**Blooming Paper Flowers**

Make a paper flower and watch it bloom!

1. Draw a paper flower or use a template.
2. Decorate the flower and cut it out.
3. Pour some water into a bowl and place the flower on the water.
4. Watch the paper flower open.



* Try using kitchen paper to make your flower. What happens?
* Try using thin card. What happens?
* Try making flowers of different sizes or with different numbers of petals.

Does it make a difference to what happens?

* Use felt tips and two or three different colours and observe the colours mixing. This may get a little messy! The flowers look fabulous once they have dried and could be used to create a work of art or a card for someone special.

Flower Template

<https://teachbesideme.com/blooming-paper-flowers-experiment/>

For smaller flowers, print two to a page.

What’s Happening?

The paper is made of tiny fibres pressed together. As the fibres absorb (soak up) the water, they expand and push the flower petals open.