



# Rose Rings

***In 1986, President Reagan proclaimed the rose as the National Floral Emblem for its great significance in American culture, celebration, and ubiquitous presence.***

## ***Supplies Needed:***

- 6 Red pipe cleaners
- 1 Green pipe cleaner



***Step 1:*** Take all six red pipe cleaners and line them up so their ends are even.



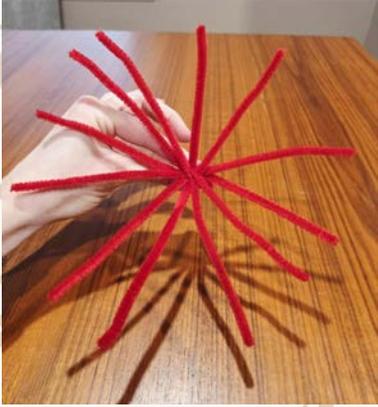
***Step 2:*** Begin twisting them together from the center - twisting in the same direction until the length of the twisted part is long enough to go around your finger.



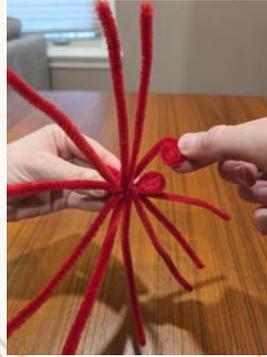
***Step 3:*** Wrap the twist around your finger to size and, without cinching too tightly, make two twists to create the ring's circle. For reference, my middle finger was about 2.5 inches in diameter. My 7-year-old son's finger was about 2 inches.



**Step 4:** Take the ring off and fan each end out to make a circle. There should be 12 points.



**Step 5:** Roll each end upward until it meets the center. Repeat for each point, leaving you with a cluster of 12 petals. Reposition as desired. We found it most rose-like to have two petals facing each other in the center, and the other petals framing it flatly in a circle.



**Step 6:** Wrap the green pipe cleaner around the underside of the flower's head, above the ring. Make sure it is centered and twist it twice to stay in place.



**Step 7:** Roll the ends, like in step five, to create the leaves. Pinch the circle on one side to make it a leaf.



**Personalization:** Color is the best way to play with these rings! You can also experiment with the positioning of the petals.

*Happy Crafting!*

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