

Umbrellas



Rain, rain, go away!

Rain won't ruin your parade when you have this miniature umbrella ornament on hand.

Paper Umbrellas

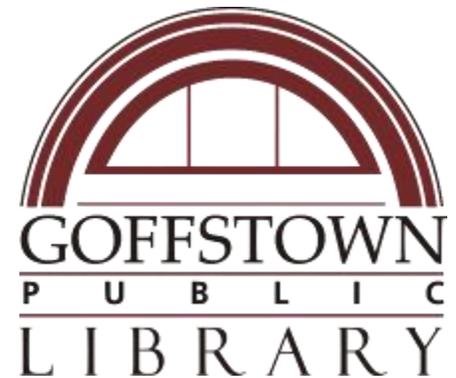
Supplies:

- One (1) bead
- Length of wire between twelve and seventeen inches (12"-17") long
- Nine (9) squares of colorful paper at least five inches by five inches (5"x5")
- Template
- Writing utensil
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Pliers (optional)
- Super/hot glue (optional)



Instructions:

1. Cut out the Template using scissors.
2. Trace the Template onto a square of paper (**Fig. 1**). Repeat for all nine (9) squares.
3. Cut along the traced lines you drew in the previous step (**Fig. 2**). You will be left with nine (9) paper circles.
4. For each circle, determine which side is the 'right' side. In this context, the 'right' side is the patterned, or colored side that you want to highlight (**Fig. 3**).
5. Beginning with the right side up, fold a paper circle in half as in **Fig. 4**.
6. Apply glue to the top of the semicircle, as in **Fig. 5**.
7. Fold the semicircle in half, lining up the glued edges. Let the glue dry.
8. Repeat steps 5-7 for the remaining paper circles.
9. Hold your folded circle so the right angle is towards the bottom left. Apply glue to the vertical edge and the top half of the slope as in **Fig. 6**.
10. Stack another folded circle onto the glue and let dry. Repeat until no folded circles remain. Set aside.
11. Fold the length of wire in half. Create a loop by wrapping the wire around a writing utensil at the bend as in **Fig. 7**. Pliers may be helpful in this step.
12. Remove the writing utensil and continue wrapping the two strands of wire around each other. Pliers may be helpful in this step. Your result will look like **Fig. 8**.



13. Add a strip of glue to the stack of folded circles on the vertical edge. You may want to use a strong glue, like hot glue or super glue. Place the twisted wire on the strip of glue so the loop sits at the top of the slope as in **Fig. 9**.
14. Add an additional strip of glue, no need for strong glue, to the top half of the slope.
15. Unfurl the stack of folded circles so the first circle and the last can be glued together. Your result will look like **Fig. 10**. Let dry.
16. Bend the ends of the wire up to form a 'U' shape (**Fig. 11**).
17. Glue a bead to the ends of the wire (**Fig. 12**). Let dry.

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Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6

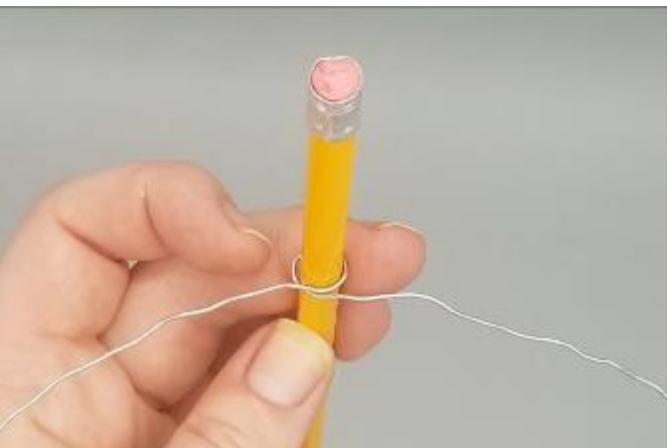


Figure 7

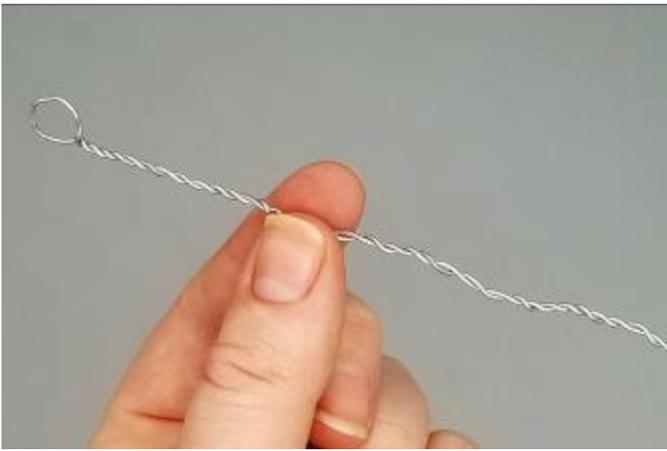


Figure 8



Figure 9



Figure 10



Figure 11



Figure 12

Template

