Mexican Paper Flower Instructions

1. Begin with 3 – 6 sheets of tissue paper, 10" x 6.5". You can use a single color or many colors.

2. Lay the sheets together on top of each other. Make a fold, ½ - ¾ inches on one short side of the rectangle. This will define the width of the folds.

3. Fold the paper accordion-style.

4. Trim both ends of the folded paper. You can round the tips, cut points, leave plain, or mix styles.

5. Twist a pipe cleaner around the center of the folded paper, leaving a long stem.

6. Spread open one side of the folded paper so that it opens up like a fan.

7. To create the flower petals, slowly separate each layer of tissue paper toward the top center of the flower.

8. Work your way one layer at a time until you’ve separated all the layers on one side of the pipe cleaner. Do the same on the opposite side.

9. Once all the layers have been separated, you will see how pretty and fluffy your paper bloom is!

10. Write the name of a loved one on a paper tag and attach it to the stem of your flower.