

Poinsettia Pinwheels

Create a poinsettia-like faux-floral arrangement using paper pinwheels. Make three pinwheels from scrapbook paper, and insert them into a pot filled with floral foam, varying flower heights. Cover the foam with decorative moss and seedpods.

Supplies:

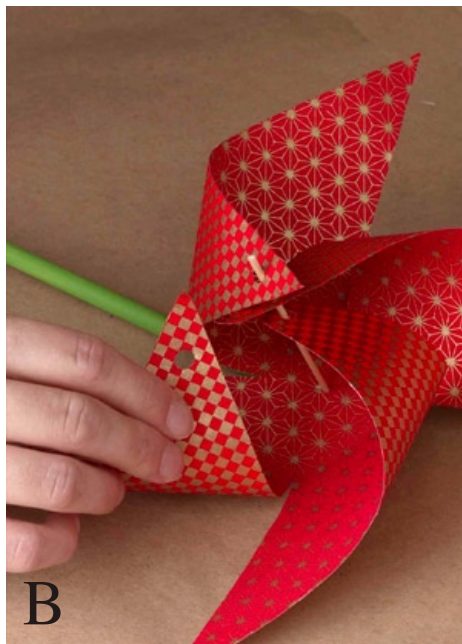
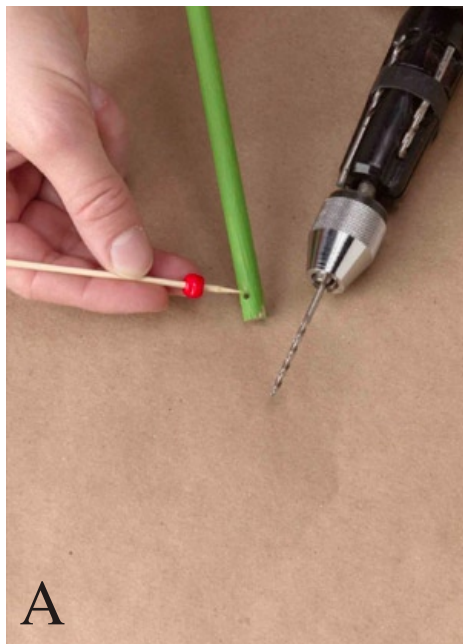
- Drill and drill bit
- 1/4"-diameter dowel rods
- Bamboo skewers
- Paintbrush
- Delta Ceramcoat acrylic craft paint in Leaf Green
- Pony beads
- Glue gun and glue
- Decorative papers in various shades of red and gold
- Glue stick
- Scissors or craft knife
- Hole punch
- Decorative buttons
- Container
- Floral-foam block
- Decorative moss and seedpods

1. Drill a hole near the top of each dowel using a drill bit that is close in size to skewers' diameter. Paint dowels Leaf Green. Let dry.

2. Place a skewer into hole drilled in dowel and thread a pony bead onto it. See Photo A. (This will hold the paper away from the dowel and allow the pinwheel to rotate freely.) Hot glue the skewer in place and trim it to about 3 inches.



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3. Copy and enlarge pinwheel pattern (see bottom of page) to desired size and cut out. Determine which papers will be used together on each pinwheel. You will need two patterns per pinwheel. Trace pattern onto two different decorative papers and cut out shapes. Using a glue stick, adhere the papers together, wrong sides facing. Press out any bumps or bubbles.

4. Referring to pattern, use scissors to cut slits into the double-sided paper to create the pinwheel blades. Punch holes in the paper following placement marks on pattern.

5. Insert the skewer up through center hole in paper. Thread the four blades onto skewer using the prepunched holes. See Photo B.

6. Place a pony bead at the top to hold the blades in place, and glue a button on top using a glue gun for a finished look. See Photo C.

7. Place floral-foam block into container, and insert pinwheels into foam at varying heights. Fill in around pinwheel bottoms with moss and seedpods.

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