

Initially Quilled

Special events color your life. Let the programs or flyers from those events color your room. This decoration uses a paper craft skill called quilling. It might take some time to master, but the results will be well worth it.



Materials:

flyers or programs from a special event

8½x11-inch (22x28-cm) piece of solid color card stock

craft glue

slotted quilling tool

quilling needle

tweezers

mat board with an 8½x11-inch (22x28-cm) opening

picture frame to fit the mat board

1. Cut your flyers or programs into ¼-inch (.3-cm) wide strips. A paper cutter or paper shredder make quick work of this. But you can use a ruler and scissors too.

2. In a word processing program, type the letter you want to quill. Enlarge the letter so it fills the page. Print it out, and cut out the letter. This is your stencil.

3. Trace the stencil onto the center of the card stock.

4. Place a line of glue around the outline of the letter. Hold a paper strip on its edge. Curve and bend it along the lines to create a "wall" around the letter. Hold it in place until it's set. Continue building paper walls around the entire letter. Let dry.

5. Squeeze a small puddle of glue onto scrap paper.

6. Insert a paper strip into the slotted quilling tool. Hold the tool with your dominant hand, and rest the tool on your other hand's forefinger. Roll the tool to quill the paper. When you get to the end, hold the rolled strip securely using your thumb and middle finger. Push the paper roll off the tool.

7. Use the quilling needle to apply glue to the rolled paper end. Press and hold until secure.

8. Grab the quilled shape with tweezers, and dip the bottom edges in glue. Place the shape inside the walls of the letter.

9. Continue filling in the letter with quilled shapes, allowing some tails of paper to curl up off the paper for a 3-D effect. Let the project dry completely.

10. Place the mat board over the project, and then frame for a finished look.

