

Waiting for your garden to bloom can be like, well, watching grass grow. Speed up the process with these make-them-in-a-snap, quirky faux flowers.



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### How To Create Plastic Flowers

*SUPPLIES:* Plastic Bags, Parchment Paper, Iron, Scissors, Floral Wire, Buttons, Hot Glue Gun, Dowel Rods, Paint Brush, Acrylic Paint, Floral Tape.



1. Cut eight - 6" x 6" squares from plastic shopping bags. Place parchment paper on your work surface. Then, stack plastic squares on the parchment, placing another layer of parchment paper of the stack. Move a warm iron over the parchment paper, using a gentle up & down motion. This will fuse the plastic squares into one thick, pliable piece of plastic. Peel off the parchment paper. Repeat until you have 5-10 squares.



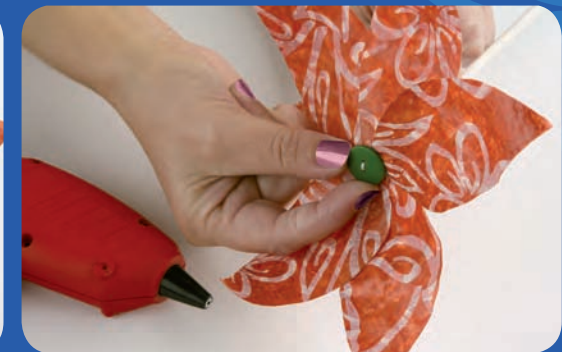
2. Cut petals from the plastic squares—you may wish to trace them with a permanent marker first. You should be able to get 1-2 petals from each square of plastic.



3. Use hot glue to attach floral wire to the underside of the petals, creating a bendable "stem" for each.



4. Paint each dowel rod with acrylic paint—we chose a creamy white shade. Allow the paint to dry. One by one, wrap the wire "stems" around each dowel rod, then wrap floral tape around the rod and wire to hold the stems in place and hide the wire.



5. Use hot glue to adhere a button, creating the center of the flower as shown. Shape the petals as desired. Make one, or a dozen... they're the perfect rainy day project!