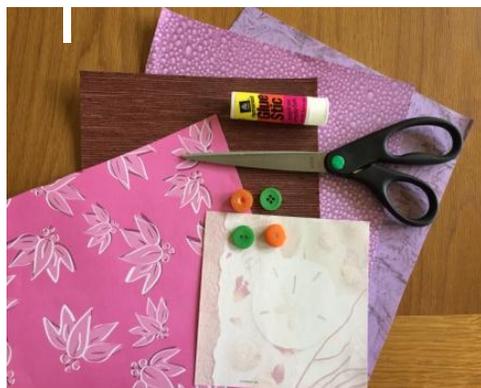


**DIRECTIONS FOR MAKING 3-D PAPER FLOWERS WITH BUTTON CENTERS**



You will need:

- Lightweight Paper (origami paper, magazine pages, wrapping paper)
- Scissors
- Glue or glue stick
- Ruler and pencil or pen
- Buttons or plastic gems



Choose 3 paper squares of the same size (5 or 6 inches on each side).



Taking one square at a time and using a fold  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch wide, fold each paper square like an accordion (back-and-forth folding).



Fold each paper accordion in half.



Apply glue on the inside of each of the folded paper accordions.



Bring the two halves towards each other and press firmly to glue them together. Each paper accordion will look like a fan that will make up the sections of your paper flower and the folds will be the flower petals.



Shape the flower petals by trimming the tops of each accordion-folded piece. Draw a curved line or a diagonal line near the top of the outermost fold. Cut along the line.



Glue each of the flower sections together, aligning them along the edges. Press on the entire pile to glue all the sections in place. Allow the glue to set for a few minutes.



Apply glue on the pile's topmost fold and at the base of the flower sections. Carefully bring the two outermost folds towards each other to open up the flower. Press on this pair of folds to glue them together. Gently press the sections towards the center to glue them at the base.



Add an accent to the center of each flower by gluing on a button, a plastic gem, bead, a paper circle, or a craft brad. Create colorful stems, leaves, vases or pots using colorful paper (or magazine page, wrapping paper or brochure) and arrange on a background to create a picture to hang on a wall or bulletin board.



