

What is quilling

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Discover the fascinating world of Quilling

dive into the wonderful world of Quilling, where simple strips of paper turn into breathtaking artworks. With delicate paper strips, you can quickly create unique decorations that will adorn your Christmas tree, window decorations, or extraordinary gift embellishments. In this easy-to-understand guide, you'll learn everything you need to know about this creative craft technique – from its fascinating history to inspiring artists, basic techniques, and required tools.



What is Quilling?

Quilling is a creative technique where strips of paper are rolled and shaped. The ends are secured with glue, so the figures hold their shape.

The basic shape of Quilling is the circle. From this, a spiral is quickly twisted. By gently pinching the spiral, more shapes like eyes, drops, or flowers can be created. With a simple tool, like a toothpick, you can roll the paper strips and then glue them.

Quilling stands out for its easy handling and fascinates creative crafters worldwide.

The History of Quilling

Did you know that Quilling has a long and rich history? This craft technique is certainly not new. Early parallels and techniques can be seen with the ancient Egyptians. Since the Renaissance, Quilling has been known as a handicraft technique. Monks and nuns crafted delicate decorations for book covers from paper strips left over from book cutting. These were coated with gold paint and offered an affordable alternative to real gold ornaments, sometimes hardly distinguishable from the "valuable" embellishments. In the 18th century, Quilling became popular in Europe. Especially among English ladies, it was the pastime par excellence, and tea caddies and furniture pieces were decorated with delicate paper strips. Eventually, the settlers brought this craft technique to America. There, candle holders were often adorned with Quilling.

Quilling Today

Quilling is no longer reserved for refined English ladies. Craft fans from all over the world love this creative technique. They call themselves "Quillers." Quilling is affordable but rich in creative possibilities - that's why it is so popular as a hobby. Today, paper strips are eagerly rolled and shaped for all conceivable occasions. Quilling decorations on cards, boxes, hangers, mobiles, and jewelry or simply pictures made from various Quilling elements creating an entire artwork are common.

Quilling for Christmas

Quilling works well as Advent decorations, on the Christmas tree, or on Christmas cards. They can be very elaborate or very simple. Whether you are a Quilling pro or just starting, with the paper strips from our online shop, you are sure to create enchanting Christmas decorations.



The Art of Quilling

Discover how versatile and artistic the Quilling technique can be. You can create your own intricate and artistic picture reliefs with the paper strips or get inspired by our [idea "Good Mood Quilling Wall Art"](#).



Are you ready for Quilling?

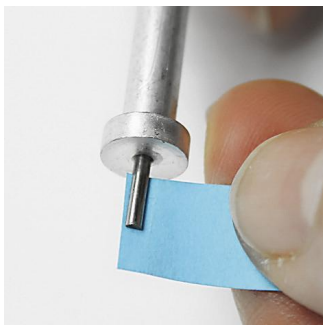
Quilling is easy to learn and offers a great way to practice patience, concentration, and skill. Start with simple ornaments or floral motifs that are easy to implement.

For beginners, [Quilling craft sets](#) that contain everything are ideal. With a little practice, you'll soon catch the Quilling fever!

What do I need for Quilling?

Essentials:

- [Lots of paper strips](#)
- A transparent [paper glue](#) that dries quickly
- A [scissors](#)
- Toothpicks



[Quilling tool](#) for easier rolling

- A [bone folder](#) for clean folds
- Thin [double-sided tape](#)
- [Quilling template and base](#) for precise circles and combining the pieces
- [Quilling comb](#) for additional shapes
- [Pins](#) to connect individual parts

Paper strips for Quilling



Paper strips are available in many colors and patterns. If the right strip isn't there, you can easily cut it yourself.

Popular Quilling Techniques

3D Quilling

Plastic figures are created when the twisted spirals are gently pulled apart with fingers. Or by arranging the paper strips in such a way that they form a three-dimensional object.



Comb Quilling:

Through the teeth of the **Quilling comb**, you can weave paper strips. This technique allows for many delicate creations. With comb Quilling, intricate stars, decorations, or jewelry such as earrings are created.



Free Quilling

You can also create your own figures and motifs. For each project, the outlines of the desired figure are first shaped and fixed with paper strips. With curls from Quilling strips, the shapes then get their filling.



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