MAKE PAPER MARIGOLDS

“When we were invited to take part in Día de Muertos in Mexico,” says director Lee Unkrich, “we saw patas made of marigold petals that started out in the streets and ended at ofrendas-altars with family pictures, favorite foods and special objects. We learned that it was all done to help guide the spirit of a family’s loved one home.”

YOU’LL NEED:
- Green pipe cleaners
- Scissors
- Orange/yellow ombré tissue paper (or orange and yellow tissue paper)

STEP ONE
Unfold one sheet of paper. Cut it in half down the middle.

STEP TWO
Lay your two halves on top of each other and cut them in half to make four equal pieces.

STEP THREE
Stack your sheets. If using ombré paper, turn every other sheet sideways to mix up the colors. (If using orange/yellow paper, alternate between yellow & orange layers.) Fold one side over to form a thin strip.

STEP FOUR
After you make your first fold, flip over your papers to make another fold. Continue flipping and folding until you have one accordion-folded strip.

STEP FIVE
Tie a pipe cleaner around the middle of your strip to hold the folds flat. Make sure the colored side of the tissue paper is facing upwards.

STEP SIX
Cut a curved rounded edge on both ends of the strip. (The closer to the middle you cut the smaller the flower will be.)

STEP SEVEN
Fan out your folds to create a round shape. Carefully peel up the first layer of tissue on both sides and pull those to the middle.

STEP EIGHT
Keep pulling each layer of tissue up carefully towards the middle of the flower until all the layers have been fluffed up.

STEP NINE
Fold the pipe cleaner towards the flower petals and twist it to form a stem.

STEP TEN
Crunch the petals together to shape your flower. Experiment with making different sizes.

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