

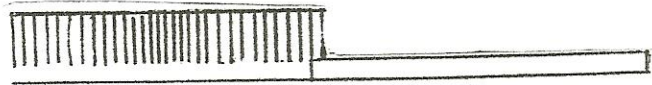
## Fringed Flowers

Fringed flowers are a favorite of many quillers. They are great for 'filling in' areas, are very easy to make, and by changing colors, sizes, and color combinations they can look very different. These flowers are made using wider strips of paper  $\frac{1}{4}$ " or  $\frac{3}{8}$ ". Using a small, sharp, straight blade scissors, cut a fringe along one side of a strip. Varying the width of the fringe from flower to flower is another way to add variety to your work. Once your strip is fringed, you roll up you strip on the unfringed side, glue, and then spread the fringes open. There is a special tool called a fringing tool which is a worthwhile investment if you are going to be doing a lot of fringing, or if you intend to sell you work. It is much faster than fringing by hand.

There are many different ways to assemble your fringed strips to create many different kinds of flowers. Here are some examples:



Glue a strip of  $\frac{1}{8}$ " paper to the unfringed side of a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " or  $\frac{3}{8}$ " strip of paper. Starting with the end of the  $\frac{1}{8}$ " strip roll the entire strip up and glue end. Open petals and you will have a daisy like flower with a tight circle center. I generally use a 3" strip of  $\frac{1}{8}$ ", and 4 or 5 inches of fringed strip.



Roll a 6" strip of fringed paper to create a single color flower. The  $\frac{3}{8}$ " fringe will make a larger flower.



Glue 4 or 5 " of  $\frac{1}{4}$ " fringed paper to 4 or 5" of fringed  $\frac{3}{8}$ " in a contrasting color. When you roll start with the  $\frac{1}{4}$ " paper and you will end up with a flower with longer petals on the outside and shorter fringe in the center.



Glue two or three fringed lengths of different colors together, when you roll them your flower will have different color stripes.



Roll two fringed strips of different colors together at the same time. Your flower will look totally different.



You can also fringe dark center or graduated strips for a still different effect. These are just a few of the possibilities.

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