**Free quilling offers even more possibilities.** Here the desired outlines of a figure are fixed with Paper strips and these are then filled with Paper strips placed in curlicue. Of course the different basic figures can be used here as well. This technique is mainly used for animals, figures or similar (e.g. "Mr. & Mrs. Santa" and "Reindeer").

In recent years, classical quilling has been developed further and further. Current variants are the **3D-quilling** and the comb-quilling. In 3D-Quilling the twisted spiral is pushed apart with a slim rod or with the fingers like a cone, so that plastic figures are created. In [comb quilling](#), the Paper strips are woven through the prongs of a metal comb. What is particularly attractive about this creative hobby is that all variations can be freely combined with each other.

## **Creative with Karen Marie Klip**

The **Karen-Marie-Klip Quilling sets** contain Paper strips in various colours and widths as well as detailed illustrated instructions that help you to recreate the figures step by step. In the same way the instructions in the books are presented with expressive photos and nearly without text. In addition to a general introduction, the various volumes contain numerous instructions on the respective topics or techniques and are therefore a perfect companion for this creative hobby.



The quilling creative ideas of Karen-Marie-Klip have been inspiring us for years. Benefit from her knowledge and discover your product innovations in our [Quilling Technique](#) category





So beautiful is Quilling



**Charming Angel**



**Funny reindeer**



**Christmas couple**



**Classic Christmas stars**

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**Magic Candle Stars**



**Decorative owls**

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