## Handprint Lilies | How to Make an Easy Paper Lily

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These handprint lilies are so beautiful and surprisingly easy to make! They'd make such a thoughtful handmade gift idea for Mother's Day if you make a small bouquet and tie them together with a ribbon. Or you could make a bouquet of handprint Easter lilies if you use white paper. Can Easter lilies be pink? I think they're just white? Either way, they're adorable for spring and they're a wonderful low mess craft to make with the kids!

I had such an awesome helper when I made these paper handprint lilies! My spunky 5 year old loves crafts, and she loves helping me with the crafts that I make for the blog. It's so much fun that she's finally at an age where we can do crafts together! You know... as opposed to me making the entire craft while she watches me make the craft and "helps" makes each step more difficult. Big difference!

As a blogger, it's a lot of extra work to make crafts since I have to set up a full photo shoot and take pictures every step of the way. Usually my kids lose interest, but my 5 year old was totally into it for this one! She wanted to be part of every step and insisted that I include a photo of her and the paper lily that she made all by herself (see below!). So I have to give a big shout out to my awesome helper and hand model for this one! I loved having her at my side!





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I love the idea of turning a handprint into a flower! Who would have thought they'd look so pretty!? And this craft is so simple that my 5 year old could make the entire craft all by herself. She needed a little bit of help here and there just to help her make things look tidy, but for the most part, she was able to create a beautiful paper lily all by herself.

Here's my little helper with her finished flower:



The poor thing was home from school and sick with a fever when we made it, but a little bit of crafting (and children's Advil...) made everything better and cheered her right up!

## Check out our video on How to Make Handprint Lilies

Here's a list of what you'll need. The affiliate link below will take you to products on Amazon that are similar to the supplies we used to make this craft:

- Pink paper
- <u>6" Green and Yellow pipe cleaners</u>
- Pencil
- Tape
- <u>Scissors</u>

I used pink printer paper to make our lilies, but you could easily use construction paper. It would probably work if you made them out of thicker card stock too, they might just be a little bit harder to curve into shape.



Start by tracing the outline of your hand onto the printer paper.



Then cut out your handprint. If you have any pencil marks showing on the paper, just use an eraser to carefully erase them.



Curl the bottom of the hand shape into a cone. Leave a small hole at the tip of the cone, just large enough to fit a pipe cleaner through.



Then use a small piece of invisible tape to hold it together.



Use a ROUND pencil (not a hexagonal pencil like I'm showing in the picture below) to curl each one of the fingers of the handprint outwards. A pencil crayon, marker or round pen will also work well.

If you use a pencil with the hexagonal corners like I'm showing in the picture below, it will end up leaving little folded marks on your paper. I just forgot to go back and take a better photograph of that for you so just try to keep it in mind while you're making these.



Curl each one of the fingers outwards so that your flower looks something like this:



I ended up using one 6" yellow pipe cleaner and one 6" green pipe cleaner. If you don't have short pipe cleaners, just cut the standard 12" long pipe cleaners in half.

Start by bending the yellow pipe cleaner in half:



Make a little "J" shaped hook on the end of the green pipe cleaner and loop it over the bend in the yellow pipe cleaner.

Then bend one side of the yellow pipe cleaner in half again, leaving the other side straight like in the photo below.



Pinch the "J" shape in the green pipe cleaner so it tightly holds the yellow pipe cleaner. If there's room, you can twist it a little, but as long as you pinch it tightly, it should hold itself together nicely.

Then take the longer end of the yellow pipe cleaner and wrap it tightly around the shorter side of the yellow pipe cleaner. Keep wrapping tightly until you reach the end of the yellow pipe cleaner.



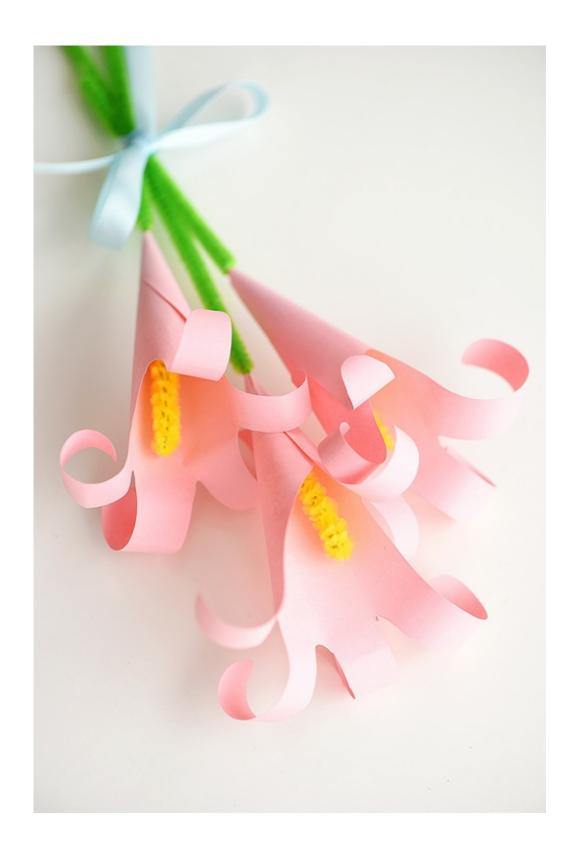
Take the pipe cleaner stem and poke it through the middle of the hand print flower, pulling it all the way through so the green stem is below the flower and the yellow part is in the middle of the flower.



Then repeat all of these steps to make yourself a small bouquet! The bouquet doesn't need to be big. Three handprint lilies looks beautiful!



Don't they look pretty? And they are so easy to make! Who would have thought!?





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Prep Time10 mins

Total Time10 mins

Yield: 1 flower



- Pink or white printer paper or construction paper
- 6 " Green pipe cleaner
- 6 " Yellow pipe cleaner
- Pencil
- Tape
- Scissors

## Instructions

- Trace the outline of your hand onto a piece of paper.
- Cut out the handprint. Use an eraser to carefully erase any pencil marks that are on the paper hand shape after you cut it.
- Curl the bottom of the hand shape into a cone, leaving a very small hole at the tip of the cone, just large enough to fit a pipe cleaner through. The pipe cleaner needs to be snug, so make sure the hole is small.
- Use a small piece of tape to hold it together.
- Use a round pencil, pencil crayon, or marker to curl each one of the fingers of the handprint outwards.
- Bend the yellow pipe cleaner in half. Make a small "J" shaped hook on the end of the green pipe cleaner and loop it over the bend in the yellow pipe cleaner. Pinch the "J" shape in the green pipe cleaner so it tightly holds the yellow pipe cleaner.
- Bend one side of the yellow pipe cleaner in half again, leaving the other side straight.
  Then take the longer end of the yellow pipe cleaner and wrap it tightly around the
  shorter bent sides of the yellow pipe cleaner. Keep wrapping tightly until you reach
  the end of the yellow pipe cleaner.
- Take the pipe cleaner stem and poke it through the middle of the hand print flower, pulling it all the way through so the green stem is below the flower and the yellow part is in the middle of the flower.
- Repeat all of these steps to make a small bouquet, then tie it together with a ribbon.





These handprint lilies are so easy to make and they look so beautiful! Who would have thought that you could make paper flowers using handprints!? If you make them with white paper they make lovely Easter lilies. Or you can use coloured paper and make a bouquet of handprint lilies for Mother's Day. They're such an awesome Mother's day craft and a low mess Easter craft idea!