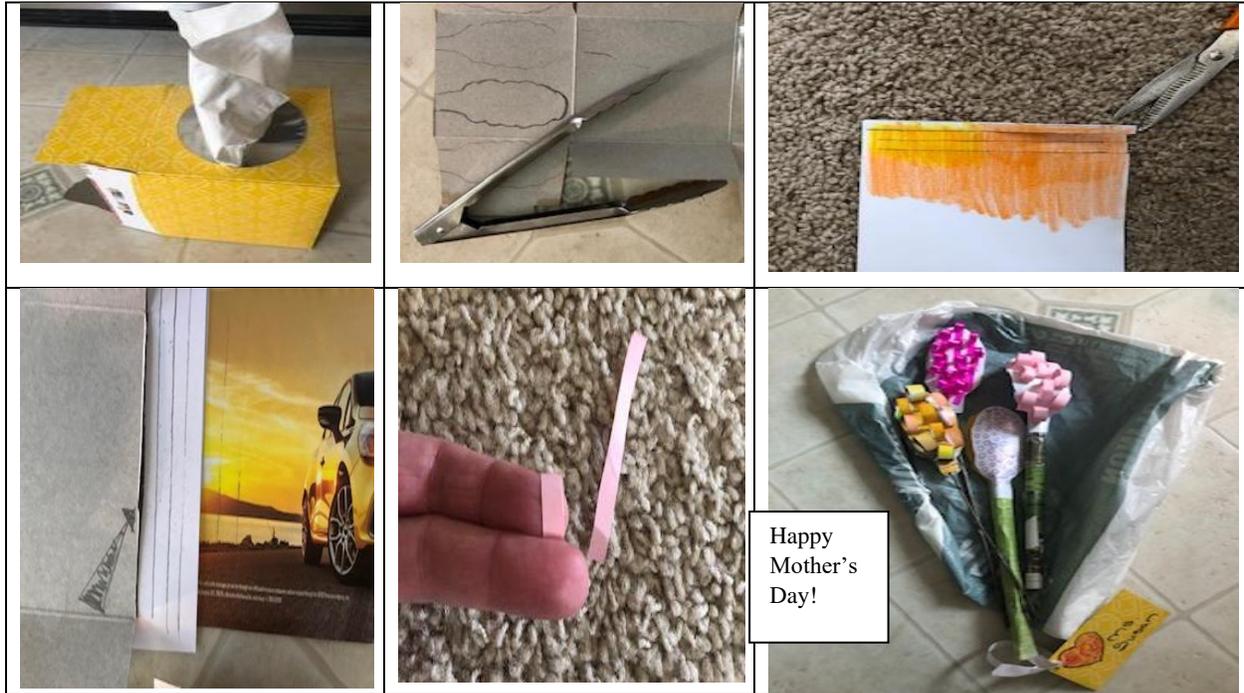


This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. As you know, life is hard to understand sometimes but all around us are moments of beauty and love. Taking time for art can give you a little space to create those special moments. This week we are going to make a special gift to celebrate "Mother's Day". You might want to ask another grown-up or sibling to help you, if you want to surprise your Mom. We are going to celebrate that special woman in our life by creating a Hyacinth flower bouquet, just for her. It seems that Greek legend believes the Hyacinth to represent constancy (faithful and dependable). Mothers are always there for us, so this is the perfect treat to show how much we appreciate her.



1-Start with the background shape of the flower, which can be paper, cardboard, or even a tissue box. Look around for an item you can use to trace an oval shape to make the body of the flower. (I found a food tongs in my kitchen to trace the oval). For the stem, you can use a stick from outside, cardboard, or rolled up paper. You need two oval shapes for each flower.

2- Cut out the oval pieces. You will make flower "petals" by cutting thin strips of paper. You can use colored scrap paper, color white paper with crayons, or use an old magazine. Use the edge of the cardboard tissue box to make straight lines. Roll up each strip of paper on your finger and secure with tape, glue or a stapler. Attach it to one oval base. You can even cut up colored ribbon to use for the flower petals. For the little artists, you can just color small circles all over the base to match the same pattern.

3- Each flower will have two base pieces. You can decorate both sides, if you want, and then stick the stem inside the two pieces and attach together.

4-Write a little card for your Mom, or just draw a heart and write your name. No water needed!

Have fun, be well! Ms. Susan