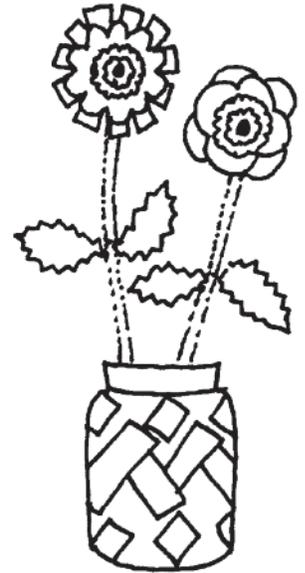


Shavuot Foam Flowers

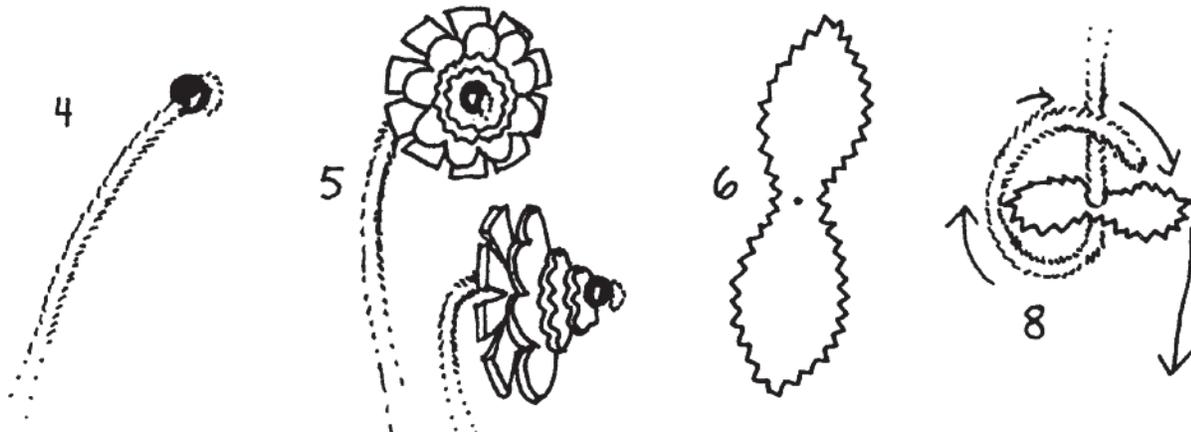
Materials per flower:

- one 12" green pipe cleaner for the stem
- two contrasting color foam pieces each about 2" square
- two or three 1" square pieces of any another color foam
- one bead about the size of a coffee bean for the very center of the flower
- two pieces of green foam about 1" x 3" each for the leaves
- regular scissors
- pinking shears
- compass or large yarn work needle



Directions:

1. Cut the two 2" square pieces of foam into flower shapes. (They may or may not be different.) Be sure the shapes stay as close to 2" in diameter as possible.
2. Make the flower centers with the " squares in the same way.
3. Using the needle or the compass point, carefully punch a hole in the center of each of the foam shapes.
4. Thread the end of the green pipe cleaner through the bead and crimp the end so it stays put.
5. Starting with the flower centers (the smaller pieces) thread the pipe cleaner through the pre-punched holes, leaving a little space between each layer.
6. Using the pinking shears, cut the green piece of foam into a double leaf shape making sure you don't make the center too narrow (see illustration).
7. Punch hole in between the leaves and thread them onto the stem. (Any number of leaves may be added.)
8. Tightly wind the stem around the center of the two leaves to crimp them and to secure their position.



Optional Jar Vase

Materials: baby food jar, various colored masking or electrical tape, one 18" piece aluminum foil

Directions:

1. Cut or tear pieces of colored tape and apply to outside of jar in collage fashion. The design can be a pattern in repetition or freeform and abstract.
2. Wrap a wad of foil around the bottom third of the stem, or stems if more than one flower is made, and stuff foil ball into the jar/vase.