Tissue Paper Flower Bouquet

Nothing says “I love you” quite like flowers! Unfortunately, even the most enduring fresh bouquet eventually becomes wilted and brown. Teach your child how to make a bouquet that will last forever using plastic straws. This artistic undertaking will improve your child's fine motor skills and encourage him to tune into his creativity. This beautiful bouquet makes a thoughtful gift for family or friends!

What You Need:

- Green plastic straws
- Colored tissue paper, cut into 6-inch squares
- Tape
- Ballpoint pen
- Scissors

What You Do:

1. Have your child crumple six squares of tissue paper to give it a wrinkly texture.
2. Ask him to flatten out the squares again and place them in a pile, one on top of the other. As he places each sheet on the pile, turn it slightly so the edges are not aligned.
3. Use a ballpoint pen to poke a small hole through the center of the pile.
4. Have your child insert a straw through the hole, approximately ½ inch down.
5. Holding the straw in place, help your child pull the tissue paper up and place a two-inch piece of tape around the area where straw is inserted through the tissue paper. The tape should wrap around both the straw and the tissue paper to hold the paper in place.
6. Once the tissue paper is secured, have your child gently separate the layers and arrange them so they are evenly spaced and resemble a flower. You may want to trim some of the stray edges with scissors to make the shape more even.
7. Ask your child to place several straw flowers in a vase and deliver them to someone he loves!

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