

Everything's Coming Up Tulips

Whimsical mixed-media tulips will make your walls dance.

You will need:

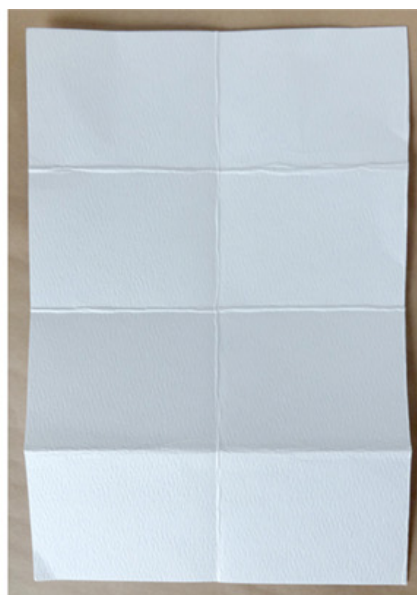
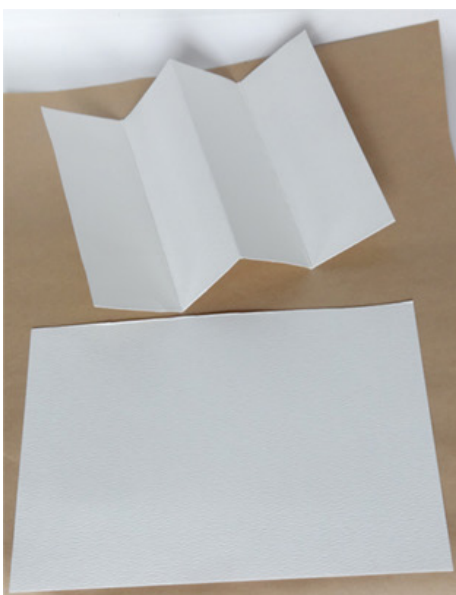
- Two 9" X 12" pieces of watercolor paper
- Acrylic craft paint (assortment of bright colors, including shades of green)
- Painting supplies
- Q-tips
- Wooden skewers
- Glue stick
- Scissors



Display a [picture of a completed Everything's Coming Up Tulips collage](#) to inspire artists and crafters to participate in this art activity.

Directions:

1. Cut one of the sheets of watercolor paper in half widthwise.



2. Divide one of the cut pieces of paper into eight sections as shown in the first two photos on the previous page.
3. Paint each section with bold strokes in 2 or 3 colors. Experiment with thick paint and paint diluted with water. Add texture by dabbing dots or scraping lines into the paint using Q-tips and wooden skewers. Think of each panel as a little abstract painting. After finishing, let the paint dry for 15 minutes.
4. Paint the other half of the cut paper shades of green. Once again, experiment with paint thickness, dabbing, and scraping the paint. Let the green paint dry for 15 minutes.



5. Cut apart the eight sections of the first painting. Cut the squares into tulip shapes with 3- or 4-pointed petals. Vary the size of the tulips.
6. Cut the green paper into 8 strips. Orient the plain watercolor paper horizontally and glue the strips onto it. Place them at varying heights, leaving room at the top of the paper for the tulips. Cut off the bottom of the strips that extend past the edge of the paper. Cut the remnants of the green strips to make blade-shaped tulip leaves.
7. Glue the tulips and leaves to the stems. Cut off any tulips that extend past the edge of the paper.



8. For an added touch, dilute paint (color of your choice) and splatter it onto the collage. For best results, use a stiff brush and drag your finger along the bristles as shown above.
9. Sign and hang your floral collage. These collages look especially nice framed.



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